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Welcome Villagers!

Welcome to the Halloween edition of The Crossing Board Magazine! Luckily, we have only included treats in this issue and will leave all the tricks to your villagers on Halloween night.

In this issue you can find Wisp's very own recipe for his favorite pavlova, the best Halloween costume ideas for the big day, our guide to fixing Joycon drift, and Agony Agnes is back to help you work through your biggest fears. Additionally, you can enjoy our usual instalment of puzzles and quizzes!

This month, we're giving away a spooky furniture set **exclusively** for our print magazine subscribers!

OCTOBER GIVEAWAY



Just post a photo of your magazine and let us know which article was your favorite for a chance to win! Be sure to tag us: @crossingboard on Twitter and @thecrossingboard on Instagram.

Good luck!

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Season Recap

Hey Reader,

It's good to see you! September has been another month of big changes in the Animal Crossing: New Horizons universe. Our Southern Hemisphere friends said hello to young spring bamboo and goodbye to the cold chill of winter. Meanwhile in the North, the grass began to yellow and the weeds have sprouted delicate blue flowers to signal the beginning of fall. For those on Northern Hemisphere islands, keep an eye on the sky! Acorns and pinecones will be falling from the trees and balloons may contain DIY recipes that use these autumnal materials.

To gain as many materials as possible, remember to shake your hardwood and cedar trees. Up to 14 items (materials, branches, money, and furniture) can drop at a time but you may need to shake your trees a lot to receive that many. If your island is more urban than forest, don't worry. You don't need lots of trees to gain lots of materials, just pick the items up once they drop and your tree will continue to drop more! Alternatively, you could always take a vacation with a Nook Miles Ticket to a forestry deserted island.

Now that October is here, you will find some **gourd** old fashioned pumpkins to plant across your island! Buy starts from Leif or Nook's Cranny to enjoy the new wonders of farming. Harvest your pumpkins to craft the Spooky set and decorate your island in time for a special guest to creep onto your island... Jack, the Reigning Czar of Halloween, will visit on October 31st to offer some seasonal festivities while your villagers will introduce you to some scary new reactions. To prepare, be sure to visit Nook's Cranny and purchase your daily candy to stock up for the trick or treating fun!

If you would like to see more ideas and make new friends who love this game as much as you do, join us on Discord (discord.gg/aVpVhx2). We will be hosting a variety of Halloween events and we can't wait for you to join in on the fun! We can't wait to see you!

Lots of love,

**The
Crossing
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Team.**



5 SHOCKINGLY Fun Facts About Animal Crossing

Have you ever wondered how Animal Crossing came to be? The first game, Animal Forest, came out on the Nintendo 64 in 2001 and since then the franchise has continued to grow. Along the way, mysteries, rumors, and facts have circulated. Some are wholesome, some are creepy, and some are just overall mindblowing. Let's dive in!

1

ANIMAL CROSSING IS BASED ON A TRUE STORY

The first Animal Crossing game was actually inspired by the experiences of the game's designer, Katsuya Eguchi who made the life-changing decision to move to Nintendo's headquarters in Kyoto for work. Eguchi wanted to recreate the feeling of being alone in a foreign place, away from everything and everyone that you were familiar with. From receiving mail from your mother to buying your own house, many of the in-game experiences are said to be inspired by Eguchi's experiences.

2

LOST IN TRANSLATION

Animal Crossing was originally made in Japanese and it was quite a task to translate it into different languages. A lot of the furniture, items, and even dialogue in the game were heavily influenced by Japanese culture and it was a challenge for the writers to translate them in a way that people around the world could understand.

If you ever see something in the game that doesn't make sense to you, try searching it up to see where its influences come from!



3

SHE EATS YOUR DREAMS!

We all know Luna is our dream keeper who leads us to different islands when we fall asleep. But have you ever thought of what Luna actually is? She looks similar to the other anteaters in the game but there is something different about her... Well actually, Luna is said to be a dream eater! Close enough, right? She's based on a Japanese mythical creature called the Baku, which is known to eat people's nightmares. Spooky!

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TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF

Have you ever wondered how Nintendo names its Animal Crossing games? Like, how did they come up with “Animal Crossing: New Leaf”?

Well, New Leaf is derived from the saying “turning over a new leaf” or experiencing a new change in your life. And it’s not only because you’re starting off as the mayor of your own new town, but it’s also a new change for everyone else as well!

A lot of the in-game characters are either returning back to their jobs, or even getting a new one. For example, Tom Nook goes into the real estate business, Labelle reunites with her sisters once again and goes back to helping out the family business, and Kicks has his own shoe store! It’s a nice evolution from the unfamiliarity of the first game because this time you’re all in it together!

5

TOM NOOK IS A MYTH?

Many things in Animal Crossing are heavily influenced by Japanese culture so it’s not always easy to understand where some of the items and dialogue came from if you’re not familiar with Japanese folklore. Did you know that Tom Nook could possibly be based on the mythological creature, the Tanuki?

The cheeky Tanuki is a racoon dog, and traditional Japanese prankster god. It’s commonly depicted with a leaf on its head which it uses to shapeshift in order to deceive humans. Sound familiar? This could explain why in-game items are leaves first in our pockets and transform when we place them!

Pew, that was a lot! We hope you learned something new about our favorite game! Which fun fact was your favorite? Let us know by sharing your thoughts and tagging our social media accounts (@crossingboard on Twitter or @thecrossingboard on Instagram)! And be sure to keep an eye out for more spooky easter eggs in potential updates.

Top Custom Designs for Halloween and Fall

This season, we wanted to highlight some of the many talents currently making art within the Animal Crossing: New Horizons community. These designs are a great way to get your island in the seasonal spirit without having to spend any bells! You can also search for key words at Able Sisters. Some keywords we like to search are: ‘pumpkin’, ‘cobweb’, ‘ghost’, and ‘Halloween’! Check out some of our favorite designs below!

Creator Code MA-3768-5847-3382

Stuck for a Halloween costume? This ghoulish dress is the perfect outfit to trick or treat in! We love the classic combination of black and orange. Does anything else scream Halloween more than this?

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Creator Code MA-1695-3614-1842

This Trick or Treat design is perfect for a plain wooden shop sign. Place it outside your villagers' houses or at your island entrance to get yourself in the seasonal spirit.

[Save](#)



Creator Code MA-9554-1775-5799

Florals in fall? Groundbreaking! Place this custom design on your grass to make any empty patch feel like an autumnal meadow. Plus, it's a perfect pop of color!

[Save](#)



Creator Code MA-4694-6196-4514

This creator has designed a bunch of fall paths to guide your guests to the perfect trick or treat route. Packed full of autumn leaves and log stepping stones, it would be a pleasure to get lost on these winding roads.

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Creator Code MA-8454-4791-2041

This cloak is sure to cast a spell on all of your guests! It's a perfect complement to a witch or wizard outfit. It's one of many designs Lula has in her collection so be sure to see what else she has in store!

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Creator Code MA-0599-7747-9334

This design is so versatile, it can be used as an actual hat or displayed as a cake! Place it on a stall for a deliciously ghoulish decoration. Perfect for a haunted cafe, ghostly feast, or abandoned bakery!

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All of the above creators have loads more designs you can use! Simply search their creator code in Able Sisters! You can even design your own and share them with us on Instagram (@thecrossingboard) and Twitter (@crossingboard). We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Wisp's Spirit Piece Pavlovas

Prep time: ~3hrs (including cool down) | **Bake time:** 30min

Using pears from your island and warming spices, this Wisp-inspired dessert is the perfect way to finish any Halloween feast. The meringue and pear compote can each be made a few days in advance so bake at your leisure! This recipe makes 10 pavlovas.

Meringue:

4 large egg whites (at room temperature)
Pinch of salt
250g caster sugar
1 tsp cream of tartar or white wine vinegar
1 tsp vanilla extract

Filling:

4 pears
1 tbsp maple syrup
1 tsp brown sugar
1 tsp nutmeg
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp lemon juice
90g chocolate



Meringue Method

1. Preheat your oven to 180°C/ 300°F/ Gas mark 4.
2. Wipe a large bowl with a few drops of lemon to remove any oil residue. Crack your eggs and add just the whites to the bowl with the salt.
3. Using a clean electric mixer on medium speed, beat the egg whites until they form stiff peaks. This means you should be able to turn the bowl upside down without them falling on your head. It's easy to under and over mix egg whites, so if you're a beginner make sure to take regular breaks to test the upside down method.
4. Once you have reached stiff peaks, it's time to slowly add in your sugar a tablespoon at a time whisking in between adding the sugar so that each spoonful can dissolve. It's important to go as slowly as possible at this stage, otherwise the sugar won't have time to dissolve and your mixture will be grainy - yuck!
5. Add your cream of tartar and vanilla to the mixture then fold **gently** to combine. If you have never folded before: cut down the middle of the mixture with a spoon or silicone spatula, scrape along the bottom of the bowl and then up the side before going down the middle again to repeat. Rotate the bowl and continue until everything is mixed.

6. Using a pencil, draw out a teardrop shape onto some baking trays lined with greaseproof paper. A good reference is to make the teardrop shapes about the length of your pencil.
7. Now that you've drawn yourself a guide, spoon your meringue onto the shapes. Make the sides of each meringue slightly taller than the centre so there is room for your filling. You can also use your spoon to make points and swirls in your shapes!
8. Pop your meringues into the oven and turn the temperature down to 150°C/ 300°F/ Gas mark 2. Bake for 30 minutes then turn the oven off and leave them to sit inside for another 30 minutes to dry out. After their hour in the oven, remove and let them cool. Meringues can be baked a couple of days in advance of assembling.

Making the Filling

1. Chop your pears into small cubes and add to a small pot with all of your filling ingredients. Cook on a medium heat until all the water has evaporated (around 15 minutes). Spoon your pear compote into a small bowl and leave in the fridge to chill for 15 minutes or even a few days.
2. While your pears are chilling, it's time to melt the chocolate. Dice into cubes and melt in the microwave for 20 seconds at a time, mixing well after each period.

Assembly

1. Once everything is cool (other than the melted chocolate, which should still be warm) it's time to put it all together! Spoon your pear chunks into the wells in your meringue. If there is any watery liquid, pour this out as it will make everything soggy.
2. Using a teaspoon, drizzle your melted chocolate over your shapes- you can make any pattern that you like! Using the chocolate to make spooky faces could also turn your spirit pieces into little ghosts!

If you would like to see us make these spirit pieces, head over to our TikTok (@thecrossingboard)!

We would love to see how yours turned out so don't forget to tag us in your pictures on Instagram (@thecrossingboard) and Twitter (@crossingboard)!



Quiz: Which Villager Will Take You On A Halloween Adventure?



What will you dress up as?

- A. A witch! (It's a classic).
- B. A Victorian ghost.
- C. A zombie.
- D. A creepy jester.



Which treat are you hoping for?

- A. Chocolate bars.
- B. Sour candy.
- C. Candy corn.
- D. Pretzels.



Where will you spend your evening?

- A. At home watching scary movies.
- B. The most haunted place on the island.
- C. Trick or treating.
- D. An abandoned carnival.



How will you spend the day before to prepare?

- A. Baking goodies for all my guests!
- B. Carving pumpkins.
- C. Making a list of all the snacks to buy.
- D. Planning out all of my pranks!



Choose your favorite fall drink:

- A. Hot apple cider.
- B. Something with lots of pumpkin and cinnamon.
- C. A candy corn milkshake.
- D. A cranberry spritzer



How will you document the night?

- A. Take hundreds of polaroids.
- B. A go-pro.
- C. Taking silly selfies with all of my friends!
- D. I will livestream the event to my fans.



Who is invited to your party?

- A. A small group of close friends.
- B. All of my neighbors, I don't want to leave anyone out.
- C. More friends = more snacks. Everyone can come!
- D. I invited my friends, their friends, their friends' friends, and every A-list celebrity I know!



How will you wrap up the night?

- A. Playing light as a feather, stiff as a board.
- B. Telling our scariest ghost stories.
- C. Falling asleep covered in candy wrappers.
- D. Cleaning up and following all my new friends on social media.

Results...

IF YOU CHOSE MOSTLY A's... your cozy friend is KIKI!



You're not a fan of crowds and big parties, so an intimate sleepover it is! With this sweet black cat, you'll create an awesome witchy evening for a handful of close friends. Planning with Kiki will include lots of baking and giggles. You'll even make a cool, foggy punch using a recipe she found on Pinterest! The location is Kiki's house, where the orange walls match her Halloween aesthetic. Music will be supplied by the mysterious figure playing piano in the corner... And don't forget, October is Kiki's birthday month, so be sure to bring a gift! Your night ends up being a total hit, with all your friends staying awake until sunrise casting spells!



IF YOU CHOSE MOSTLY B's... your exploring companion is COCO!

You can't sit inside on the spookiest night of the year, it's time to go ghost hunting! Wrap up warm with a thick scarf and prepare to scare yourself silly. Coco has planned an evening in the most haunted area of your island. Walking through the abandoned campsite with a thermos of pumpkin spice latte – was that steam or a ghost!? You spend the rest of the evening looking through the footage and debating whether the audio said "go away" or "goop smay". Sometimes it's more fun to believe!



IF YOU CHOSE MOSTLY C's... your party assistant is LUCKY!



With Lucky by your side, you can promise your guests a spooktacular graveyard gala! This lazy puppy may leave you to do all the planning and decorating by yourself, but you can rely on Lucky to make sure all the snacks are accounted for (not including the ones he ate himself). After an evening of intense trick or treating, you will end up at the local graveyard for a twilight party full of friends and food. As the sugar rush kicks in, prepare to monster mash the night away!



IF YOU CHOSE MOSTLY D's... your event host is PIETRO!

Halloween only comes once a year and this time it's going to be bigger than ever! Pietro has rented out a whole theme park for your extravagant bash and will spare no expense. This confident clown is more than happy to set up pranks all over the site to make sure no guest leaves without a little fear in their heart. Pietro helps you build a photo booth to ensure all the fun memories are documented (and can be posted on Instagram later).



Mini Pumpkin Bread Recipe

Prep: 2.5hrs - 4hrs (depending on proofing) | **Bake time:** 30min

Ingredients:

2/3 cup unsweetened milk
(dairy or plant based)
1/4 cup light brown sugar
3 tbsp instant yeast
1 cup pumpkin puree
1 large egg
4 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups plain flour
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp allspice
1/3 cup butter (at room temperature and cut into cubes)

The Crossing Board tested and Jack approved! Taste the flavors of fall in a shape that's almost too good to eat. These pumpkin shaped bread rolls can be served sweet or savoury, so they're the perfect companion to any autumnal feast (or a chilly picnic). This recipe makes **15 mini rolls**.



Making the Dough:

1. Add 1/3 cup of milk to a small bowl and gently warm in the microwave for 10 seconds at a time until room temperature or slightly warmer. Add yeast, one teaspoon of your brown sugar and whisk until dissolved. Let rest in a warm place until the yeast is foamy (around 10 minutes).
2. In a large bowl, add pumpkin puree, egg, milk, and your yeast mixture. Whisk until combined.
3. Slowly add your flour and spices, stirring each time you add more flour until it becomes a shaggy dough. If your dough feels dry but you have flour left over, keep it to one side and use to flour your surface.
4. Turn dough onto your floured surface and knead in the butter one cube at a time. The dough should be smooth (add more flour if it is sticking to your hands). Place dough into an oiled bowl and leave in a warm place until doubled in size (around two hours).

- Once risen, roll the dough into a log and divide into approximately 15 equal pieces. Form each piece into a small ball and set aside.

Shaping the Pumpkin Bread:

- Cut around 40cm of string for each dough ball. If in doubt, cut slightly longer.
- Over a small bowl, cover string with vegetable oil. Remove each piece as you need it, squeezing off most of the oil.
- Lie your string flat on a surface and place a ball of dough in the centre. Bring the string up to meet in the middle above your dough and cross over like you are wrapping a present. Ensure the string is flush to the surface of the dough, but not too tight as your bread will expand in the oven. Flip the ball over and repeat until your ball is divided into eight sections. Tie the string in a secure knot at the top of your dough and trim off any excess. Repeat for all dough balls.
- Space your pumpkins out on lined baking trays, cover and allow to rise for around an hour on the counter. The dough should spring back when poked with a finger. Preheat your oven to 180°C / 350°F.



Bake and Serve:

- Once risen, bake pumpkin bread in the oven for around **30 minutes**. They should be lightly browned and sound hollow when you tap their bottoms.
- Remove from the oven and brush with melted butter to make them glossy. Be careful as they will be very hot!
- To make the stem, use whatever you can find! Nuts like cashews or pecans work really well.
- To serve, pull apart the segments and dunk in your favorite soup. Or slice horizontally, pop them in the toaster and serve with your favorite nut or chocolate butter!

If you have made your own mini pumpkins, we would love to see them! Remember to tag us in your pictures on Instagram (@thecrossingboard) and Twitter (@crossingboard)!

KK's Halloween Playlist

The perfect soundtrack to your ghostly evening! Play these over a throwback skull radio for an eerie ambiance. You may even find a villager or two singing along in the middle of the night.



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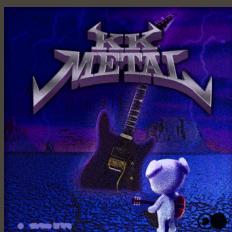
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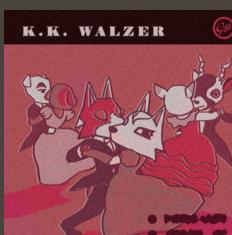
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KK Lullaby



KK Waltz



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KK Casbah



Muffy's Fall Favorites

As the weather gets cooler, Muffy has compiled a list of her favorite things to get you through rainier days and chillier nights.

Pumpkins – Pulling out the guts of a gourd and carving a scary face? Sign me up! Super weird tradition but one you totally can't miss. No haunted house is complete without these cool veggies.

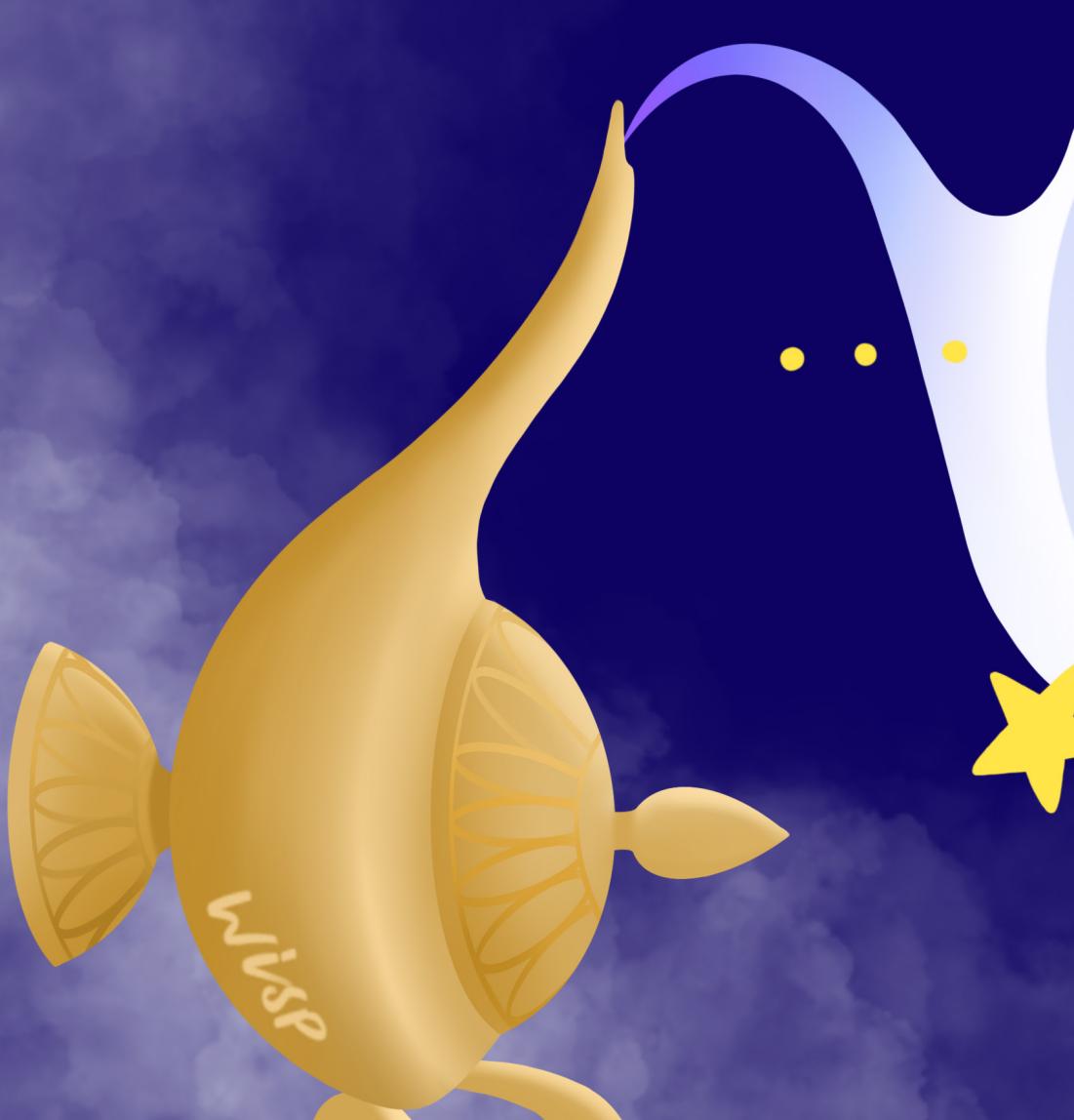
Movie night – I love watching scary movies with my friends. Especially when we can laugh at how the CGI is all messed up. It's perfect pairing for all that trick or treat candy!

Reading – There's nothing like snuggling up with a good horror novel to ring in the gloomy season. I especially like those spooky stories about vampires falling in love with humans. So gross yet so cool!

Hot chocolate – I'll take one with double chocolate, extra whipped cream, extra marshmallows, and cinnamon sprinkles! The perfect hand warmer for a cold, outdoor concert, Nightshade. Am I right or am I right?!

Foliage – Crunchy leaves are almost like having tiny drums underneath your feet. Each one sounds different and running through them creates such a great sound. All those shades of orange, yellow, brown look super cool too.

Sweaters – I might have a cozy sweater... or 10. Just because the leaves are dying, doesn't mean your style has to Nightshade!



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Agony Agnes returns!

Dear Agnes

I...I...I need a little help with a problem I have. I keep finding myself getting spooked by the simplest of things. A buzzy bee on a sunny day whisking past my ear, or a villager at nighttime turning up behind me unannounced... It scares the spirit right out of me! It is turning out to be a real effort to keep finding my spirit pieces and putting myself back together after getting a terrible fright. With Halloween fast approaching, I am a little worried that I will once again find myself terrified over something silly and then spend hours looking for my spirit pieces. Do you have any advice for a scaredy-cat like me?

Yours, Worried Wisp



Dear Wisp,

It is very normal to be frightened of things. We all have our fears, whether it be of the dark, spiders or heights. However, you will be pleased to know that there are many ways you can tackle this issue! But the most important thing is to remember that usually, your fears are irrational. For example, is that spider on the wall really going to jump over and attack you? Probably not. Here are a few ways to tackle those fears and put your mind at ease!

Firstly, some people find it helpful to approach these fears head-on! That could mean holding a little spider to begin with, or spending a short period of time in a dark room to slowly adjust yourself to the fear.

This can show you that what you're scared of isn't so scary after all! Sitting with your fear for 2-3 minutes, breathing slowly and rewarding yourself with a treat such as a chocolate bar or your favorite film can help you slowly overcome your fear.

Another way to help you to feel better about your fears is to talk about them. Sharing can take away a lot of the scariness when someone can put them into perspective! For example you could try talking to a friend (we like talking to our peppy friends as they always have a positive view on life)! This could help you talk through why you're scared and bring those feelings and thoughts into reality.

And lastly, we recommend taking a leaf out of our villagers' books! We have noticed that our villagers seem to be enjoying life without a care in the world on our beautiful and serene islands. What is their secret? Well, we suspect it may have something to do with the regular yoga we watch them partake in every day! Yoga has countless benefits; increased flexibility, weight reduction, maintaining a balanced metabolism. But Yoga also has many benefits for the mind. Many people find it is one of the most effective stress relievers and practising it can create mental clarity and calmness. Our favourite poses are the tree pose and the downward dog.

After using any of the above techniques, always remember to reward yourself for any progress you make. You deserve it, after all, spiders, the dark or even claustrophobia are really scary! No one is perfect and we all have our fears and worries, so you never have to feel alone, but we hope these techniques can make them seem a little less frightening.

Yours sincerely,

Agony Agnes
xxx

Thanks for writing in, Worried Wisp! I hoped this helped unstick the jam you're in. If you're in need of some friendly advice, be sure to send us a question at contact@thecrossingboard.com.

Halloween Costume Ideas

Halloween may feel socially distant this year but that doesn't mean we have to miss out on all the fun! You can still spend time with your friends through the virtual world of Animal Crossing: New Horizons.

Invite your friends to your island for fancy dress parties, trick or treating, murder mystery events, and scavenger hunts. There is also a long list of haunted islands to visit through the dream suite if you're looking for some spooky solo adventures. But what is Halloween without a good costume? Impress your guests with these magical outfit choices!

Peter Pan

Dress up as the boy who never grows up. Chloe is wearing a Green Sprite Costume (2,500 bells), an Acorn Knit Cap in Avocado (880 bells), and Brown Antique Boots (2,640 bells). For a ghoulish twist, change your skin tone to an ultra pale white and add pink contacts!

For a matching costume idea, the Green Fairy Dress (3,640 bells) is perfect for Tinkerbell! Style with a blonde bun and accessorize with a Star Wand (DIY). If only Ables sold fairy wings...



Hotdog

A tasty and simple costume. We think Ketchup looks especially cute in this one. She is wearing a Hotdog Costume (1,280 bells). Add orange contacts to match.



Lumberjack

Look cute while doing your daily chores in this lumberjack costume. Lola is wearing Lumberjack Cutie (MO-NXPJ-7VX7-LMP9), an Ochre Knit Hat (560 bells), Red Work Boots (1,920 bells), a Log Pack (DIY) and holding a Flimsy Axe (DIY or 800 bells).

Zombiefy your look using a green skin tone and yellow contacts.

Wizard

Add a little magic to your Halloween with a wizard costume. Sherb is wearing a Blue Wizard's Robe (4,000 bells), Blue Mage's Hat (3,440 bells), Black Mage's Booties (1,550 bells), Brown Rimmed Glasses (630 bells) and a Star Wand (DIY).

For a witchy alternative, we love the Spells & Stardust design (MO-2QLY-HFM9-S1WD). Just add a Black Mage's Hat (3,440 bells).



There are so many more dress-up costumes available in Able Sisters and even more should be rotating through the seasonal section of the store this month leading up to Halloween. Also keep an eye out for Kicks since he's selling Impish wings! Make sure to tag us on Twitter @crossingboard or Instagram @thecrossingboard in your favorite Halloween costumes!

HAUNTED ISLAND TOUR: GEMBOP

In honour of Halloween, I searched far and wide for an island of the spookiest nature to show you this month. Much to my excitement, I came across ‘Gembop’ - a dark and gloomy haunted island.

What started as a wholesome wander through a quiet seaside town quickly became much more sinister as I was led through twists and turns by my tour guide, Lula. I found myself disorientated and tormented by the mysterious fates of those before me. It was a wonder I made it out to tell the tale. Thankfully, I was able to note down my frightening exchange with island representative Lula so that you may experience it for yourselves...



Myself: “I’ve never seen something like this before, it’s incredible.”

Lula: “Thank you, I’m a sucker for lighthouses!”

“Did you know it was going to look this cool from out at sea or was it just pure luck?”

“I got inspiration from someone who did a seashell castle on Reddit and thought I’d add a dark twist to it.”



“This is a picnic party by the beach!”

“Kind of reminds me of Winnie the Pooh; have you seen that tea party scene where they’re all gathered around a long table?”

“I have! Yes, it’s the most wholesome part of the island.”



“This is a little peninsula relaxation area by the waves.”

“What’s with the ‘missing’ posters?”

“It’s for the people who come to visit and do not return home.”



“This museum area has an unsettling aura but I can’t work out why...”

“It definitely has a mysterious vibe. Lighting is everything. Also, the cherry blossoms in the wind seem to spook me.”



"A queen needs a throne."

"Iconic. How come you placed it there?"

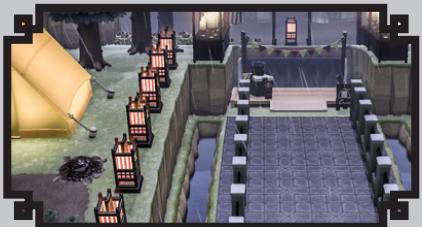
"I just love the view of the water behind the island. Feels very strong at the top of the beaches."



"This is my campsite."

"Wow, why did you choose to decorate it like this?"

"I chose to go non-traditional with more of a dark vibe with the red lanterns and dark path going up."



"This is my home, my red paradise."

"It's insanely gorgeous!"

"I wanted to add a red area to my island so I designed a blood red cobblestone wall. It then became a

full red palace that I now call home. It has spooky yet elegant vibes and I had a lot of fun putting it together. Fossils are a great touch."



"This is my tiny beach library because... Every island needs a library!"

"Gotta stay educated."



“A mini forest! I added the touch of star fragments. I think they’re beautiful.”

“I love it – really atmospheric.”



“My villagers’ homes are all equipped with ‘trick or treat’ candy bowls.”

“Adorable – it’s like a proper little village! Ready for Halloween.”



“This is my little cardboard box pier. It keeps me humble.”

“Looks like a post-apocalyptic beach!”

“TBH, I just have an obsession with cardboard boxes in this game.”



“Beach huts?”

“Yes I’m obsessed with having homes on the beach. Not a lot of people do it but I think they look great on sand.”



“And just behind my poisons lab is the prison!”

“This is so inventive, looks like a lot of hard work has gone into it. Is this a canal?”

“It’s meant to give the illusion that the prison is on an island of its own. There’s no escaping.”



“This is the bridge that leads to the Gembop Suites Hotel.”

“A hotel? This just keeps getting better!”

“I wanted it to be dramatic and I think I achieved that.”

“Are we going in?”

“Absolutely. But we may not make it out.”





INSIDE GEMBOP SUITES HOTEL...



Please enjoy your stay. You'll be here a while...



This is room 777. A lucky number...or is it?



This is our presidential suite, but beware, the walls come to life



What is this axe doing here?!



This is where we take people whose cards are declined



Finally, enjoy a meal at the rooftop restaurant.

And that concludes my time on Gembop. While it was a tricky escape, I can't say I didn't enjoy the thrill! Thank you to Lula (@welphatwasrude on Twitter) for taking the time to show me around.

xx Island Explorer

Banish the Demon Causing Your Joy-Con Drift

We've all been playing ACNH for 6 months now and there is one technical demon that has been affecting many players' enjoyment of the game.

Character suddenly moving across the screen on its own? That's Joy-Con drift. Terraforming and you build a cliff in the wrong place? That'll also be Joy-Con drift.

The item selection screen becomes a scrolling mess? You bet that's Joy-Con drift.

Fear not if you've experienced this on your Switch because there are a number of ways to fix those pesky Joy-Cons.

- 1. Recalibrate your Joy-Cons:** If you notice drift (usually the left one) the first thing we recommend is to recalibrate your controllers. Remove Joy-Cons from the main body of the Switch and go to System Settings. Select 'Controllers and Sensors' and then 'Calibrate Control Sticks' following the instructions on screen, pressing down on the affected Joy-Con.
- 2. Check for Joy-Con update:** Did you know that Joy-Con firmware can be updated? Your Switch may prompt you to do this anyway but it is worth checking manually. Go to Settings and select the Controllers menu for the Update Controllers option.
- 3. Clean your Joy-Cons:** Over time, dust and debris can build up under the thumbstick, causing blockage. Blasting compressed air, available at any electronics store, at the seam under the thumbstick should dislodge any debris. Don't forget to wipe down afterwards and follow the recalibration instructions in Step 1 to see if that fixes your issue.
- 4. Buy a replacement Joy-Con:** This is both the most risk free and expensive option as you will want to buy brand new Joy-Cons which can cost up to £70. We don't recommend buying second hand as they may already suffer from Joy-Con drift. You could also splash the cash on a Nintendo pro controller. Slightly cheaper but a very different gaming experience!
- 5. Send to Nintendo for repair:** If none of the above steps have worked, your last resort is to send your Switch in for repair. Although this may take some time, the problem is so common that Nintendo are now fixing drift for free! Was this helpful? Do you have any other tips to fix Joy-Con drift? Let us know on Twitter (@crossingboard) and Instagram (@thecrossingboard).



Decorating Your Island for Halloween

Spooky Season is here and you're probably preparing for the big night. But how will you decorate? Pumpkins, skeletons, and monster masks are a great start – but what else is there? Let's take a look at some ideas that could really spook up your island this October!

AN ODE TO MOVIE MAGIC.

Every Halloween we love to sit down with our candy and scare ourselves silly with a creepy movie. Try basing your theme on a seasonal flick. Imagine walking around the chaotic world of Paranorman, Hocus Pocus, Beetlejuice and more...

TERRAFORMING MYSTERY.

Who left that big footprint there? By terraforming, you could create mysterious shapes and clues to intrigue your villagers and guests. A skull-shaped lake, holes that go nowhere, rock circles – who knows how they got there...



GRAVEYARD SCARE.

A cemetery or graveyard is a Halloween staple for a reason. Plant weeds and black flowers for an overgrown aesthetic with some white spooky lanterns. You can also customise your tombstones for a creepy, mossy effect. Tip: bury a skeleton and tell your guests to dig it up for a spooky surprise!



TRICK OR TREAT.

Take full advantage of all the new spooky furniture in the fall update to transform your villagers' houses. If you've laid out all your houses in a village, add a spooky arch near the front and spooky candy sets outside houses. Litter spooky standing lanterns along the streets

HAUNTED HOUSE.

Fill your house with scary relics. You could use your own house or create a second character with a spooky name for your villagers to talk about. Abandoned sea shack, murder mystery or haunted lab - the possibilities are endless!



CUSTOM DESIGN CLUES.

Use the Design Portal at Able Sisters to create a unique look for your islands. Search for your favourite movie, theme or aesthetic and see what you can find! We created a glowing grove with this spellcasting circle design.



SPOOKY MASCOTS.

Anything can look creepy if you try hard enough including skeletons, dolls, gnomes, and teddy bears! Line them up at your entrance, place them in a circle around a candle or even scattered through the forest.

SKULLS AND FOSSILS.

Make use of those assessed fossils. What's creepier than a T-Rex peering out of the darkness?

BUGS AND FISH.

Commission Flick and CJ to create models from spider crabs, tarantulas, scorpions, and giant moths. They're bound to scare your guests!

MUSIC TO YOUR EARS.

Playing music in some areas will help create an ambience to your island as you trick and/or treat. Place a Throwback Skull Stereo and blast some K.K Dirge to send a chill up anyone's spine.

If you use any of these tips or want to share your own designs, tag us in photos on Instagram (@thecrossingboard) and Twitter (@crossingboard).



Tommy's

Seasonal Garland DIY

October is here and that means Nook's Cranny desperately needs an autumn revamp. Uncle Nook put Timmy in charge of the pumpkins and it's my job to add the finishing touches inside the shop! This year I decided to make a garland using the changing foliage and new materials we found around the island. If you would like to decorate your home like us, I can show you how to create a garland just like ours... Ours!

Materials

String
Hole punch
Scissors
Cardboard paper and a glue stick (optional)

Method

1. Cut out 50cm of string or however long you'd like your garland to be (making sure to cut a little extra so that you can tie up the garland).
2. Carefully cut out the garland pieces on the next page with scissors. *Optional: to make the garland more sturdy, glue the garland pieces onto cardboard paper or regular paper then cut out the shapes.*
3. Using a hole punch, punch a hole near the top of the garland (this will be used to attach the garland pieces to the string).
4. Cut out 6 pieces of string around 6cm in length.
5. Thread a 6cm piece of string through the hole of each garland piece.
6. Lay out the 50cm of string on a flat surface then space out the garland pieces equally along the string, leaving room on each side for the garland to be tied up.
7. Using the 6cm pieces of string, secure the garland pieces to the main garland string with a double knot so that the garland pieces don't slide around.

Congratulations you're done! Hang up your garland on your wall, a mirror or anywhere you'd like...like!

Optional extra

To make a longer garland, trace as many garland pieces as you'd like onto colored cardboard paper (orange cardboard for the pumpkin, brown for the acorns etc.), cut them out and attach them to the garland! Yes, yes!



HALLOWEEN

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Is now open for the
Halloween season!

Buy a pumpkin or three to
decorate your home with!

...or four! That spooky
furniture doesn't pay for
itself - Cyrus and Reese
charge a pretty scary price
for commissions...

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