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SIX WAYS TO ADD HALLOWEEN SPIRIT TO YOUR DORM

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Photo of a spider decoration outside. Students can get in touch with their creative side to express their celebration of Halloween.

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Halloween is around the corner. As we get closer to the holiday, many begin to embrace Halloween traditions, such as eating candy and getting jumpscared at haunted houses.

While there are many ways to prepare for Halloween, the best one is decorating your dorm. Turning it into a Halloween scene will impress visitors and make it perfect for chilling parties.

Here are six decorating ideas to consider.

Cover the door with decorations

If you want to give a strong first impression, adorning your door is the way to go.

There are many decorations to use. Posters are a great choice because they're easy to put up. Some poster designs you can include are pumpkins, witches, vampires and haunted houses.

Other decoration ideas are Styrofoam tombstones and caution tape. Tombstones are excellent because they're a big Halloween staple. Meanwhile, caution tape is great if you want to make your dorm a fake crime scene, a popular element in Halloween movies and TV shows.



Photo of jack-o-lantern hanging lights. Students are starting to decorate for Halloween.

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Swap your current pillows with Halloween-themed ones

A major part of your dorm is your bed. If you want to change the mood of your dorm from tranquil to spooky, you should modify your bed's appearance. Some things to add are pumpkin and bat pillows. You can also buy Halloween-themed bedding to add extra horror.

Put some lights on the wall

Lights play a huge role in adding Halloween vibes to your dorm. Green, purple and orange ones will brighten it by making the mood dark and suspenseful.

There are many Halloween light options. One is traditional string lights that can be hung on the walls. You can also get string lights shaped like ghosts, bats and pumpkins. If string lights aren't your style, you can always purchase electric Halloween lamps or candles.

Add some bats and cobwebs

Having Halloween-themed bedding, an embellished door and lights is sufficient to make your dorm a place of Halloween spirit. However, there's nothing wrong with adding more.

Bats and cobwebs are good choices because they're easy to put up and remove. They can be found online and in stores for prices as low as $5.

Place some Halloween objects on the windowsill

If you followed the previous suggestions, you've adorned the walls, bed and door. Now, it's time to add some touches to the windowsill, another iconic part of your dorm.

It's hard to go wrong with the windowsill. Pretty much anything can go on it. If you're not sure what to add, small pumpkins are a decent suggestion since they're a popular fall and Halloween item. Ghosts and spider figurines are amazing choices as well.

Fill a bucket with candy and set it outside the door

One of Halloween's greatest symbols is candy. Millions of people consume it on the holiday. Because of that, it makes sense to have candy in your Halloween dorm collection.

There are also millions of candy companies to choose from, such as Hershey's, Nerd's, Skittles, Crunch and Tootsie Rolls. You can purchase one candy type or you can buy various types of candy. Once you have your candy, you can dump it into a bucket and place it in the hallway. Make sure to write a note asking people to take some candy if they wish.

Halloween is a fun time of the year. There are many diverse ways to celebrate it, including decorating your dorm. I hope this guide helps you turn your dorm into a magnificent Halloween space.

SUBOG Weekly Events:

October 12th - October 18th

Mason Jar Sundae – 10.13 @ 2 pm on the SU Mall

Comedy Magic Show – 10.14 @ 7:30 pm in the SU Theater

Capture the Flag – 10.15 @ 7:00 pm on Fairfield Way

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Pumpkin illustrations or cutouts can make great decor for your dorm for this upcoming Halloween. Having one on your door or on your window brings others into the spirit of the season.

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