

# Halloween Costumes

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It was nearly Halloween, so Jenny and her friends had to finish their costumes soon. Everyone was working so hard making them. It was hard work, but it would pay off with extra candy if they finished on time! It didn't hurt to look good, either.

Frank, her little brother, was going as a Fantastabot. That was a kind of robot that he liked from his cartoons. He was using a lot of cardboard, paint, paper, and shiny plastic to make his costume. It actually looked really good. He was a pretty good artist for his age, and was very good with lego blocks. Maybe that's why he was so good at making a robot costume.

Her friend Sandra from next door wanted to be a fairy. She used coat hangers to make the shapes of the wings, and she'd stretched colorful tissue paper across the wings. With spots and sparkles, they looked like real butterfly wings, only human-sized! She was finishing the costume with her ballet outfit and some sparkly tights and a tiara. It was a very pretty costume.

Thomas, Sandra's brother, wanted to be a superhero. He had some stretchy pants and a cape he'd made. He was working on a mask to cover his face and a shirt with a cool super hero logo. It was a decent costume, but he was a bit skinny for a superhero. Jenny helped him a little bit, because he was her friend's brother, and because he was really funny sometimes.

And what was Jenny going to be? Well, she'd be a princess, of course. She'd been adding rhinestones and glitter to an old pink dress she had from a party last year. She was also doing up her hair and makeup with mom's help. Shiny silver shoes with glass beads finished the look, along with a scepter that made her look royal.

When Halloween came, they all looked awesome. Everyone complemented them on their costumes and even gave them extra candy sometimes. The whole thing was a great success, and Jenny was sad to finally take off her princess costume at the end of the night. Oh well, she thought... I can always wear it on the weekends!



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  - C. 3
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