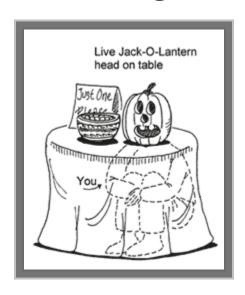


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Jack-O-Laugh-Tern



All you need here is to get an old card table, inexpensive round table, or 4'x4' sheet of 1" plywood and 4 prefabricated legs. Cut a hole into the top large enough to fit your head through. Buy a polyfoam jack-o-lantern, and cut the bottom out. Drape an old sheet or tablecloth over the table, cutting a hole in the tablecloth to match the hole in the table. Hide under the table, put your head through the hole, and have someone fit the jack-o-lantern over your head. Place a bowl of candy next to jack-o-lantern with a sign reading "Please, just take one." Come to life when some treater gets greedy.

Don't try this with a real pumpkin, unless you're the type that's not bothered when using outdoor portable toilet sheds.

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This effect can also be done with a hand through a bowl of candy on a table. Try hiding a speaker inside or run dryer hose into the jack-o-lantern, and make it talk. Set off a camera strobe positioned inside the pumpkin using a remote flash switch cable sold at camera stores if someone tries to look inside.

This trick doesn't get you off the hook from carving a pumpkin. That's tradition brother, and it's unlucky to mess with tradition.

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