

"Some Halloween decor is fun, some is gross, and some is just too spooky for little ones. We always use black, white, and gold, which feels elevated and sophisticated," says Chelsea Shukov, cofounder of Sugar Paper.

ON THE WEB

A spider topper made of icing gives this cake just the right amount of creepy.

MONSTER BASH

When the creative spirits behind super chic stationery company Sugar Paper throw a Halloween party, you know it's gonna be a treat. The trick? How easily it all comes together.

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BRILLIANT DISGUISE

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TABLE RUNNER

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wicked good times

There's fun for kids of all ages at Chelsea Shukov's annual Halloween open house in LA. A no-mess pumpkin decorating station, *right*, keeps kiddos busy between trick-or-treating sessions. (That's her son Owen, 4, in the aviator costume.) No knives or pumpkin guts here—just googly eyes, stickers, markers, and pipe cleaners. Grown-ups get into the act, too, by crafting disguises from a buffet of fake mustaches, clown noses, and spectacles, *above*, that Chelsea orders from Oriental Trading. Download the cute labels at sugarpaper.com.



To see how Chelsea spookifies her front porch for the party, add the iPad edition to your subscription. BHG.com/DigitalNow

in good spirits

"We keep the decor really fun and the food and sweets very easy," says Chelsea, *below* at right, who hosts with friend and business partner Jamie Grobecker (in dress). That means self-serve beers and spiked punch for the grown-ups, hot cocoa in insulated bottles for the kids. For dessert, Chelsea orders a variety of black-and-white treats from her favorite local bakery, Thyme Café.



WITCH'S BREW

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