

30 Magical Book Week Costume ideas for 2024

1. Harry Potter

Transform into the iconic wizard with a black robe made from an old gown or a black sheet. Add round glasses and draw a lightning bolt scar on the forehead with eyeliner. A simple stick can be turned into a wand and don't forget a Gryffindor tie, which can be fashioned from red and yellow fabric.

2. Hermione Granger

Use a grey cardigan and a white shirt paired with a pleated skirt. Add a Gryffindor scarf made from red and yellow fabric strips. Curl your hair for Hermione's signature look and carry a wand crafted from a chopstick painted brown.

3. Matilda

A blue dress and a red ribbon for your hair. Carry a stack of books as props.

4. Professor Minerva McGonagall

Use a long robe, which can be made from an old sheet, and a wide-brimmed hat. A simple wand can be created from a sturdy stick.

5. Hogwarts Professor

Use any house robe (or a bathrobe) and add some imaginative accessories like a wand, a hat, or a scarf representing your house colours

6. Other Harry Potter characters

Luna Lovegood, Ron Weasley, Ginny Weasley, Draco Malfoy

7. Mary Poppins

A classic look with a white blouse and a dark skirt. Add a hat adorned with flowers and a carpet bag. Carry an umbrella for the complete Mary Poppins effect.

8. Peter Pan

Green tights and a tunic, which can be made from green fabric or an old T-shirt, form the base. Add a brown belt, a green hat with a red feather and a toy sword.

9. Tinker Bell

A green dress or leotard paired with green or white tights. Create wings from wire hangers and sheer fabric. Add glitter to the outfit for extra sparkle.

10. Alice in Wonderland

A light blue dress and a white apron. Add a black headband and white tights. Carry a small bottle labelled "Drink Me" for added effect.

11. The Mad Hatter

Use a colourful suit or mix-and-match bright, mismatched clothing. Create a large hat from cardboard and fabric and decorate.

12. Willy Wonka

A purple coat or blazer, a top hat and a bow tie make up this magical candy maker. Carry a candy cane or a golden ticket as props. The hat can be made from paper or from cardboard.

13. Dorothy (from Wizard of Oz)

A blue gingham dress and red shoes can be easily found or adapted. Add a wicker basket with a toy dog to represent Toto. Braid your hair and add blue ribbons.

14. The Wizard of Oz

A green robe and a tall hat can be made from green fabric. Create a wand from a painted dowel or stick. Add some mystical accessories like a crystal ball or a star-shaped wand.

15. The BFG

Use oversized clothing to represent the Big Friendly Giant. Create big ears from cardboard or felt and attach them to a headband. Add some makeup to create a friendly giant face.

16. Characters from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Charlie Bucket, Willy Wonka, Veruca Salt, Violet Beauregarde, Augustus Gloop, Mike Teavee

17. Pinocchio

Use red shorts, a yellow shirt, and a blue bow tie. Create a hat from yellow paper or felt and add a feather. Craft a long nose from cardboard or a paper cone attached to an elastic band.

18. Rapunzel

Use a purple dress, and craft a long braid from wool or string or old stockings. Add flowers to the braid for a magical touch.

19. Pippi Longstocking

Brightly coloured clothes and striped stockings. Create her signature braids by using wire or pipe cleaners to make them stand out.

20. Percy Jackson

An orange Camp Half-Blood T-shirt can be easily made with fabric paint. Pair it with jeans and a toy sword.

21. The Cat in the Hat

A black outfit with a white belly can be made from an old shirt and pants. Add a red bow tie and a tall striped hat made from paper or fabric.

22. Hobbit

Use furry slippers for feet, a vest and a white shirt. Add a cloak made from fabric.

23. Fairy Tale Prince/Princess

Any regal attire can be used, like dresses for princesses and tunics for princes. Add crowns and tiaras made from cardboard and glitter.

24. Magical Creature

Get creative with unicorns, dragons or other mythical beings. Use colourful clothing and add wings or tails made from fabric or felt.

25. Snow White

A yellow skirt, blue top and red bow. Craft an apple from paper-mâché for an added prop.

26 The Gruffalo

A brown onesie with prickles made from fabric or felt. Create tusks from cardboard and attach them to a headband.

27. Witch/Wizard

Find anything colourful and add it to your costume to create a very colourful and creative Witch or Wizard. Add an old broom and make a wand.

28. Ella Enchanted

A mediaeval-style dress. Add some magical accessories like a wand or a tiara.

29. Paddington Bear

Use a blue shirt or coat, a red hat, boots and a brown suitcase.

30. A Fairy

A fairy is a magical creature that will be loved by all. A floral dress and wings can be made from wire and sheer fabric. Add a magical wand and some glitter.

Encourage your child to let their imaginations soar and remember that the most magical costumes are those that come from the heart.