

MAKE YOUR OWN BOGGART CHARACTER!

What is a Boggart?

Boggarts are small hobgoblins whose main quest in life are to carry out mischievous acts whilst no one is looking, usually in the hours of darkness.

One place in Tameside where they particularly liked to cause havoc was Droylsden and one of the best locations to listen to tales of the Boggart is at Clayton Hall, an old manor house that dates back to the year 1400. The old building is surrounded by a moat as a form of protection but this didn't stop the exploits of the Boggart whose magical powers meant that it could easily get into the house at night and be as naughty as it wants.

Tales of snatching bedclothes and throwing them around the bedrooms were once often and, it loved to frighten the people who lived there by dragging chains along the upstairs floors, to make as much noise as possible.

However, it was extremely clever at avoiding capture until a local parish priest eventually 'saw it off' by calling out the following rhyme:

*Whilst Ivy climbs and Holly is green
Clayton Hall Boggart shall no more be seen*

Clayton Hall now has plenty of Ivy growing and Holly bushes to prevent its return.



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In fact Droylsden has had plenty of Boggarts in their midst, causing the same sort of mischief such as sitting in yew trees in bright white clothes after stealing bedclothes from a local farm; or changing their appearance to that of a rabbit, dog or bear at the tollgate on Ashton New Road to scare people!



On the next page you will find instructions on how you can create your very own Boggart character!

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Have you seen a Boggart? What would they look like?

There are no drawing or photographs of Boggarts as they are very good at escaping when spotted so you will have to use your imagination in deciding what a Boggart may look like.

We have made an example that you can see on each of the pages of what we think a Boggart could look like, with teeth to scare and fingers to create problems but you might think that it looks completely different.....let your imagination run WILD!

How to make:

- * Using the inner rim of the paper plate, cut a whole to make your plate have a hollow middle.
- * **Draw and cut out two arms and stick them where you want on the reverse of the plate.**
- * Draw and cut out as many teeth shapes as you want and stick them to the back of the plate so that you can see them clearly when you turn it back over to view from the front.
- * **With the plate on the right side, decorate it with whatever you want and remember to add some eyes!**

You now have a Boggart! You could create a whole village of them and hide them around your home to share your family and friends



You will need:

- * A paper plate
- * Googly eyes of different sizes (or a felt pen to draw eyes instead)
- * Coloured felt pens
- * Thin card for eyes and teeth
- * Scissors
- * Glue or glue stick
- * Decorations

