

## Halloween Chess Set Instructions – She-devil

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### Materials:

- Low temp glue gun
- White craft glue
- Orange fun foam
- Black fun foam
- Black paint
- Naphthol Crimson paint
- Pumpkin paint
- Black felt
- Black 4-ply yarn
- Black thread
- 1 – 3” length of 1/8” dowel
- 1 – 6mm red chenille stem, cut into 2 – 2 1/2” lengths and one 3 1/2” length
- 1 – 7mm red pompom
- 2 – 10mm wiggle eyes
- 1 – 1 1/4” doll head knob
- 1 - 7/8” Candle cup (1 3/4” tall)
- 1 - base: 1 3/4” wooden circles 1/2” thick)

### For each She-devil (make 1 for a chess set):

- 1- Drill two 5/64 inch holes, one on either side of the candle cup, about 1/8 of an inch from the flat end of the cup. These holes are for the arms, so keep that in mind. Then drill another hole in the back about halfway up, for the tail.
- 2- Paint the base and the head pumpkin, and the body black.
- 3- Using craft glue, glue the head onto the body, and the body onto the base, positioning the body so that the back of the candle cup is flush with the base. Use the arm holes you drilled as a guide to determine where her back should be. Spray with a clear matt fixative.
- 4- Cut out the feet from black fun foam using the pattern provided.
- 5- Using craft glue, glue the feet onto the base snugly against the front of her body. If the toes hang off the edge, you may need to trim the feet a bit where they line up with the candle cup/body.
- 6- Glue the eyes and 7mm red nose in place using craft glue. Make sure to leave room under the nose for the mouth. Draw the mouth on using a fine black sharpie.
- 7- Using the pattern provided, cut out a right ear and a left ear from the orange fun foam and glue them to the sides of the face.
- 8- From the black fun foam, cut out the right and left horns as shown on the pattern. Glue them on top of her head. Space them so that they are a little closer to her ears than they are to each other. Ideally, there should be some space between the ears and the horns.
- 9- Put a drop of craft glue on one end of a 2 1/2 inch red chenille stem and stick it into one of the arm holes about 1/4 of an inch. Bend the stem down to form a shoulder. Then bend the other end of the chenille stem into a small loop to form

- the hand. Bend the arm in the middle for an elbow. Repeat for the other arm.
- 10- To make the pitchfork, cut out two pitchfork tops using the pattern provided, and glue them together with the dowel in between for the handle. Use a low temp glue gun.
  - 11- Slide the handle into the chenille loop that forms the right hand. Make any adjustments to the loop that are needed. Position the handle so that the bottom of it rests on the base.
  - 12- Cut out two of the tail tips from black felt and glue them together with the end of a 3 ½ inch red chenille stem in between. Use a low temp glue gun.
  - 13- Put a drop of craft glue on the other end of the chenille stem and stick it into the tail hole on the back of her body. Bend the tail down sharply at the body, and then curve it up and out so it looks good.
  - 14- Cut the cape out of the black felt, using the pattern, and glue it around her neck on the back side, making sure it is flush against her head. Use a low temp glue gun.
  - 15- For her hair, wrap the black yarn around a 2 ½ inch wide piece of cardboard About 10 – 12 times (cereal box cardboard works well). Allow the strands to spread out over an area about a half an inch wide at the most. Secure the ends temporarily. On the edge farthest from the ends you just secured, stitch the strands of yarn together tightly, using black thread. Many small stitches will work better than a few big ones. This will keep them from bunching too much. Tie the thread off securely so the strands of yarn don't come loose. Then, at the opposite end of the cardboard, cut through all the strands of yarn to free them. You should now have ten to twelve 5 inch yarns all sewn together in the middle.
  - 16- Position the yarn strands on the She-devil's head so that the threaded part is just in front of the horns. Guide all of the strands of yarn that are towards the backside so that they are between the horns. Then take a few of the front strands closest to the right side and position them between the ear and the horn. Do this on the left side, too. Depending on the positioning of the ears and horns on your particular character, you might need to make other adjustments with the yarn so it looks right.
  - 17- Gently lift the yarn in the front and run a line of glue just in front of the horns. Use a low temp glue gun. Press the hair in place and let it cool down. Then lift the yarn behind the horns and run another line of glue along the back side of the horns and press the yarn in place again. Don't mess with it too much, just let it cool. You want the glue to be on the yarn that is closest to the head, but not near the top. The thread should hold it all together so that you won't need a lot of glue.
  - 18- Next, trim some of the yarn strands in the front to make bangs, leaving a few on each side untrimmed so they hang down in front of her ears.
  - 19- To make the yarn more fluffy and hair-like, take a blunt needle and separate out the 4-ply on each strand of yarn. You'll probably want to trim it up a bit afterwards to even it out.

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