

Something Wicked Trio

What you'll need

For the Witches

- About 6 pieces black construction paper or card stock
- Scissors
- Craft glue
- Narrow green, yellow or orange ribbon
- 3 Delicata squash (or other large cylindrical squash)
- Knife or carving tool
- 6 blueberries
- Florist wire and wire snippers
- Small twigs or stems
- 3 bundles of flat-leaf parsley
- 3 rubber bands
- 6 white asparagus spears



For the Cauldron

- Large, squat green or grey pumpkin
- Water spinach or yu choy (or other long green vegetable for the handle)
- Polyester stuffing*

How to make it

1. First, make the witch hats by drawing 3 circles about 3 inches larger than the diameter of the squash onto the black construction paper or card stock. Cut out circles. At this time, also cut an "X" shape in the center of the circles to fit them onto the squash heads later. Form 3 cones out of remaining construction paper or card stock and attach cones to the circles with craft glue. Add hat bands using narrow ribbon and attach with craft glue. Set hats aside.
2. Cut the fat end of each squash off at the base so it stands up straight and doesn't tip over. Now create each face by carving a small smile into the upright front side of each squash, then add blueberry eyes with pieces of florist wire and insert twigs or stems for their noses.
3. Add the white asparagus spears as arms to each squash, using pieces of florist wire.
4. Bundle the stem ends of each bunch of parsley with a rubber band, blot them dry, and then stuff the bundled ends inside the 3 hats, through the "X" openings, so the leaves hang out of the hats for their hair. Place the hat and parsley hair on the squash heads and use glue or florist wire to secure.
5. To make the cauldron, hollow out the large, squat pumpkin and scrape the insides clean. Discard the pulp and seeds.
6. Add a handle using the water spinach or yu choy and attach with florist wire.
7. To create the roiling steam, add a large wad of polyester stuffing inside the hollow pumpkin and pull out pieces to look like tendrils of steam*.

* You can use dry ice instead of stuffing to create more realistic steam, but be sure you wear protective gloves when handling the dry ice, and set up the display in an area with good ventilation. Or, instead of steam, you could light the inside of the cauldron with tea lights.

