

JUNE

The Hunter's Thrift Store Checklist

As summer blazes on, the shadows of Halloween start to stir.

Thrift stores, flea markets, and yard sales are teeming with eerie treasures, just waiting to be unearthed and transformed into spine-chilling decor. Let this checklist guide you to the hidden gems that will awaken your haunted vision.

MIRRORS AND FRAMES

Create reflections that hold mysteries or walls that whisper with history.

- Ornate vintage mirrors – perfect to distress with black paint or ‘cracked glass’ effects
- Gilded or tarnished picture frames for haunted portraits
- Empty frames for framing creepy, vintage-style art

TABLEWARE

Serve up a feast of doom with detailed and timeless pieces.

- Mismatched silverware (the more tarnished, the better!)
- Antique plates or tea sets (look for gothic patterns or neutral colors like black, gray, or deep red)
- Cut glass or crystal decanters for potions display
- Brass or iron candlestick holders

MISCELLANEOUS CURIOSITIES

Unearth the unexpected to make your haunted space uniquely yours.

- Old clocks or clockwork parts
- Vintage lamps or lanterns (replace bulbs for dim, atmospheric lighting)
- Animal figurines, taxidermy, or skeleton replicas
- Handheld mirrors, brushes, or trinket boxes for vanities

FIGURINES AND DOLLS

Bring a touch of unsettling charm to your decor.

- Porcelain or bisque dolls (aim for cracked or aged finishes)
- Victorian-style figurines (ideal for painting or distressing)
- Small statues or busts in stone or plaster

TEXTILES AND FABRICS

Add layers of texture for a mysterious, gothic atmosphere.

- Velvet or brocade curtains in rich jewel tones or black
- Lace doilies or table runners (drape over furniture for a weathered, eerie feel)
- Crocheted or knitted throws with intricate patterns for cozy gothic corners

GLASSWARE AND BOTTLES

Perfect for potion displays or eerie apothecaries.

- Colored glass bottles (amber, green, and black are ideal)
- Apothecary jars in varying sizes
- Glass cloches or domes for displaying creepy specimens

BOOKS AND PAPERS

Create spellbooks, scrolls, or build a haunted library.

- Old books with weathered covers or yellowed pages
- Ledgers or journals (these can be transformed into ancient grimoires)
- Sheet music or maps for crafting collages or backgrounds

Unearth the Unseen

Look for items with intricate details like carvings, patterns, or aged materials.

Items with small imperfections (chips, scratches, or tarnish) often add character to gothic decor.

Don't overlook mundane pieces like jars or bowls; the right coat of paint can transform them into eerie accents.

Test electronics if buying vintage lighting or mechanical pieces like clocks.

Think creatively—what looks ordinary now might reveal a spooky potential with a little DIY magic.



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