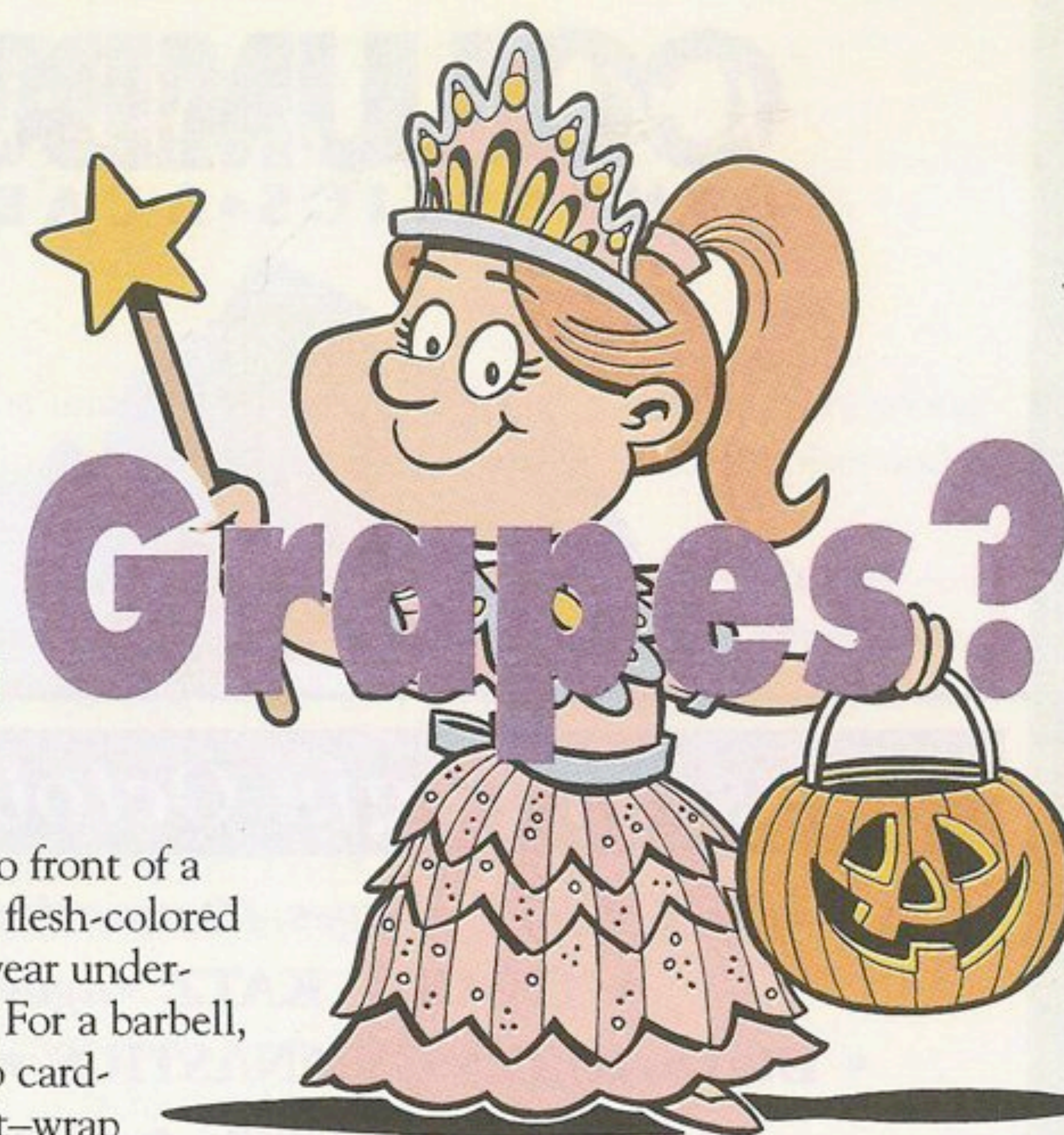


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# Ghouls, Goblins...



# Grapes?

As All Hallows Eve approaches, parents are surely directing their creative energies toward how to transform their kids into scary beasts or fun characters. Realizing what a challenge this can be, we've come up with some suggestions to help make your little masqueraders the hit of the party or the talk of the neighborhood. Our costumes range from the all-out Martha-Stewart-project for skilled parents with some time on their hands to the quick and easy, panic-mode costumes for procrastinators or time-challenged parents.



- Materials:**
- Medium pile brown fur
  - Long pile brown fur
  - Latex werewolf ears from Halloween/costume store
  - Plaid, flannel shirt with holes ripped in it
  - Dark brown makeup
  - Black face paint
  - Fangs
  - Black gloves, a size or two too large
  - McCall's Costumes Easy-to-Sew pattern #8953

Use pattern to make a full jumpsuit with hood from medium pile fur. Highlight jumpsuit with long pile fur around end of sleeves and legs. Put flannel shirt over jumpsuit and add patches of long pile fur to ripped areas. Sew werewolf ears onto hood along with long pile fur around the facial area. Sew tips of gloves together to make claws and add fur. Cover your child's face with make-up, paint the tip of her nose black and insert fangs. Coach your child through a howl or two.

**Hans, Frans or Fran – Muscle Man or Woman**

This intermediate-level costume brings back memories of those gloating *Saturday Night Live* Austrians. Consider it a timely tribute to a Californian gubernatorial candidate.

- Materials:**
- Flesh-colored sweatshirt and pants
  - Clean rags
  - Material paints from a craft store or quilt/pillow stuffing
  - Men's bikini underwear or bathing suit or women's bikini
  - Two black balloons
  - Cardboard paper towel or gift wrap roll
  - Gray or silver paint

Paint or quilt muscles onto front of a flesh-colored sweatshirt and flesh-colored pants and have your child wear underwear or bathing suit over it. For a barbell, attach two black balloons to cardboard paper towel roll or gift-wrap roll painted gray or silver. Once pumped up, your child is ready to go.

**Bunch of Fun – Grapes**

Remember the Fruit of the Loom guys? Well, now your child can be one.

- Materials:**
- Purple or green sweatsuit
  - Purple or green balloons
  - Safety pins
  - Cylindrical oat container
  - Elastic
  - Brown spray paint

Blow up balloons and fully cover sweatsuit with them by pinning them on. For a stem, spray paint oat container brown and staple elastic band to it. Have your child wear container on his/her head with elastic band under his/her chin. Keep your child away from sharp objects.

**Road Trip - American Tourist**

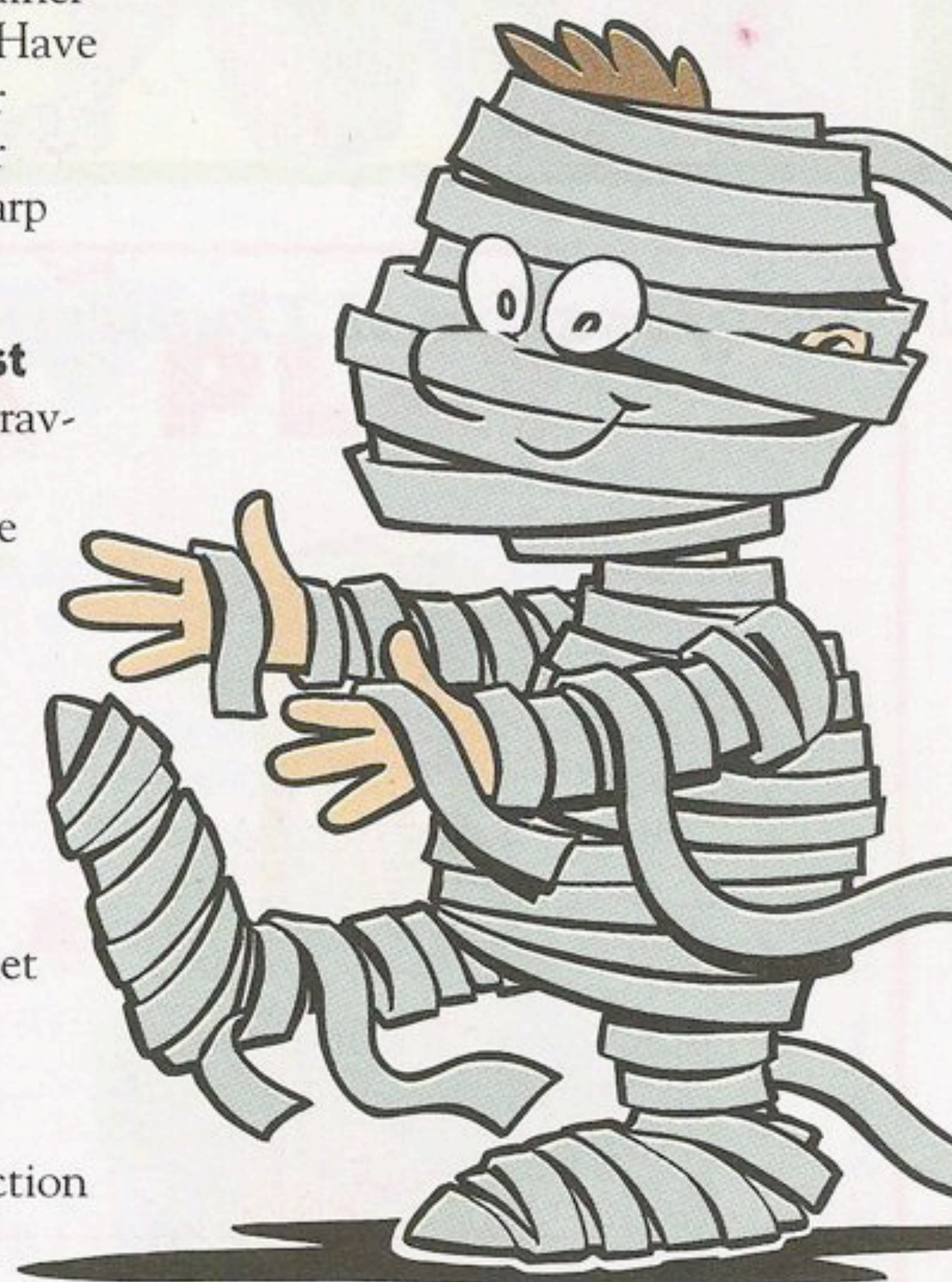
Parisians snub them and worldly travelers disassociate themselves from them. But for our purposes, the more garish you make the American tourist look, the more fun it will be.

- Materials:**
- Loud, colorful, wild clothes such as a Hawaiian shirt or checkered shorts
  - Camera with neckstrap
  - Maps sticking out of every pocket
  - Sunglasses
  - Hat or sun visor
  - Fanny pack
  - Rolling suitcase for candy collection
- Happy trails!

**Walk Like an Egyptian – The Mummy**

This super-easy classic is a dead-on, last-minute option.

- Materials:**
- Muslin, cut into strips, or gauze
  - White makeup
- Pull hair away from face. Use white makeup on face. Wrap muslin or gauze around entire body. And that's a wrap!



**Full Moon Rising – The Werewolf**

Fur, fur and more fur! This costume will turn your child into a howling, furry beast. (Did we mention fur?) We think it would make Martha proud. Before you decide to tackle this project, know that you should have some sewing skills, about 6-8 hours and a \$50 or so budget.





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