

Carve Your Pumpkin out of Cereal Boxes this Halloween

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Nearly 20,000 tons of pumpkins will be thrown away after Halloween this year. This is enough pumpkins to make over 40 million pumpkin pies, or to stretch the 1524 miles between London and Transylvania.

This is food waste on a grand scale and most Halloween pumpkins will end up in landfill sites contributing to our growing waste problem and greenhouse gasses.

Now there is an alternative for those environmentally conscious spooks and goblins.

This Halloween you can turn your old waste cardboard into pumpkins with the aid of a template provided by Wintercroft masks, a site on Esty that supplies templates to make masks ranging from a werewolf to a human skull. Using the template which is downloaded as a digital PDF you can build a pumpkin on which you can carve your own design. The pumpkin can then be used as a mask or a decoration for Halloween.

Steve Wintercroft from Wintercroft masks said:

"Whilst not a real pumpkin this is the ultimate green alternative. For years we have been encouraged to make use of our pumpkin waste but most people simply throw their Halloween pumpkin in the bin. "

He added "we created the pumpkin template with the idea that it could be built by anyone using local materials, often rubbish, removing the need for shipping and with the minimum environmental impact."

The pumpkin template is available from Wintercroft Masks on Esty

<https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Wintercroft>

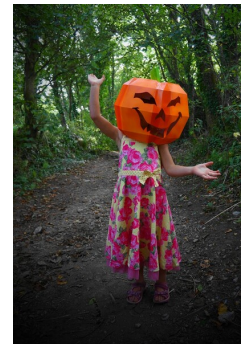
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