

Time to Ghost to bed



Back-to-Bed-O-Lantern



Mummy, wake up!

MATTRESS MONSTERS

Trick-or-Treat Bag

BOO-IT-YOURSELF ACTIVITY

A trick-or-treat bag is more than just a candy carry-all for your children to drag across the sidewalk on Halloween—it's a key part of their elaborate costumes. We've created a way that you can repurpose your old pillowcases to become trick-or-treat bags worthy of your child's candy stash. Did you know that after 12-18 months, your pillow becomes contaminated by skin cells, mold, dust mites and more, making up more than half of an older pillow's weight? This activity is a great way to recycle your used pillowcases to make way for new models of pillow-y perfection.

Supplies

- Pillowcase (any color)
- Mattress Monster template (linked below)
- 1 ½ yards of rope or Halloween-colored thick ribbon
- 2-3 pieces of black felt
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Imagination!

STEPS TO BUILD YOUR MATTRESS MONSTER OF CHOICE:

STEP 1 Grab your pillowcase to begin building your mattress monster.

STEP 2 Download the template for your mattress monster of choice (ghost, mummy and jack-o-lantern) and print it out. Cut out each paper shape and place them on top of the black felt to trace and cut out your monster's frightening face.

STEP 3 Lay the pillowcase flat and use a hot glue gun to attach the felt features as shown in the template starting one foot below the top of the pillowcase. Note: Time permitting, you can also directly attach the black paper cutouts to your pillowcase with the glue gun.

STEP 4 Use a pair of scissors and cut a ½ inch hole on either side of one of the pillows side hems about one inch below the top of the pillowcase. Run your piece of rope or ribbon through the pillowcase and then knot the ends together to make a handle.

STEP 5 Use your imagination! Let your children give their mattress monster its own spooky style by decorating it however they'd like using glitter, beads, markers and more. Then dress up your children in their eerie ensembles and help them fill their bag with candy and goodies galore!