

The Little Orange House

Once upon a time a very small witch was walking in the woods. The cold wind was blowing the dry leaves all around her. The little witch was frantically searching for a house for the winter. She could not find one.

Suddenly a piece of orange paper, blown by the wind, landed at her feet. She picked it up. The little witch looked closely at the paper and then she said, "I shall make myself a little house from this piece of orange paper."

She folded the paper in half. Then she took her scissors (she always carried a pair in her pocket) and cut off the two corners to make a roof.

Hold the paper on the fold and cut off the two top corners (all four corners will be cut to make a roof, but also a pumpkin shape)

"This will do just fine," she said as she looked at her new house. "But I will need a door." With her scissors she cut a door. Since witches always wear pointed hats, she cut a special door. It looked like this.

*Make the cut like a rectangle, door shape but with an angle pointing up for a smiling mouth. (see photo for how to cut)

The little witch walked through the door into the little orange house. It was very dark inside. She quickly hurried back out.

"I will need to make windows to let in the light," said the little witch. She cut a front and back window that looked like this.

This cut is rather tricky. You need to re-fold the paper (to space the eyes at the side of the head!) and cut through all of the layers to make two eyes at the top of the paper. Practice!

Oh, it was a very fine looking house. Her very own little house with a roof, a door and windows was all finished. But just as the little witch started to go inside for the winter, she saw a tiny ghost floating down the windswept path. As the tiny ghost came to a stop near the little house, the little witch saw that she was crying.

"Why are you crying?" asked the little witch.

The tiny ghost stopped crying and answered, It is cold and windy. It is getting dark. And I have no place to spend the winter."

"You may spend the winter with me in my new house, said the kind little witch.

"Oh, thank you," the happy tiny ghost said as she peeked in through the window. This is a very nice house,"

"First," said the little witch, "I will need to make you a little door of your very own. She took her scissors again and began to cut. She cut a very tiny door. It looked like this.

This cut is the nose of the jack-o-lantern. Make a small triangle type cut between the eyes and the mouth.

The two happy new friends went inside. The tiny ghost went in the very little door, and the little witch went through her own special door. All winter long they lived happily together inside the little orange house.