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Halloween Math

Putting together a fun, inexpensive, last-minute Halloween costume is basically mandatory for college students. Halloween provides the perfect excuse to have a fun party, binge on candy without guilt, and express your inner Bride of Frankenstein (or whoever's lurking deep within).

Here are a few quick calculations that will have you ready for the Monster Mash in no time (and with little to no budget):

- 1 thrift store bridesmaid dress + 1 toy tiara + over-the-top earrings = Queen of Anything You Choose
- 1 black leotard (or black pants and t-shirt) + headband with felt ears attached + "whiskers" drawn on with eyeliner = Black Cat (or swap the headgear to become a Witch instead)
- 1 large transparent trash bag (cut arm and leg holes) + small inflated balloons (various colors) + ribbon tie to cinch trash bag at neck = bag of jelly beans
- 1 pair khaki shorts + 1 pair striped tube socks + 1 pair sandals + Hawaiian shirt + tropical hat = Tacky Tourist (multiply by 2 for couple's costume)
- 1 bed sheet, strategically tied + 1 wreath of fake greenery = Toga Costume from "Animal House" (It's a classic collegiate movie from the '70s... Google it!)

Most importantly, make sure your costume is comfortable. You want spend your evening dancing and laughing with friends, not tugging at a short skirt or lifting an Ironman mask to engage in conversation!