

# Let's Make Horror Club Bookmarks

The Sixtette made some truly pun-derful memes in Candy Darque, Eighth-Grade Vampire. Now you can use a few of them as bookmarks. Your math homework is on what page? Why, the warm-and-fuzzy werewolf is marking it for you! Where did you stop reading in language arts? Here, let Chibi Cthulhu grab it for you!

Here's what you're going to need:

## MATERIALS

- 1 sheet of white, 8 ½ x 11 inch cardstock or cover stock <sup>1</sup>
- 4 clear notebook hole reinforcements <sup>2</sup>
- 4 feet of ribbon, floss, cord **OR** 4 tassels (in colors to match bookmarks)

**optional:** clear Contact<sup>®</sup> paper or clear packaging tape (at least 2" wide)

**optional:** glitter, charms, or other embellishments

<sup>1</sup> Cover stock is a little heavier; be sure your printer can handle it before you buy.

<sup>2</sup> Clear is preferable, but any kind will work.

## TOOLS

- computer and printer
- hole punch
- scissors
- glue
- markers, paints, etc.

Here's what you're going to do:

First, make the BOOKMARK BASE:

1. Make the bookmark fronts. Print out the "bookmark fronts" page attached onto a sheet of cardstock.
2. Make the bookmark backs. Print out the "bookmark backs" page onto the back of the same sheet of cardstock. Add drawings, stickers, or other personalization.

Note 1: To keep the ink from smudging, let the fronts dry before re-inserting the page in the printer.

Note 2: Be careful to insert the paper into the printer so that the backs will match the fronts. You may want to ask someone for help.

Note 3: If your paper is thin, you can print the backs and fronts on separate sheets and glue them together.

3. Cut out the bookmarks **just inside** the cutting lines on the front (so they don't show on the finished bookmark). Note that there are no lines on the back - just in case things don't line up perfectly. Printers are like that!
4. On the back of the bookmark, place a notebook-hole reinforcement around the "x" in the top of the bookmark. (It should be in the center, about ½ inch down from the point of the bookmark. If it's off-center or too high, just place the reinforcement where it should have been.)
5. **Optional:** Very carefully cover the bookmark with clear Contact<sup>®</sup> paper or clear packaging tape. Be careful that you don't get bubbles or something that sticks where it's not supposed to stick. That will mean a complete do-over.

**OR**

**Optional:** Add glitter or dimensional embellishments to the base.

6. Using the hole punch, punch a hole at the top of each bookmark around the "x" / inside the reinforcement.

Second, add the BOOKMARK TAIL:

7. Select the materials you want to use for the tail of your bookmark. Common materials are ribbon, embroidery floss, and decorative cording. You may think of others.
8. **Optional:** Select the dangle (if any) you want to add to the tail. Common dangles are beads, charms, and even small collectibles such as rings or bottle caps.
- 9a. The simplest toppers to make are ribbon toppers without dangles. Fold a one-foot length of ribbon in half. Slip the folded end of the ribbon through the hole in the top of the bookmark, going from front to back. Slip the folded end over the two loose ends, pull it tight, and secure it with a small dot of glue. Cut the ends of the ribbon diagonally to keep them from fraying.

**OR**

- 9b. Another simple topper, and a very common one, is a tassel. You can buy tassels in a craft store or on the internet in dozens of colors. You can also make your own from cord or embroidery floss (instructions to make them are on the internet, too). You can use the tassel by itself (just follow the directions in 9a above). Or, you can use a tassel with a dangle (see 9c below).

**OR**

- 9c. Make a tail with a dangle.

- (1) Prepare the tail. Take a 1 foot length of ribbon, cord, or floss and tie the ends together (in a knot or bow), forming a loop. Use a dot of glue to secure the knot or bow so it will not come loose. Also use a very tiny amount of glue on the loose edges so they will not unravel (if using ribbon, cut any loose end on the diagonal).
- (2.) Add the dangle to the tail by running the ribbon / cord / floss through it.
- (3.) Add the tail to the base by threading the end with the fold (opposite the end with the knot or bow) from the back to the front. Slip the folded end over the two loose ends, pull it tight, and secure it with a small dot of glue. The bead / charm is kept from slipping off by the knot or bow on one end and the base on the other.

Now that you've finished your bookmarks, I'd love to see them – and so would all the other Horror Club members. Please upload a picture of your bookmarks to my Facebook page (Susan E Morton, Author) and I'll be sure to show them off to everyone!