

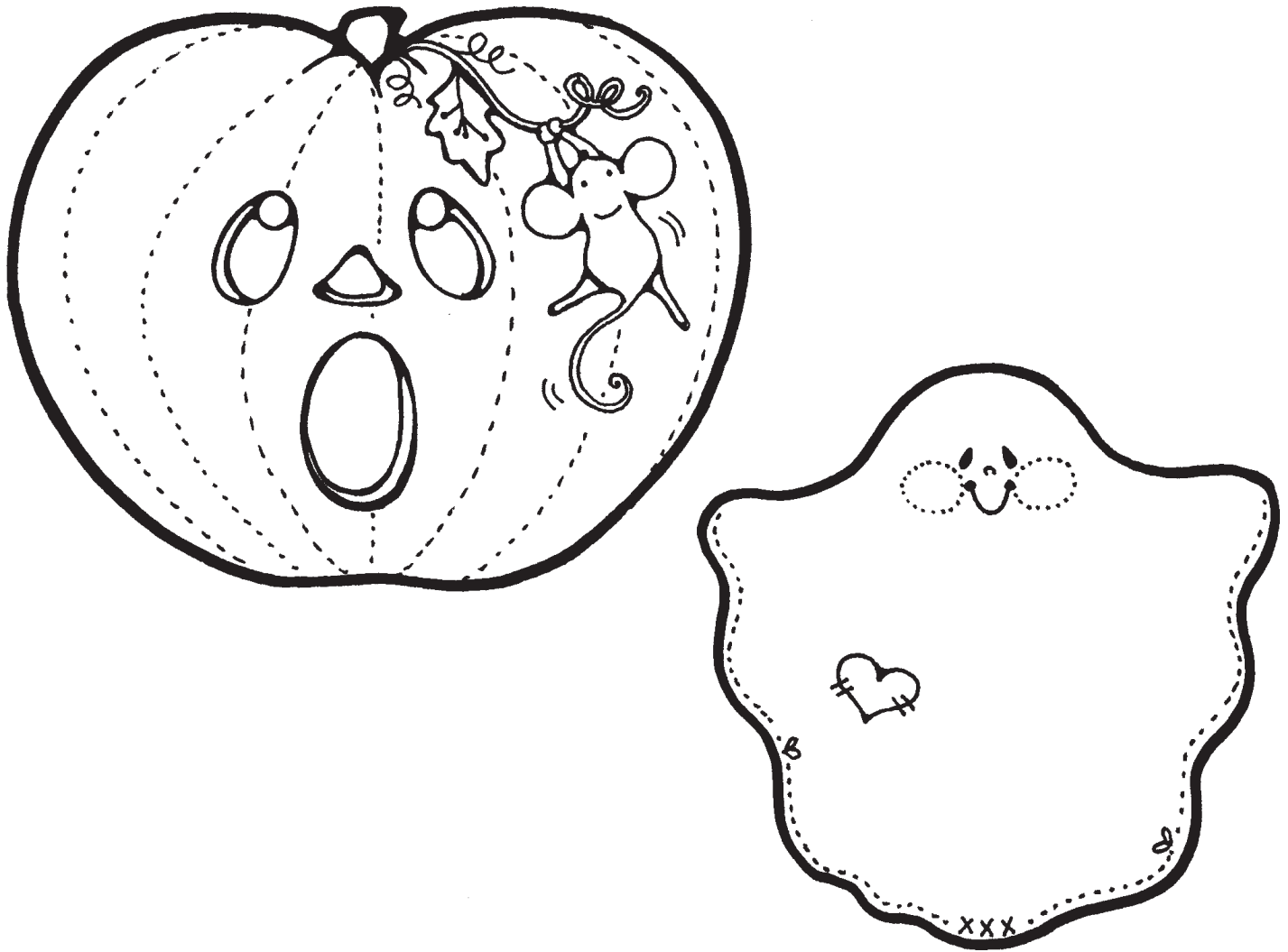
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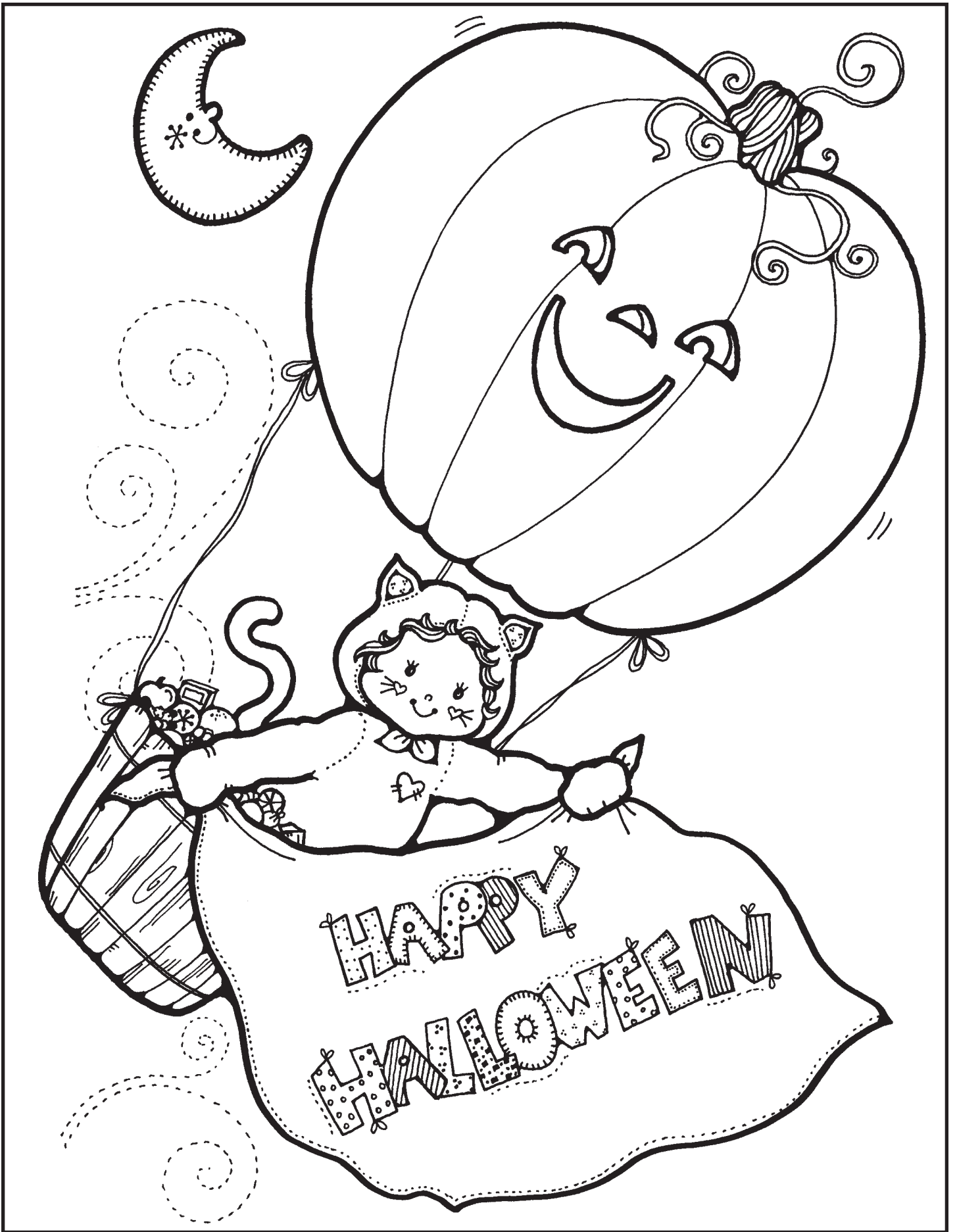
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# October Calendar

The patterns below can be duplicated, and numbers can be put on each ghost and jack-o'-lantern. Punch a hole in the top of each picture. A child can lift each day's symbol from its pin and place it over another pin on the corresponding day on the calendar board.

A transparency can be made from the picture on page 6 for the top of the calendar. Trace the enlarged picture on poster board. Color in the picture with marking pens and laminate it for a long-lasting poster.





# Bulletin Board Ideas

## Pumpkin Patch

On a large bulletin board, place blue butcher paper to represent the sky. Cover the bottom half of the board with green butcher paper which has been torn irregularly to give the appearance of grass.

Have each child come to the painting area and paint a large orange pumpkin. Allow these to dry. On the following day, give the children green, black, and yellow tempera paints to transform the pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns. These can then be cut out and placed on the bulletin board to resemble a pumpkin patch. A large witch placed in the center of the patch adds to the Halloween fun!

## Newspaper Ghosts

A good activity after the children have heard a story about Halloween ghosts is to make newspaper ghosts.

An easy and effective art lesson is to make ghosts out of the classified section of the newspaper. Precut the pages with a paper cutter using one quarter or one half of a page depending upon the size of the ghost desired. Have each child carefully tear his or her page into a ghostly shape. A more imaginative ghost can be made if scissors are not used. The ghosts will be very effective when they are placed on a bulletin board with a black background. The children can add an imaginative face with a black crayon.

## Halloween Mural

An interesting mural that fits nicely in any long narrow space can be made depicting a Halloween scene. Use a piece of black butcher paper that is the necessary length to fit your chosen area. With a white marking pen, draw a long, curvy road on the paper. (*White pens are available at art supply stores.*) On a separate piece of white construction paper, have each child draw and color a picture of his or her house and put Halloween decorations on the house. The teacher can print the children's names and house numbers on the houses.

## Children's Halloween Scene

On long sheets of paper, let the children draw themselves in costumes. You may want to trace around them while they are lying down, or you may want to provide them with a human form pattern. The children should also make "spooky" trees that have no leaves. Owls or bats can be placed on the branches of the trees. Cut out the trees and paste them on the bulletin board along both sides of a road. The children can be pasted on the mural to appear as if they were walking on the road.

White ghosts and orange jack-o'-lanterns show up nicely against the black paper, if you desire to add them. Sometimes we have also added houses along the road in the colors and with the numbers of the children's houses. The children enjoy locating each other's houses on the mural! This mural can easily be rolled up and used later in the year for an art show or "open house."