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### Tiki Mask Table Decoration

- ◆ 1 oblong seedless watermelon
- ◆ Pencil or green dry erase marker
- ◆ Melon baller
- ◆ Paring and kitchen knives
- ◆ Spoon
- ◆ Channel knife
- ◆ Toothpick

Slice 1/4 inch off end of watermelon to provide a stable base.

Use pencil to draw the face, making adjustments in scale to your particular watermelon.

Use melon baller to scoop out nostrils;

use small paring knife to clean up edges.

Next use paring knife to cut out the inside mouth area, leaving room for the teeth.

Cut individual teeth, using the same small paring knife, and use a spoon to dig out a large area of flesh for the mouth cavity.

Next carve out eyes, digging a deep cavity in each, for drama. Use a channel knife to carve details.

Use some carved out pieces to cut a "bone" decoration for top of head, and attach with a toothpick.



### Jack O'Melon

- ◆ 1 round watermelon
- ◆ Melon baller
- ◆ Pen
- ◆ Knife
- ◆ Toothpicks

Cut a thin slice from the bottom of watermelon to provide a stable base.

Cut circular piece of the rind from the top, big enough to reach into to remove the flesh. Carefully remove that top section and reserve for later to be used as a lid.



Remove the flesh from inside the watermelon using melon baller, reserving melon balls for snacking or a fruit salad.

Once flesh is removed, drain any excess liquid from inside watermelon.

Using pen or knife, draw or scratch the outlines of eyes, nose, mouth, hair, ears or any other feature you want on the side of the watermelon, using a template as a guide. Then, following the outlines, cut

the features into the watermelon and remove excess rind. To create a 3D effect with the features after you have cut them, push gently on the flaps of rind from inside the watermelon. (You can use toothpicks to prop the rind, if you want.)

A safe, battery-operated lamp can be placed inside the watermelon to provide a haunting glow.

Place the circular piece of rind that you reserved back on top of the watermelon and your Jack O'Melon is ready to be displayed.

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