

# Quarantween Costumes

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Halloween - the scariest night of the year. However, I doubt 2020 can get any scarier. We are truly living a nightmare in this day and age. So how do we still have a good ol' fashion Trick or Treat with the ghost of Covid-19 following us around? Are we even still allowed to Trick or Treat? Only time can tell. But, of course, you can still dress up in your favorite costumes. Halloweencostumes.com tells TMZ, "The company's optimistic its sales will remain solid leading up to Halloween too ... and here's why -- it believes more people than ever will be celebrating at home" (TMZ).

So what are the options for this upcoming Halloween?

For a simple, yet cute style for solos, consider animals. Maybe a cat or lion, possibly even a dinosaur. Alternatively, think of a powerful main character, such as Meredith Grey from Grey's Anatomy, or Superman/woman.

Another great option that would be perfect for a duo, consider 2 movie characters, like Harry Potter and Hermione, or really spice it up and become Harley Quinn and the Joker. Other popular couples costumes include the angel and devil or a cop and a robber.

Group costumes can be extremely hard to come up with 3+ people, but these options can help you out with brainstorming. Think time eras. The roaring 20s has fabulous styles that all people can wear, the 60s and 80s era are the same way. Some groups choose the Purge, which is a simple, yet freaky look. A group of Disney princesses, The Office characters, or Mean Girls will be sure to catch the eye of trick or treaters.

2020 has brought the world many surprises, but now it's your turn to show the world what you've got with your Halloween costume. Remember to be safe, be smart, but most importantly - have fun!



Most costumes are acceptable to the public, however some should be prohibited from the community, as they are offensive and can target a specific group of people. As you contemplate your new costume, do not consider the following- "black face", a Native American, a Holocaust victim, a homeless person, or any costume that you have to stop and ask, "is this okay?" An article from Baylor University with a professor of

journalism, public relations and news media shows the background of why some costumes should be prohibited. Mia Moody-Ramirez Ph.D states, “Dressing up in blackface invokes representations of unflattering images of blacks as lazy, unintelligent and criminal in nature.” These costumes may seem funny to someone, however it is not worth the laughs if it causes another person or group pain.

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