

Table for Two. Plus Ghosts.

A Halloween dinner for two, even in a tiny apartment.



THE PLAN

A whole mood. One small table.

This is a dinner for two people who want the atmosphere of a tiny haunted restaurant and the comfort of staying home. The table gets the drama. The plan stays calm.

Use a familiar meal, ready-made food or takeout you both enjoy. This guide covers the setting and timing, not a tested recipe. Ask about food preferences before shopping. The evening should feel good to both people.

Allow an hour to set up, plus whatever time your meal needs. Choose one small table, two comfortable chairs, a lamp and a playlist you already have access to. You do not need to redecorate the whole apartment.

- For two adults in a small apartment.
- Use battery candles; skip open flames.
- Keep exits and walking paths clear.

The brief: warm light, one dark color, one unexpected little detail.

THE PALETTE

Pick three colors. Then stop shopping.

Choose one base, one accent and one neutral. A wine-red scarf, a black ribbon and your existing cream plates are enough. Matching sets are optional; matching the mood is the job.

Look	Base	Accent	Neutral
Quiet gothic	Plum cloth	Burnt orange	Cream
Old cinema	Deep red	Brass	Black
Soft haunting	Dusty lilac	Rust	Warm white

Spend on atmosphere

Borrow a tablecloth, move a lamp, and reuse plates. If you buy something, choose an item that will still work in November.

Make the seasonal detail small

One tiny pumpkin, two paper place cards or a ghost drawn on the menu is enough. Avoid a centerpiece that blocks your view of each other.

If everything is a statement piece, the table starts shouting.