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The More the Scarier!

The only thing scarier than how quickly summer passed by is the arrival of the spookiest time of year - Halloween! We're getting ready to help you celebrate the best Halloween ever. While cleaning out the attic of Lily Sugar'n Cream headquarters in search of the best joke tombstones and cotton cobwebs, we uncovered an ancient book written under the direction of Baroness Lily von Sugarcream VII. The Lily Sugar'n Cream Field Guide to Halloween Creepy-Crawlies contained extensive information on the care and feeding of all sorts of Halloween ghouls and goblins, and even included patterns on how to knit or crochet certain creatures!

Most of these projects are small, quick character crafts that can be made multiple times in order to make the most of your night of fright. At most, they use only two shades of [Lily Sugar'n Cream](#) (00002 Black and 00001 White), so you can mix and match patterns to your heart's content! Dare we open this tome and discover what monstrosities lie within?



fig. 1, crochet
Halloween Bat

Easy to crochet, those who make [Halloween Bats](#) are advised to hang the bats from their ceilings, doorframes, and windowsills to achieve optimal fright-factor. The wings are held stiff by a pipe cleaner, which gives these bats their iconic in-flight look. Since the bat is made in three pieces (one round body and two wings), you can move the wings around on each bat to make it unique!



These fun little guys make great Halloween party favors. Hang them up and tell your guests to untie the one they want, they're sure to be a hit!



The long-time bane of subway maintenance workers, farmers, and mafia operatives, **Rats** are a Halloween must-have for anybody planning the spookiest haunted house in the neighborhood. The entire rat is knit in stockinette stitch, making it consistent and easy to make. Use red eyes for a ghoulish look, or glow-in-the-dark ones to give a scare to unsuspecting friends and family. Putting a pipe cleaner through the i-cord tail will help it keep whatever shape you want.



The rat's ideal habitats include your windowsills, shelves, and perhaps even inside a shoe (or three).



fig. 3, crochet
Spiders

No Halloween display is complete without a small army of fearsome (and yet adorably googly) **Spiders!** This pattern includes two sizes of spiders for your crocheting pleasure, and two balls of Lily Sugar'n Cream will give you enough yarn to make one large and five small spiders. Red beads can be included on the spider's abdomen, turning it into one of the deadliest species - the black widow.

If you cover your door with cotton batting and attach the spiders, you can create a chilling display for both trick-or-treaters and the mailman.



fig. 4, knit Skeleton Banner

The hip bone's connected to the knit stitch in this **Skeleton Banner** that gives the impression of "Abandon hope (and organs), all ye who enter here." A great way to practice colorwork and review the human anatomy at once, the constant changes in this easy pattern will ensure you won't get bored. This pattern also comes with an added bonus: take the skeleton pattern and turn it into a lapghan. You can gift it to your resident medical, kinesiology, or physical anthropology student as a lap-warmer and a study aid!



You need two shades of **Lily Sugar'n Cream** to make any of these projects, and with its 100% U.S.A-grown cotton, you know your decorations will last through the seasons.



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