

NOTES ON GOOD MORNING AMERICA'S HALLOWEEN PROGRAM

Countdown = 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...Blast off !

Spook-tacular = play on words of « spectacular » (spook + tacular) (spook = ghost, phantom)

To settle on a costume = to decide on a costume

To bust your budget = to overspend

Awesome costumes = spectacular costumes

Do It Yourself Costumes (DIY) = costumes you make yourself

Store bought = bought in a store or shop

Some neat costumes = fantastic

What our moms used to do = what our moms did in the past

Pretty strange traditions = rather strange

Dressing up in costumes, begging people for tricks and treats, carving shapes and faces into pumpkins

How did it get it started?

1st November at the end of the harvest season

Boundaries blurred between life and death = were not clear

Bonfires were lit to ward off those roving spirits = to repel spirits

Costumes of animal skins adorned = were worn

Trick or treating born of days past = the tradition of going door to door asking for little presents

English peasants spent all souls day, a medieval holiday, begging door to door “a prayer for the dead in exchange for treats = little presents usually food items

Jack-o-lantern comes from an old Irish folk tale about the spirit of “stingy” Jack. He roamed the earth with a hallowed out turnip to light the way; soon people carved their own turnips and beets to scare away this ghostly figure.

Everyone English sounds spooky...it's part of the trade = business (what characterizes them)

Fun viewer photos of costumes which top the list = TV audience

Alice and the Mad Hatter = from Alice and Wonderland

Kids don't have all the fun grownups do too = adults

How the heck do we afford it? = on earth

Executive editor = managing director of a magazine

Lumberjack = a man who chops down trees

Suspenders = elastic bands that hold up pants

Out of your own closet = wardrobe

To swing an ax = to move it back and forth like a pendulum

Wood grain duct tape on the handle = sticky tape used to wrap packages

A wig made out of yarn = a hairpiece

Headband is just an old tie

Way to go dude! = (familiar) Good job!

Nightgown that you can wear again afterwards = pyjamas

I don't blame you...you look beautiful! = I understand you

A cute giraffe = adorable

Masking tape to make the stripes = sticky paper used to protect woodwork when painting walls

Our Viking, faux fur, cardboard baseball cap

All no sew = no sewing needed (with needle and thread)

Halloween treats = fun things to eat

That's a terrifying group right there! Lock your doors! =

Dust off your power tools and get ready for an extreme Halloween (from extreme makeover) = take them out of your cupboards (where there are stored because you don't use them)

To be insane = crazy

Fun creepy snacks for Halloween = scary

These are all healthy = nutritious

Edible eyeballs = chunks of carrots with cream cheese and olives

Creepy can be good for you! = scary

I'm sorry honey... = excuse me sweetheart

Stretch them out, make a snip at each end, and then twist them on the ends = pull them make them longer

How cute are these = how adorable

Refrigerated bread sticks, wrap them around the hotdog, and add mustard eyes = ready-made bread

Kitchen shears = kitchen scissors

Arts and crafts = art of making decorative objects oneself

You proved what a poor artist I truly am = demonstrated

You can check it out on our website = go look at it

Tips = pieces of advice

How do you keep them from rubbing it off. = wiping their fingers and removing the paint

It's non-toxic. = not dangerous

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!