

# Around Town



## Cheap frills



Need a last-minute costume idea? Don't want to fork out big bucks? **Michael Franco** lays out a plan for those who prefer not-so-fancy dress. Photography by **Jing Quek**

Whether it's Halloween – a night of ghosts, goblins and sugar highs – or a

fancy-dress party, for some people the scariest part of the evening is being stuck wearing an ill-fitting costume bought at the last minute for too much money. We're here to help. All of these costumes take minutes to put together, cost next to nothing to make and won't have you wearing leotards, fairy wings or make-up of any kind. And, if you're lucky, you might even get a laugh.

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**What you do:** Get a toy airplane that is small enough to fit in the palm of your hand. When someone remarks that you don't have a costume on, show them the plane.

**What you are:** **An aircraft carrier.**

**Perfect if:** You are not actually the size of an aircraft carrier.



**What you do:** Get a baseball cap. Tape a leaf to the front of the brim. When someone asks what you are, blow on the leaf.

**What you are:** **A leaf blower.**

**Perfect if:** You enjoy blowing on something dangling in front of your face all night long.



**What you do:** This one is for the guys. Get a gift tag or make a super-sized one yourself. In the 'TO' area write: Women. In the 'FROM' area write: God.

**What you are:** **God's gift to women.**

**Perfect if:** You don't mind someone unwrapping you and giggling at what they find.



**What you do:** Get a baby doll and tie it to your backside with a belt, sarong or baby blanket. When you get someone's attention (won't be hard to do), sit on the doll.

**What you are:** **A babysitter.**

**Perfect if:** Your daughter isn't looking for her doll.

