

## Halloween Facts

Halloween is a holiday with a long history. The name Halloween is a shorter version of All Hallows' Eve or the night before All Saints Day. It is celebrated in October 31<sup>st</sup>. Kids dress -up in scary costumes and go Trick-or-treating.



Halloween goes back to an ancient Celtic celebration in Ireland and Scotland called Samhain. Samhain marked the end of summer. People at the time were frightened of evil spirits. They would dress up in costumes and make noise in the streets in order to make the spirits go away.



In Mexico, they celebrate All Souls Day also known as Dias de Los Muertos or Day of the Dead on November 2nd. It is a big celebration that honours family and friends who have passed away.



Trick or treat history is usually connected to the old custom of souling.

In souling, the poor will go from house to house to beg for soul cakes. In return of the soul cakes the beggars would pray for those members of the family who were recently dead.

Soul cakes were round in shape and were made from bread with currants.



- The Celts believed in this story of Jack Stingy, so they began to place Jack o' Lanterns outside their houses. The purpose was to guide lost souls home while they wandered during the Samhain festival eve.
- Initially the Jack o' Lanterns were carved out from potatoes & turnips but after the potatoes famine people began to use pumpkin instead.

## Story time

### The Legend of "Stingy Jack"

People have been making jack-o'-lanterns at Halloween for centuries. The practice originated from an Irish myth about a man nicknamed "Stingy Jack." According to the story, Stingy Jack invited the Devil to have a drink with him. True to his name, Stingy Jack didn't want to pay for his drink, so he convinced the Devil to turn himself into a coin that Jack could use to buy their drinks. Once the Devil did so, Jack decided to keep the money and put it into his pocket next to a silver cross, which prevented the Devil from changing back into his original form.

Jack eventually freed the Devil, under the condition that he would not bother Jack for one year and that, should Jack die, he would not claim his soul. The next year, Jack again tricked the Devil into climbing into a tree to pick a piece of fruit. While he was up in the tree, Jack carved a sign of the cross into the tree's bark so that the Devil could not come down until the Devil promised Jack not to bother him for ten more years.

Soon after, Jack died. As the legend goes, God would not allow such an unsavoury figure into heaven. The Devil, upset by the trick Jack had played on him and keeping his word not to claim his soul, would not allow Jack into hell. He sent Jack off into the dark night with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal into a carved-out turnip and has been roaming the Earth with ever since. The Irish began to refer to this ghostly figure as "Jack of the Lantern," and then, simply "Jack O'Lantern."



Did you know that

The traditional colours of Halloween are black and orange? Orange comes from the autumn harvest and black represents death

The fear of Halloween is called Samhainophobia

Over 90% of parents would steal their kids' sweets.

## Halloween celebration alternatives in 2020

1. Decorate your house from inside and outside
2. Have a Halloween Scavenger Hunt at home
3. Read Halloween books
4. Watch Halloween films, i.e. *Halloween Town*, *The Addams Family*, *Hotel Transylvania*, *Coraline*, *The Nightmare before Christmas*, *Hocus Pocus*, *The Corpse Bride*, etc. Please visit the link for more <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/halloween-ideas/g2661/halloween-movies/>
5. Do some Halloween craft
6. Do some Halloween cooking/baking
7. Play Halloween games at home, for example "Bobbing for Apples" – Apples are put in a big bowl full of water. The players, sometimes blindfolded, must take an apple without using their hands. Watch out for germs!
8. Head to a pumpkin patch (they are all Covid-19 safe. Social distancing implemented)
9. Organise a Glow-in-the Dark Egg Hunt. Buy plastic eggs from internet or use the Easter plastic eggs you already have – decorate them with Halloween stickers or markers. Add sweets in and hide them in your garden or around the house! Grab a glow stick for a night-time search.
10. Do Halloween dress-up Zoom parties – a competition who has the best costume

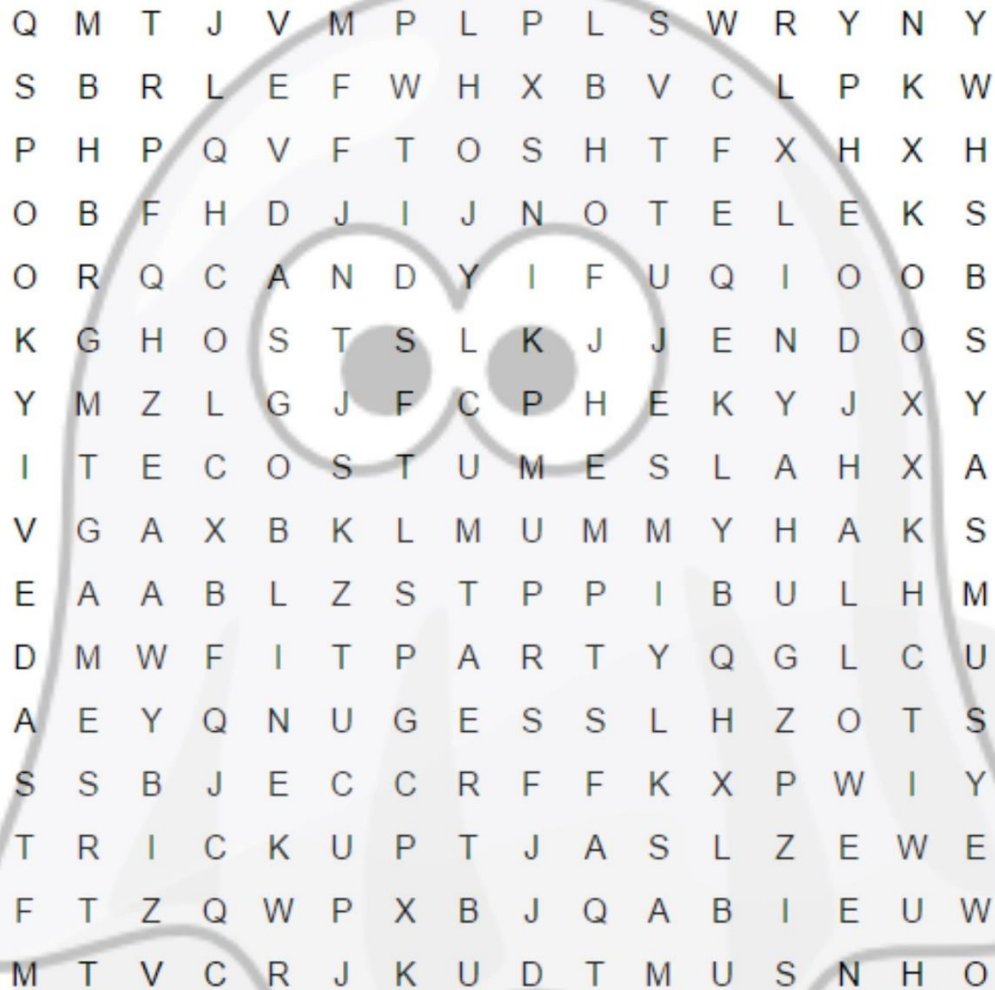


# Halloween-themed Activities





# Halloween Word Search



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BOO  
GAMES  
HALLOWEEN  
PARTY  
SPOOKY  
WITCH

CANDY  
GHOSTS  
MASK  
PUMPKINS  
TRICK

COSTUMES  
GOBLIN  
MUMMY  
SKELETON  
TREAT

# HALLOWEEN WORDSEARCH

Number the pictures, find the words that are in the wordsearch below, and then write the secret message.

- (1) ghost (2) witch (3) bat (4) night  
(5) spider (6) cat (7) treat (8) moon  
(9) skeleton (10) pumpkin (11) mummy  
(12) costume (13) broom (14) monster



Now circle the fourteen remaining letters and write the secret message.

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## Making words

How many Halloween words can you make from

H	A	L	L	O	W	E	E	N
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P	U	M	P	K	I	N
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| 3. _____  | 4. _____  |
| 5. _____  | 6. _____  |
| 7. _____  | 8. _____  |
| 9. _____  | 10. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 13. _____ | 14. _____ |



**Help the witch to unscramble the words using her crystal ball.**

**icwth** \_\_\_\_\_

**peraimv** \_\_\_\_\_

**hsotg** \_\_\_\_\_

**kppmiun** \_\_\_\_\_

**etwess** \_\_\_\_\_

**retattkciro** \_\_\_\_\_

**bzimeo** \_\_\_\_\_

**uoetmcs** \_\_\_\_\_

**newelalho** \_\_\_\_\_





Why not do a Halloween Scavenger Game at Home?

# HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jack O' Lantern    |    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bat           |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Witches Hat        |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Cat     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broom              |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Owl           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cauldron           |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Frankenstein  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trick or Treat Bag |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mummy         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candy              |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Count Dracula |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ghost              |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Werewolf      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RIP Headstone      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Grim Reaper   |  |

## Halloween Search & Find

### HALLOWEEN SEARCH AND FIND

WRITE THE NUMBER OF EACH ITEM BELOW THE PICTURE IN THE BOX BELOW.





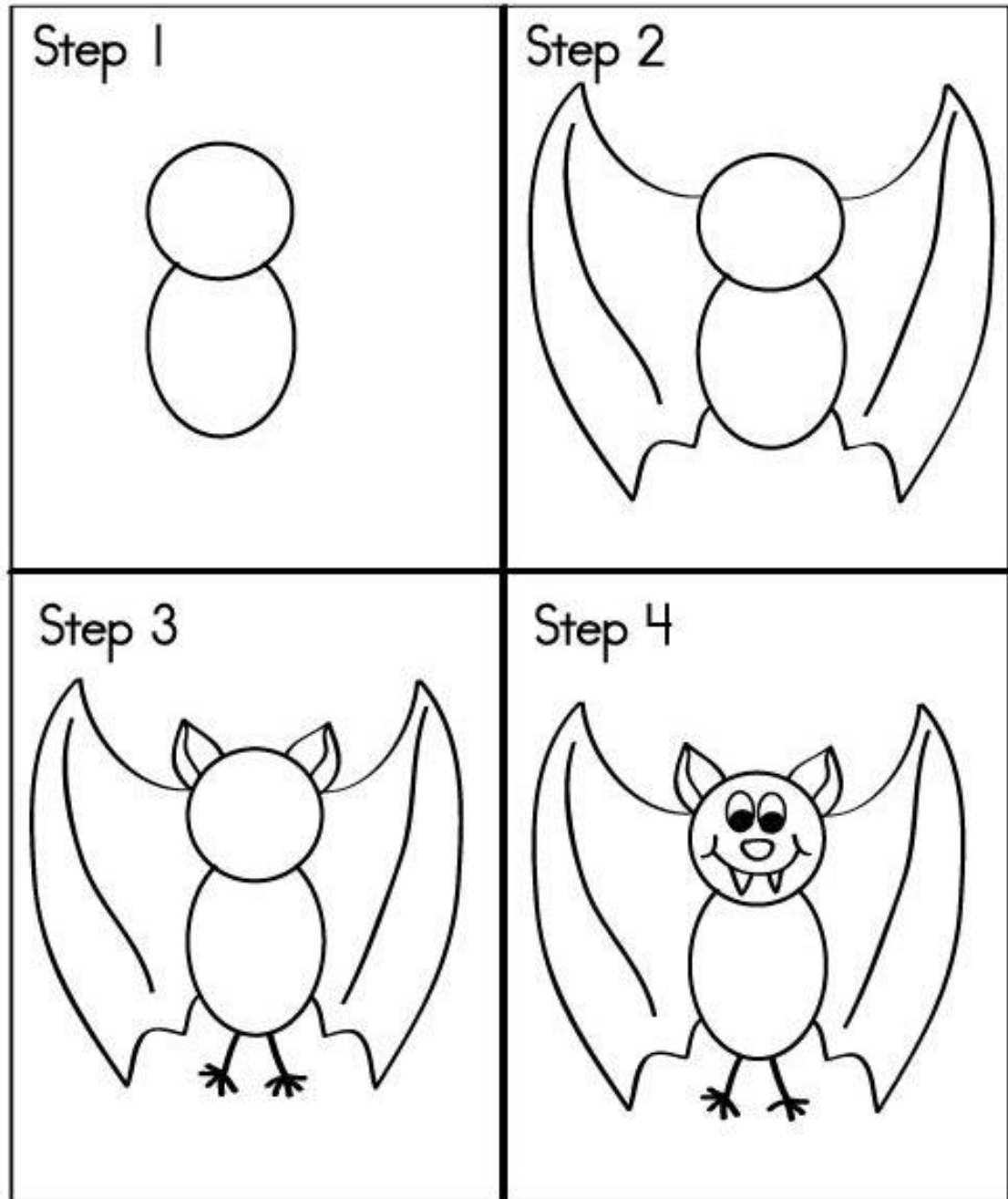
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Try to draw a bat

## How to Draw a Bat



Help the witch to get home





Help the vampire



## Insert the missing letters

Insert the missing letters and match  
the words with the pictures

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b\_\_t



sp\_\_d\_\_r



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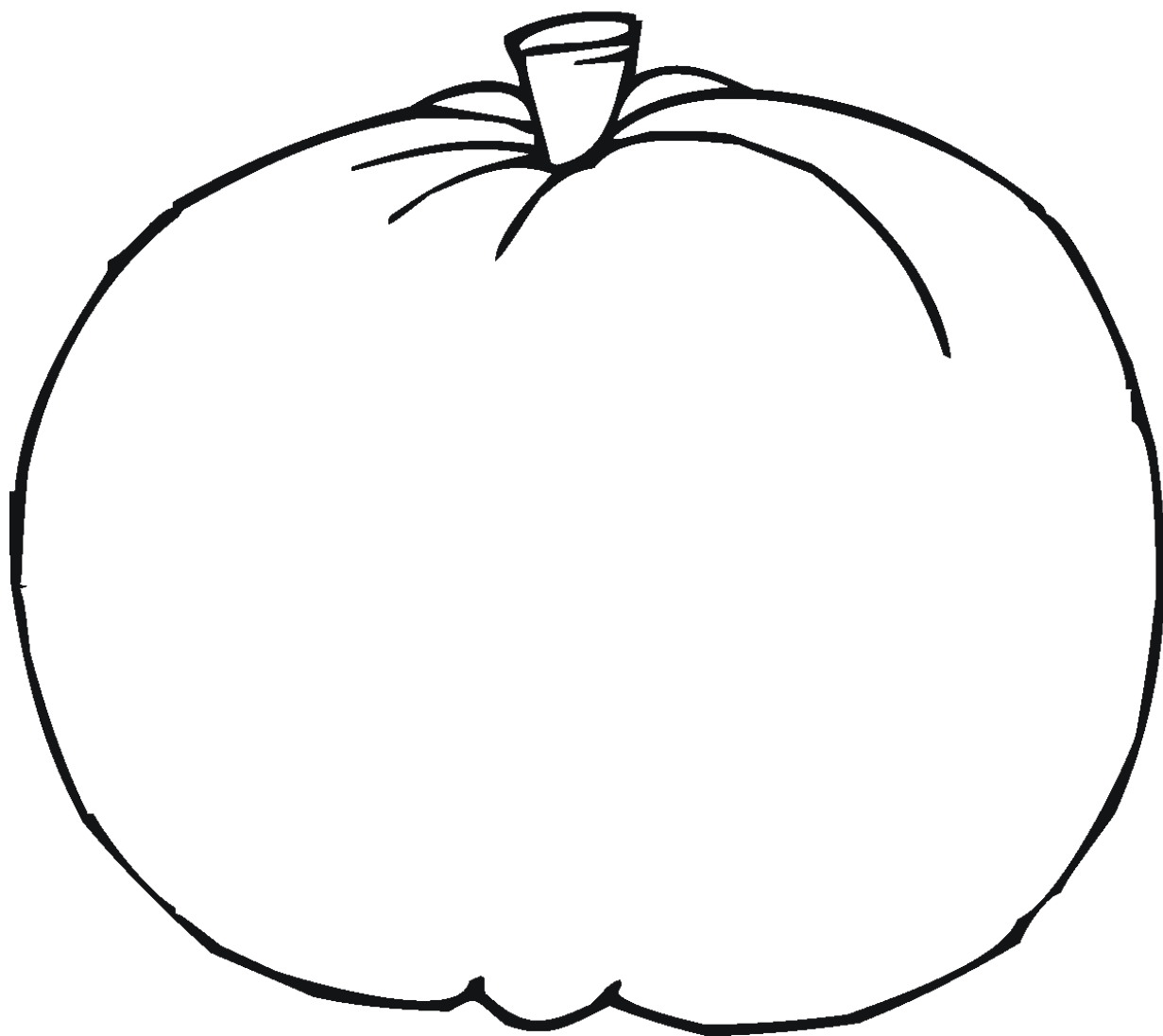
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g\_\_ost



**Draw a Pumkin's Face**



## Why not play a Pumpkin game?



For this fun game you will need a pair of dice and each player needs a piece of paper with a pumpkin shape on it (circle, oval-whatever!).

- Roll **2** - Draw 2 eyes on your pumpkin.
- Roll **3** - Draw a nose on your pumpkin.
- Roll **4** - Draw a mouth on your pumpkin.
- Roll **5** - Draw a stem on your pumpkin.
- Roll **6** - Draw teeth on your pumpkin.
- Roll **7** - Draw a fun accessory on your pumpkin.  
Maybe a hat, earrings, scarf, etc.
- Roll **8** - ROLL AGAIN !!
- Roll **9** - Write your pumpkin's name somewhere on your paper.
- Roll **10** - Draw a part that is missing from someone else's pumpkin on theirs.



Roll **11** - The next player gets 2 turns!

Roll **12** - Leave your pumpkin alone.

First person to have a completed pumpkin - WINS!





## It's Crafts' time!

### Ghost chain



#### Materials:

- paper
- scissors
- tape

#### Instructions:

- Cut a 6-inch-wide strip out of as many pieces of white construction paper or white printer paper as you want. The more pieces of paper you cut, the longer the chain will be. I used 4 pieces of construction paper.
- You can either keep these pieces of construction paper separate and make a few small chains and attach them at the end or attach the pieces of paper before making one long chain. If you choose to do the second method the paper might be very hard to cut, especially for younger kids.
- If you are keeping the pieces of paper separate, fold each piece like an accordion. If you aren't keeping them together, still fold the long strip of paper like an accordion.
- Make the folds the width or a bit less than the template pieces, around 2 and 1/2 inches.
- Trace the template piece onto the top fold of each of the pieces of paper or the long strip of paper.
- Cut out -- make sure you don't cut through the folds at the very edge of the image (in the case of the ghost, the hands).
- If you kept the pieces of paper separate, you will have a few small chains. Tape together all of your small chains to make one big chain

# FUNNY GHOST

Instructions:



Draw a picture of a large ghost on the paper.



Using a glue stick coat the inside of the ghost and stick cotton balls all over it until it is covered.



Have your child cut out two ghost eyes and a mouth from the felt, and glue these on the ghost. You can also have eyes and a mouth already cut if they aren't comfortable with cutting yet.

## HOW TO MAKE A PAPER BOWL BAT CRAFT



### INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING BAT CRAFT

Step 1: Paint the bottom of your paper bowl with black paint. Let it dry completely.

Step 2: Use our free printable template to trace and cut out the bat wings, ears and fangs from black and white cardstock paper or construction paper.



Step 3: Glue a bat wing on each side of the paper bowl. Then glue googly eyes and the fangs onto the paper bowl.

Step 4: Finish your Halloween bat craft by gluing the ears at the top of the paper bowl.

## HOW TO MAKE A PAPER BOWL PUMPKIN CRAFT



### INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING JACK-O-LANTERN CRAFT

Step 1: Paint the bottom of your paper bowl with orange paint. Set it aside to dry completely.

Step 2: Use our free printable template to trace and cut out the Jack-o-Lantern face pieces from black construction paper or cardstock. Glue the eyes, nose and mouth onto the back of the painted bowl.



Step 3: Cut a rectangle pumpkin stem from brown cardstock or construction paper and glue it at the top of your pumpkin.



Step 4: Wrap a green pipe cleaner around your finger to make a curly pumpkin vine. Punch a hole next to the pumpkin stem with a hole punch. Place the end of the curly green pipe cleaner into the hole and wrap it around itself to secure it in place.

## Cooking time...Trick or Treat!

### Mummy Wraps



#### Ingredients

- 1 Mission Mini Wrap
- 2 tbs peanut butter
- 1 banana
- 4 sultanas

#### Method

- Spread the peanut butter on a wrap.
- Cut the wrap into skinny strips.
- Peel a banana and cut in half.
- Wrap a peanut butter strip around the banana.
- For the eyes, dab peanut butter on the sultana and press onto banana.

## Frozen banana ghosts



These frozen banana ghosts are the perfect Halloween party snack. Scare your guests with these cute but creepy bites. Trick or treat!

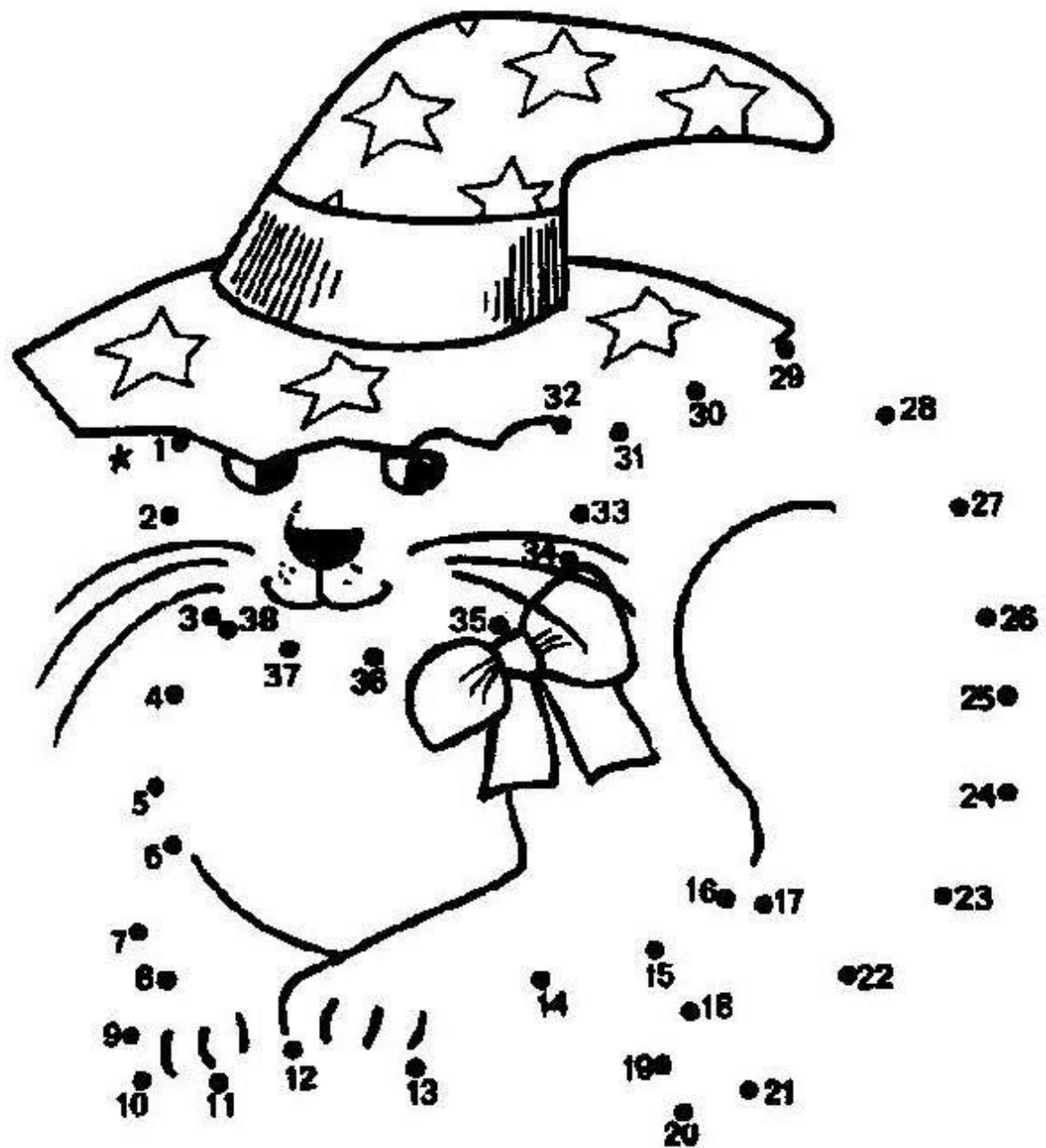
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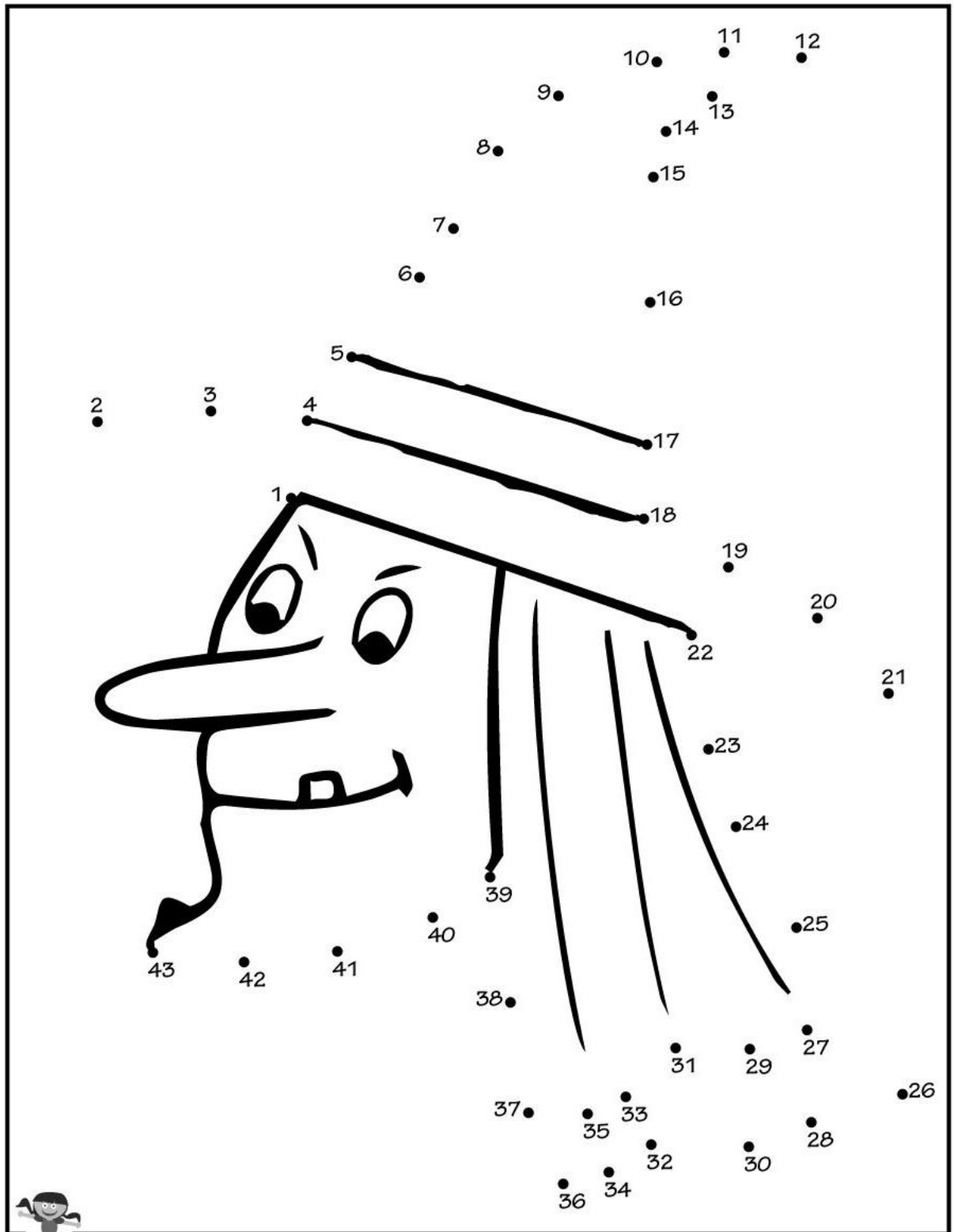
- 4 firm bananas cut into thirds
- 200g white chocolate, melted in a double boiler
- 24 milk or dark chocolate chips
- 1 cup desiccated coconut

### Method

- Gently insert popsicle sticks into banana pieces, leaving a 1-2cm margin at the top so that the stick does not poke through the other end of the banana.
- Dip and swirl each stick of banana into the melted chocolate and allow any excess melted chocolate to drip back into the bowl. Place each dipped banana in either a cake pop stand or flat onto a tray lined with baking paper.
- Once the chocolate has almost set, press 2 chocolate chips into the banana for the eyes. Gently roll each banana through a bowl of desiccated coconut, so that it is fully coated. Place back in cake pop stand on lined tray.
- Freeze bananas until ready to eat. Consume within 2 months.

## Join the dots







# Colouring pages

  
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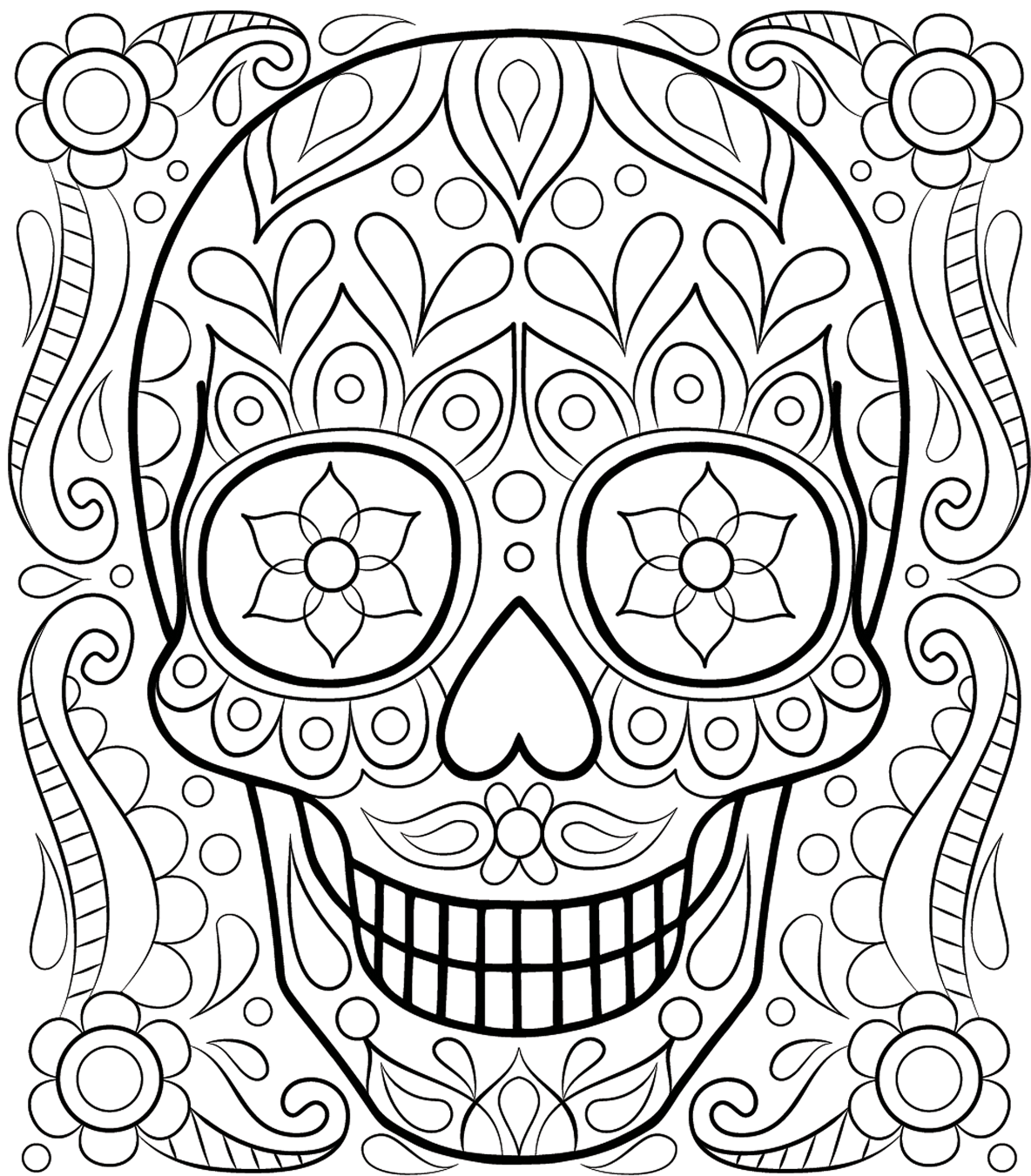








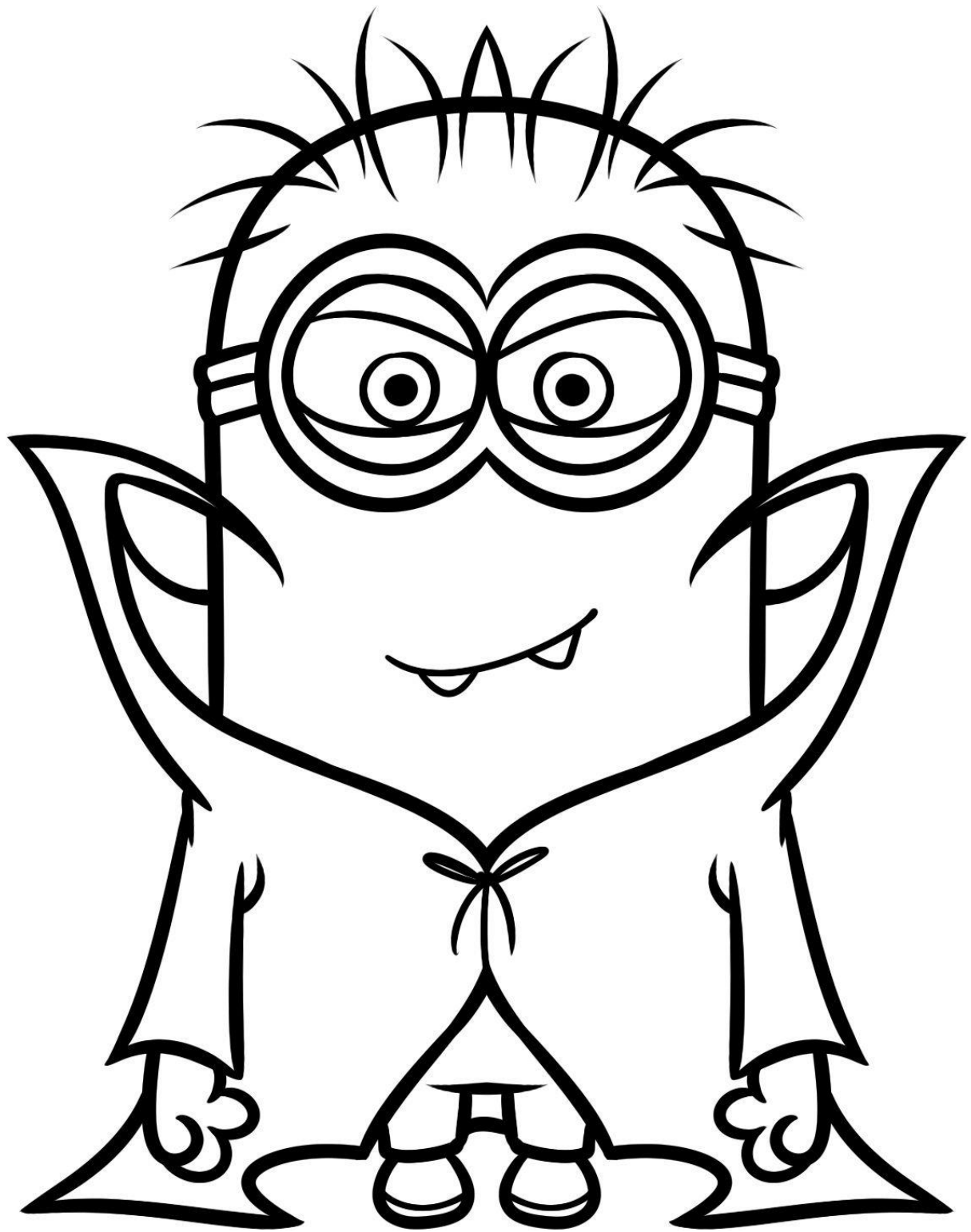






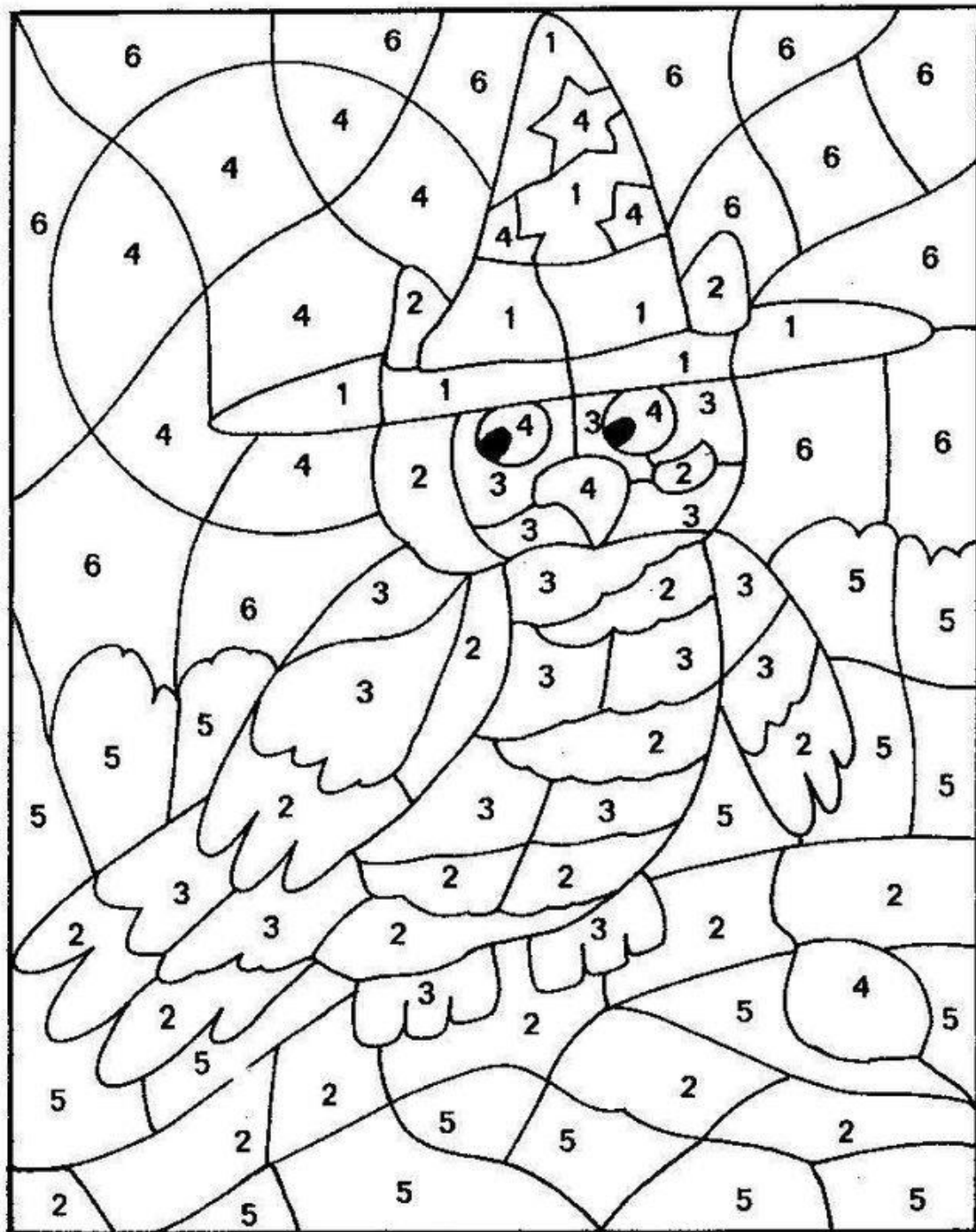








## Colour by number

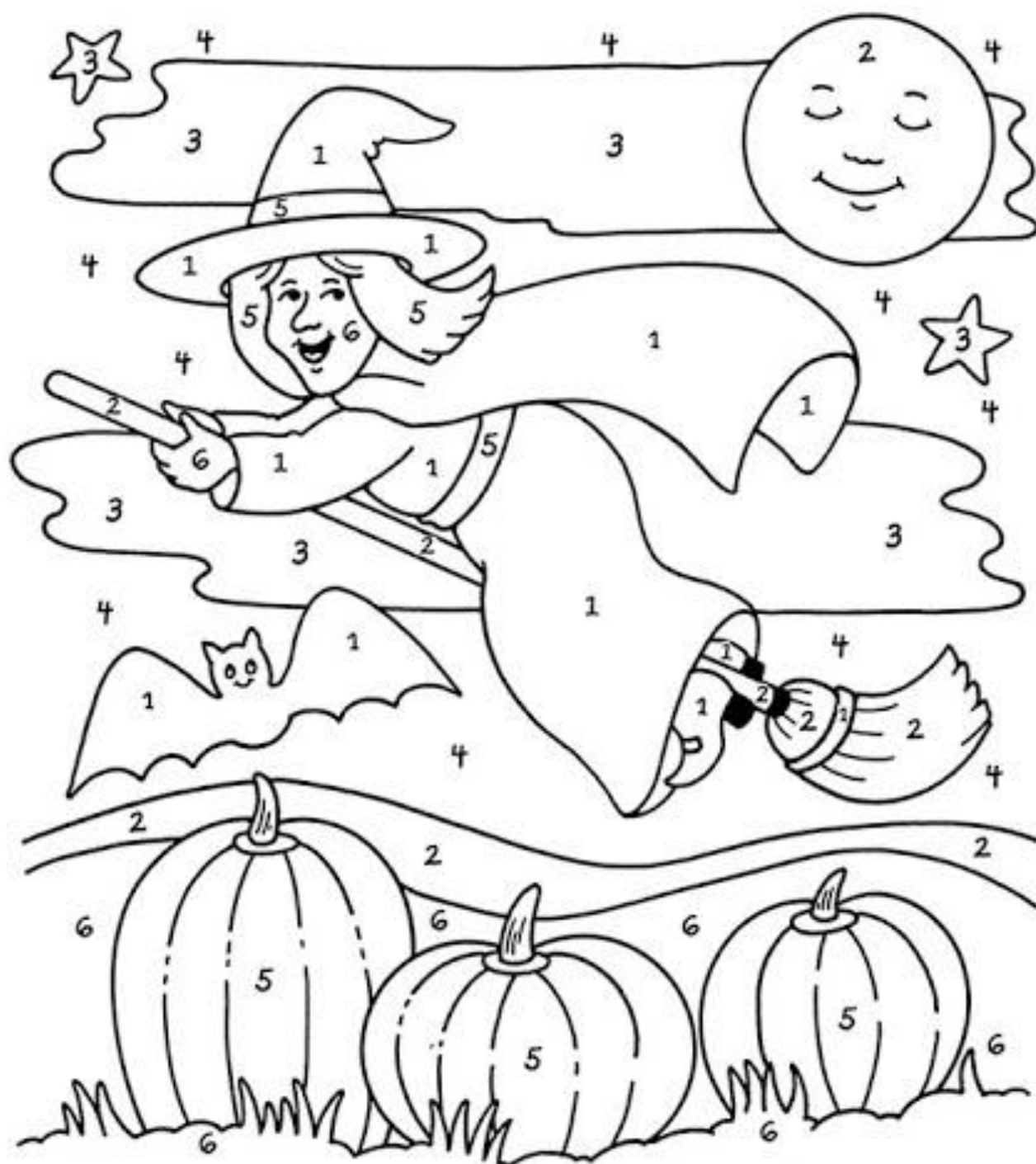


1-purple

2-brown  
5-green

3-orange  
6-blue

4-yellow



Color each area by number. Number 1 is black; number 2 is yellow; number 3 is white; number 4 is blue; number 5 is orange; and number 6 is green.