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DID YOU KNOW?
Halloween is believed to date back more than 2,000 years.

4 fun movies for Halloween season

Check out one of these classics, from cute to creepy, for your movie night.

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown

Halloween is a big night for the Peanuts gang. Even if you've already seen this fan favorite, it can be fun to rewatch it with a group.



Hocus Pocus

When three witches are accidentally freed by a teenage boy named Max in



this comedy fantasy movie, Halloween night suddenly gets interesting!

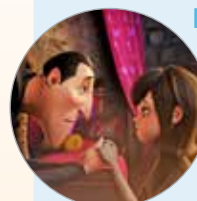
Frankenweenie

In this animated stop-motion film, mayhem ensues when a young scientist named Victor Frankenstein brings his beloved pet dog back to life—as the bionic Frankenweenie.



Hotel Transylvania

The guests at Hotel Transylvania are like a who's who of



Halloween lore: Dracula runs the hotel, and a Frankenstein mummy and werewolves round out the guests. Find out what happens when the townspeople get word of this creepy vacation destination.

Host a spooky movie night

Get into the spirit of Halloween with a special screening for family or friends.

You may already be planning to celebrate Halloween by wearing a costume and going trick-or-treating. Another fun activity to try this season is hosting a spooky movie night for friends or family. Here are some tips for planning a fun event.

Schedule a date

With Halloween happening on October 31, a date between now and then will work for your movie night. Decide whether you want it to be a family event, or talk to an adult about inviting friends. A Friday or Saturday night might be a good option so you can start the movie after dark—making the mood more eerie—and not have to worry about staying up too late on a school night. Once you have a date and time picked out, reach out to anyone you would like to invite.

Pick a movie

You can check out the Halloween-themed movies on your family's streaming services or see what you might be able to borrow for free from the library. Talk to an adult about which movie might be fun and age-appropriate for everyone who is attending. If you want friends to help you choose, you could narrow the selection down to three options and take a quick vote when everyone arrives. (If you're looking for inspiration, see the suggestions at right.)

Serve snacks

Popcorn is a classic movie treat and easy to make for a group. You can serve it plain or set up a popcorn bar. Place one large bowl of popcorn on a counter with several smaller bowls of toppings—like chocolate chips, pretzels, small candies, Halloween-colored sprinkles, garlic powder, and Parmesan cheese. Set out brown paper lunch bags, festive stickers, and black and orange markers so guests can personalize their bags. Then let each friend create their own bag of popcorn and toppings to enjoy during the movie. You could also make the monster treats (at right) in advance!



Decide on snacks.

Get the room ready

Depending on how many people you are hosting, you may want to add extra seating to your TV area. You could gather beanbag chairs, sleeping bags, and extra pillows to make the space cozy. Or, with an adult's help, set up cushions or air mattresses on the floor for extra comfort.

You might also consider decorating the room in a Halloween theme. A few fun ideas: Set out plastic pumpkins with fake candles inside to help create a spooky mood once you dim the lights. Place small pumpkins or gourds on tables. Make paper chains in orange and black to drape around the space. Cut out spider and ghost shapes to hang from the ceiling.