

Fall Party Ideas

Here are some quick and easy treats to prepare for a Fall Festival, a Bonfire, a fall campout, or Halloween. We aren't big into all things scary for Halloween around here. But we do like to celebrate God's creation, His beauty, and harvest time for Halloween. Following are some of our family traditions for our fall party gatherings.

Autumn Mix:

This is pretty stored in a glass jar, a glass pumpkin, or a candy dish. It disappears quickly, so keep extra mix on hand.

- 1 bag Autumn Candy Corn Mix (Brach's is the best!)
- 1 can salted cocktail peanuts
- 1 large bag Fall M&M's
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- 1 cup raisins (optional)



Mix all ingredients together and store in a Zip-Lock Bag. Fill a glass pumpkin or candy dish with mix right before the party. Did you know that candy corn and salted peanuts, when eaten together, taste just like a Pay Day candy bar?

Goblins:

Our daughter likes to assemble these each year. It's quick and easy moms!

- 1 bag Tootsie Pops Lollipops
- White Kleenex Tissues
- White Pipe Cleaners
- 1 Black Sharpie

Wrap each Tootsie Pop with a white Kleenex, centering the middle of the tissue over the top of the lollipop. Cut a pipe cleaner in half. Wrap the cut pipe cleaner around the base of the lollipop to secure the napkin. Make eyes by dotting the tissue with the Sharpie.

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Creepy Crawly Punch:

I can't count how many years the kids have asked for this punch. It is also fun to do a unit study on worms and bugs this time of year. This is a fun way to learn that God has some unique ways of expressing His creativity!

- Gummy Worms
- Plastic Spiders
- Chilled Ginger Ale (2 liter)
- Chilled Orange Soda (2 liter)
- Chilled can of Pineapple juice
- Punch bowl
- Ice Cube Trays

Crawly Cubes:

Pour Ginger Ale into ice cube trays. Put plastic spiders or some halved gummy worms into each cube before freezing. I like to fill 2 trays twice to have enough "crawly cubes" for my punch.

Creepy Crawly Punch:

Pour equal parts of the chilled Ginger Ale, Orange Soda, and Pineapple Juice into a punch bowl. Add some Crawly Cubes. Hang some gummy worms from the side of the punch bowl for decoration. Toss a few spiders and gummy worms on the table – kids love this!

If you don't have a punch bowl, just make the crawly cubes and serve them with the punch in a clear glass.

Moon Pie "Owls"

These Owls are so fun to put together. They are cute as a decoration, stuck in pots filled with candy corn, or simply to eat. Whatever way you choose to use them, your kids will have loads of fun making them.

- 12 Large Moon Pies, Banana and Vanilla Flavors (I found large Moon Pies at WalGreen's)
- Oreos
- Candy Corn
- M&M's
- Fall Sprinkles
- White Chocolate Almond Bark
- Popsicle Sticks
- Wax Paper

Melt White Chocolate Almond Bark according to package directions

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Wings:

Take a knife and spread some melted white chocolate almond bark on each lower side of the Moon Pie to create “wings” then sprinkle some fall sprinkle mix over the almond bark. Shake off the loose sprinkles.

To Make OWL eyes:

Remove tops of Oreo Cookies. Use the halves with the cream remaining for owl eyes. Dip the chocolate cookie side in the white chocolate almond bark, or use a knife to spread the almond bark on the cookie side. Place the Oreo on top left side of Moon Pie, cream side up, and repeat with another Oreo and place it on the top right side of the Moon Pie. Spread some white chocolate almond bark on one side of M&Ms for the “pupil” of each eye and stick the M&M in the center of the cookie cream. You can also make “eyebrows” with 2 pieces of candy corn by spreading a little almond bark on one side of the candy corn.

Beak:

Spread some white chocolate almond bark on one side of a piece of candy corn. Position it in the middle of the Moon Pie for a nose.

Place finished OWLS on wax paper while white chocolate almond bark hardens. Place a popsicle stick through the bottom center of each owl and place in pots filled with candy corn. I used some florist Styrofoam cut to fit each pot, inserted owls, then covered the foam with candy corn.