

Halloween Chess Set Instructions – Black Cats*

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Materials:

- Low temp glue gun
- White craft glue
- Black felt
- Black fun foam
- Black paint
- Seminole green paint
- 8 -1" doll head knobs
- 8 -5/8" Candle cups (1 ¼" tall)
- 2 - 6mm black chenille stems, cut into 8 - 2 ¼" lengths
- 88 - 3mm black pompoms
- 8 - 5mm black pompoms
- 16 - 7mm black pompoms
- 16 - 7mm wiggle eyes
- 8 - bases: 1½" wooden circles (1/8" thick)

For each Cat Pawn (make 8 for a chess set):

- 1- Drill a 3/32 inch hole in the candle cup about 3/16 of an inch from the lip of the cup. This hole is for the cat's chenille tail.
- 2- Using craft glue, glue the flat side of the doll head to the bottom of the candle cup.
- 3- Paint the base seminole green, and the cat head and body (that you just glued together) black.
- 4- When the paint is dry, glue the cat to the base using craft glue. The hole you drilled should now be just above the base. Spray with a clear workable matt fixative.
- 5- Using the ear patterns, cut a right ear and a left ear out of black fun foam, then glue them to black felt using craft glue. Allow plenty of time for them to dry.
- 6- When the ears are dry, cut the felt around the ears so that they are just a bit bigger than the foam ears, except for the side of the ear which goes against the cat's head. Cut this side flush with the foam so that the ear base will lay flat against the cat's head.
- 7- Using craft glue, glue the ears, eyes, nose and mouth in place. For the nose and mouth, use two 7mm pompoms glued next to each other for the cheeks, with a 3mm pompom on top between them for the nose, and a 5mm pompom underneath the two 7mm pompoms for the chin (see photo on website for proper placement).
- 8- For the feet, use three 3mm black pompoms for each of the front feet, and two for each of the back feet. Using craft glue, glue the feet against the body on the base, positioning them as shown in the photo on the website. (Tweezer's are helpful for this step.)
- 9- For the tail, put a little craft glue on one end of the 2 ¼ inch chenille stem and poke it into the hole you drilled. When the glue is dry, position the tail as desired.

* Note: These instructions are for the plain black cat and provide a basic pattern. For different colors of cats, use the same instructions and modify the colors to fit.