

Monster Candy Buckets

Crafter Level: Easy

Time Needed: 30 minutes (not including drying time)

What you'll need

- Lime green spray paint
- New, empty paint can (available at hardware or home-supply stores)
- Assorted hardware, including medium-size nuts, bolts and screws, and household items like small measuring spoons
- E-6000 craft adhesive or 3-minute epoxy glue (available at craft stores)
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Black felt or fake fur (fake fur is available in squares or by the yard at fabric stores)



How to make it

1. Spray paint the can green, both inside and out, in a well-ventilated area. Use newspaper or a drop cloth underneath the can to protect the ground. Let dry completely—full coverage may take more than one coat.
2. Make a face (we won't judge) with the hardware and household items. Remember, the less symmetrical the items, the more goofy he'll look, so have fun. Secure the items to the can using the E-6000 or epoxy glue. You can scratch off a little of the paint behind each feature so the glue holds better.
3. Give him a cool hairdo by using a hot glue gun to line the rim of the can with the felt or fake fur. Doing this will also make sure the edge of the can is soft—perfect for tickling little hands as they reach in.

Try this twist

While you're at the hardware or craft store, grab a package of small magnets. Glue the magnets to the back of the hardware (use the E-6000 or epoxy glue to guarantee a good hold). Then you and your kids can switch out his features over and over again. Just keep in mind if he goes out trick-or-treating, he might "lose face" before the night is out. Mwah-ha-ha-ha.

