



Choosing the Right Costume

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Find your own style. Are you sweet? Scary? Funny? Athletic? Perky? Angry? Your Halloween costume is a great excuse to project your true self, and maybe a side of yourself you don't usually get a chance to share. Also, think about your hobbies and interests... become the person (or thing) you've always wanted to be!

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Decide on a budget. Halloween costumes can range from cheap to very expensive, so it's important to have an idea on what you'd like to spend. When choosing, make sure to know what's included. A costume containing, for example, a shirt, pants, hat, wig, and belt is a better deal than the same price for just a mask. Also, you can save money by doing things yourself. Generally, it's recommended that you be willing to spend around \$20-\$40 on your costume, as most decent costumes are within that price range.

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Keep time in mind. Are you planning on making your costume? Make sure that you have enough time. You'll need an idea, first of all, so start thinking about a month before and try to allow yourself at least two weeks ahead to make and adjust the costume. Although it seems early, thinking ahead gives you the space to make something that fits well and gives you the chance to run down and buy more items if needed.

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Check the weather. It's important to be prepared to go out in any sort of weather, be it rain, hail or shine. Have a raincoat, poncho and rain boots option that can be thrown over your costume if needed. Obviously, if it's hot, don't wear a heavy costume or one that has lots of layers. If it's cold, you might want to add a jacket as part of your costume and re-think that cheerleader outfit!

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Consider a group costume. If you're going out with some friends, one cool way to wriggle out of being original is to have matching costumes. This can be hilarious for onlookers who see a bunch of the same characters or similar ones walking together. You can also do an entire ensemble, such as the cast of a TV show or the starting lineup for a pro basketball team.