Claude the Cat

This guy's name is Claude, appropriately enough. And a group of cats is called a "clowder" or a "glaring." Create your own glaring or clowder of Claudes for a mantel display or for giving away yummy Halloween treats.

Crafter level: Easy

What you'll need

- Printout of cat template
- Stapler
- Black card stock
- Scissors
- Craft knife and cutting mat
- Googly eyes and craft glue (optional)
- Snack-size plastic bags, candy and tape (optional)

How to make it

1. Staple the cat template to a piece of black card stock. Make sure you staple the paper to the card stock outside of the cat's cutting lines. (This will keep the paper from moving around while you cut out the cat.)

2. Cut around the outside solid lines of the cat through the paper and card stock with scissors. It's easiest to cut the tail out last.

3. Cut out Claude's eyes carefully with the craft knife. Or, if this is a kid project, have them glue on googly eyes (so you don't have to worry about cutting out the eyes impurrrrfectly).

4. Leaving the paper template on top of the card stock cat, use the folding lines indicated on the template to score and fold the base of the cat and the tail. Use the craft knife to cut the slit at the base for the tab.

5. Leaving the paper template on top of the card stock cat, use the folding and cutting lines indicated on the template to cut the slit with a craft knife. Then score and fold the base of the cat.

6. Remove the paper template. On the card stock, insert the tab into the slit to stand Claude up. Now he can be used a table decoration.

7. To make Claude into a treat holder, simply add candy to a snack-sized plastic bag and insert the bag into the opening. Then tape in place.

Cat template