

Halloween
Crayon
Resist
Watercolor
Activity



Directions for a crayon resist, Halloween watercolor wash activity

There are 5 Halloween coloring pages to choose from. For easy printing, and to keep things simple for little ones, I put two on a page.

Run the templates off on white construction paper or card stock.

I tried using white copy paper, and although this also works, some of the children get carried away with their painting and the copy paper gets holes in it or ripped more easily.

Children choose whatever picture they want, then pressing hard, color the picture and write their name somewhere on the bottom.

I set this up as an independent center, however, I do monitor it frequently to give some guidance, as well as help clean up for the next crew. I can fit 8 children at my long table. Beforehand, I make a sample in front of them, to demonstrate what I want them to do.

Since watercolors wipe off easily, I don't bother covering the table. I use 4 double-sided dog bowls and fill them with water. Pet dishes are inexpensive, (I bought mine at The Dollar Store) and they don't tip over. These are in the middle so all of the children can reach them. Children each have their own set of watercolors, and I remind them to completely rinse their brush before they pick another color or the paint trays will become muddy. (If some children don't follow directions, I simply dab a Kleenex in whatever color has become messy.)

Children don a paint shirt, then using plenty of water, paint whatever colored stripes they want over their paper. Remind them not to use too much paint, or the wax won't be able to resist it and they'll paint over their picture and it won't show up. If this happens, simply add more water, or blot with a paper towel and let them start over.

When they are done, they lift up their paper, so that any extra water and "drippies" go on a paper towel. They carry their "mess-terpiece" over to the drying area.

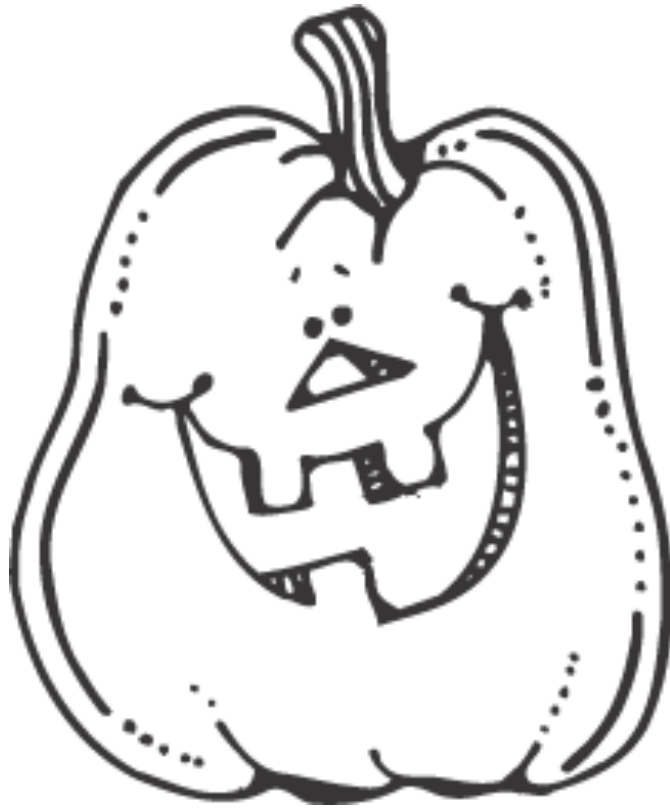


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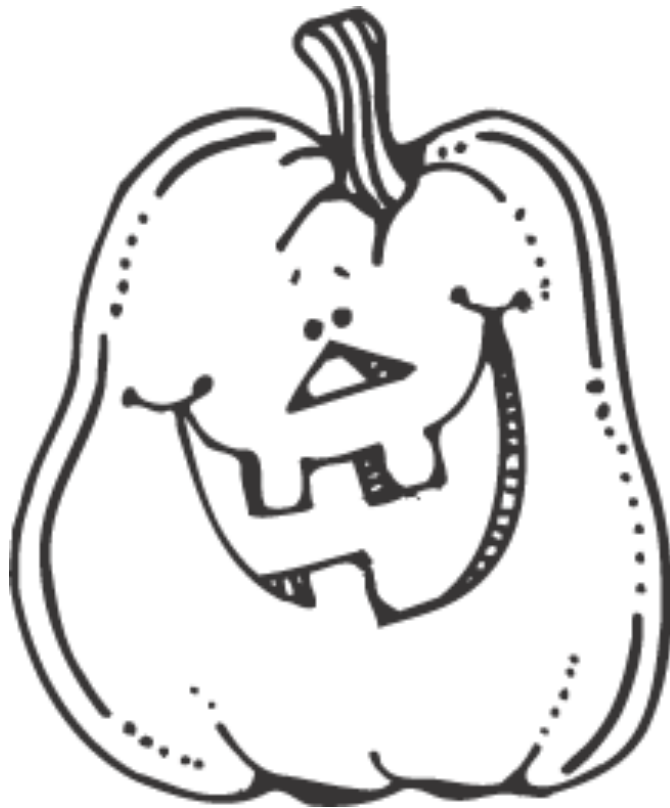


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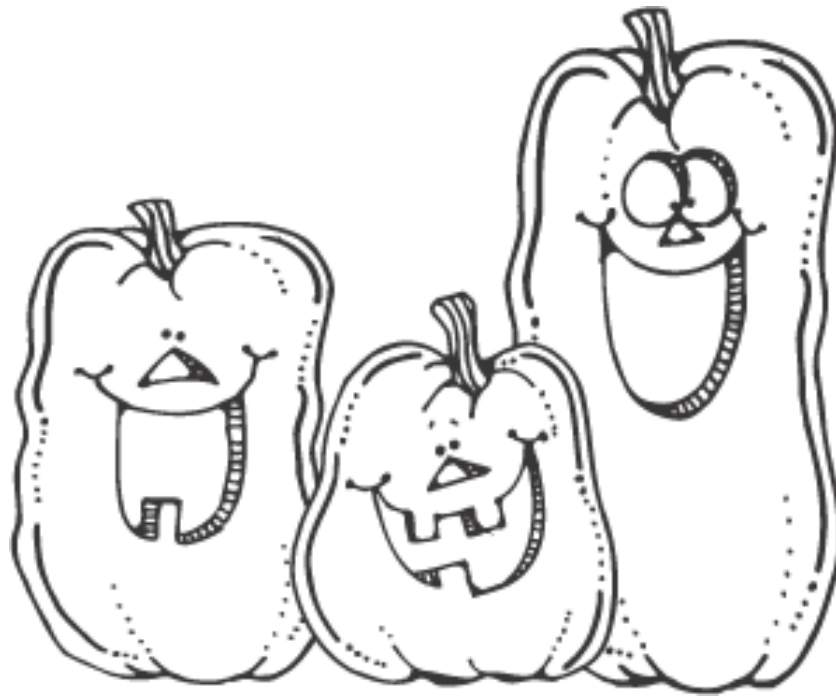
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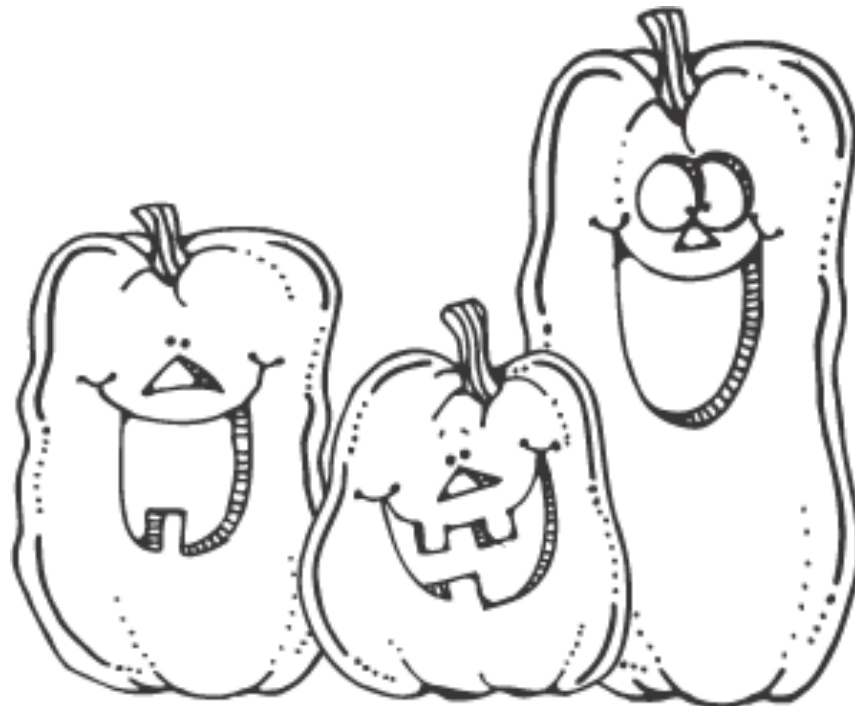
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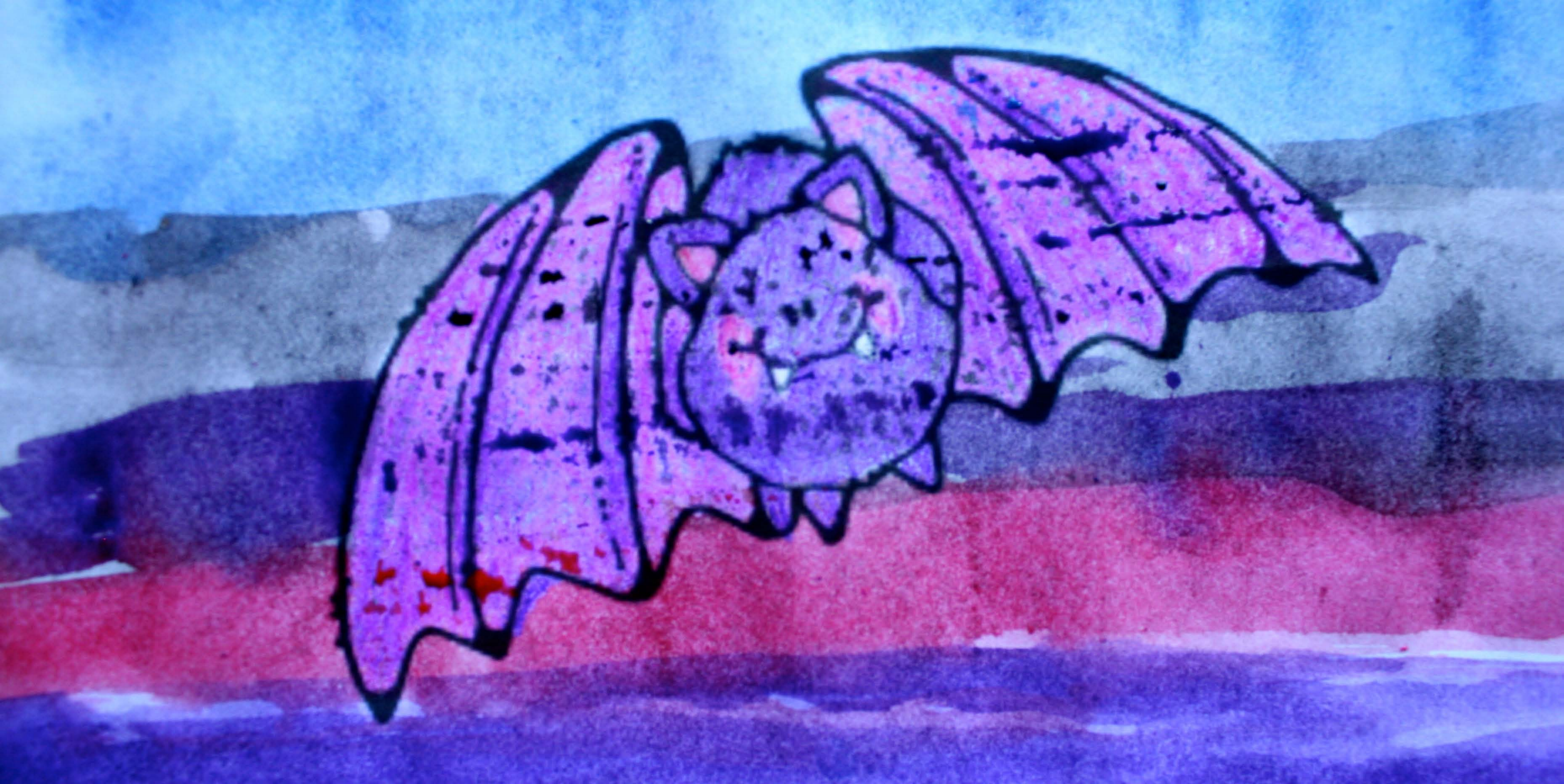
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