

The Easy DIY Halloween Costume Cheat-Sheet

Pull most of each costume from your closet and add one inexpensive item. For every one, here's what you need, what it costs, how long it takes, and the one thing worth buying — with the store and price.

#	COSTUME	WHAT YOU NEED	COST	TIME	THE PICK
1	Ghost	A white flat sheet and a pair of scissors.	\$0–12	5 min	Walmart — \$11.84
2	Witch	An all-black outfit and a pointy hat.	~\$10	5 min	Spirit Halloween — \$9.99
3	Pirate	A billowy white shirt, dark pants, and an accessory kit.	~\$10	5 min	Amazon — \$9.99
4	Vampire	Formal black clothes and a cape, with fangs if you want them.	~\$12–19	5 min	Amazon — \$11.99
5	Deer	A brown or tan outfit and an antler-and-ears headband.	~\$10	5 min	Amazon — \$9.98
6	Cow	A black-and-white outfit and an ears-and-horns headband.	~\$10	5 min	Amazon — \$9.97
7	Ladybug	A red top and black bottoms, and a wings-and-antennae set.	~\$15	10 min	Amazon — \$14.99
8	Scarecrow	A plaid shirt, jeans, and a hat-and-raffia kit.	~\$14	10 min	Amazon — \$13.99
9	Alien	A metallic, silver, or all-black outfit, with antennae and green face paint.	~\$18	15 min	Amazon — \$9.99
10	Jellyfish	A white or clear outfit, a clear dome umbrella, and battery-powered string lights, with strips of clear plastic or bubble wrap for the tentacles.	~\$30	20 min	Target — \$19.99
11	Clown	A baggy, colorful outfit you can pull from your closet or thrift, plus suspenders.	~\$11	20 min	Amazon — \$10.89

Prices checked June 14, 2026 – June 24, 2026. Stores set their own prices and may change them. Full guides, with alternates and why each pick wins, at halloweenwise.com/easy-diy-halloween-costumes.