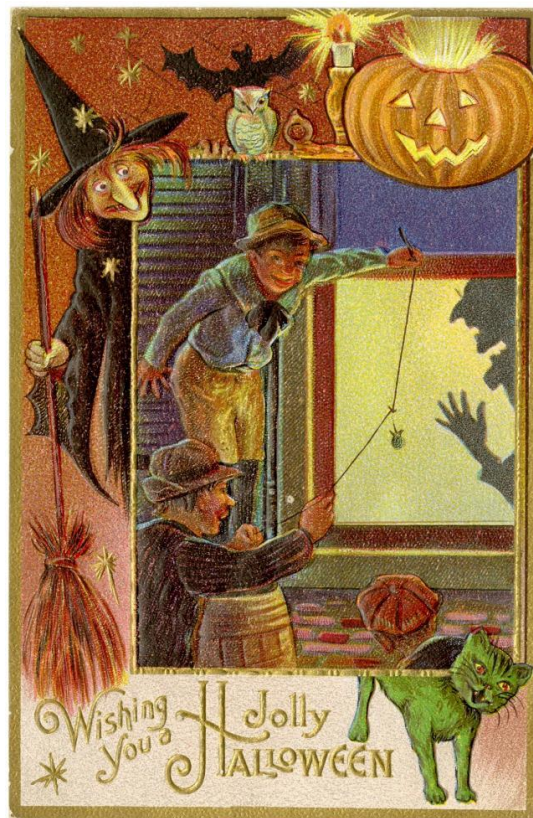


Boo-tiful Magic

Step-by-Step Instructions

The PAMA Archives is home to many documents, like letters, maps, photos and records. There are also spooky materials in the collection!

Did you know that sending postcards around Halloween was popular in the early 1900s? Pictured here is a postcard sent to Lavina Bella, the mother of Betty Odlum. Betty was a Brampton resident and noted photographer. You can see more of the postcards on the Archives @ PAMA blog [here](#).



Halloween postcard sent to Lavina Bella, 1927, Region of Peel Archives, Betty Odlum fonds

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Use crayons and paint to create a magical Halloween postcard!

Materials: Paper (cut into the size of a postcard, use cardstock if it will go in the mail), Wax Crayons, Black Acrylic Paint, Paintbrush, Carving Tool (like a toothpick)

1. Colour

Colour the whole paper with crayons. You can use any colours except black – black will not show up when you carve in your design. Press hard so that the colours show up nice and bright.



2. Paint

Use a paintbrush to paint over the drawing with black acrylic paint. Let the paint dry before going to step 3.



3. Carve

Use a toothpick or similar tool to carve your design. Gently draw using the toothpick on top of the paint. The toothpick will scrape away the paint and your design will show through from the colours underneath. What Halloween images will you include? Ghosts, witches, pumpkins, bats or cats? Get creative with whatever you choose!

