



Taking Back Halloween for Plus Size Women

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So often, when we talk about ourselves as plus size women, we focus on the plus size part. Just like other plus size clothing, it's a lot easier to find plus size Halloween costumes these days, so that's not an issue. I want to talk about the WOMEN part of plus size women.

We're grown ups, and pretty smart cookies. So why do retailers think we want to dress up as sexy slices of pizza? Not that I don't love pizza, but after several

decades of living I can think of 20 costumes more interesting than last night's dinner. And so can you.

In the past few years, commercially-available women's Halloween costumes have shown us that it's possible to be sexy and boring at the same time. From the five sexy nurses at the same party to the How I Met Your Mother's [Slutty Pumpkin \(http://how-i-met-your-mother.wikia.com/wiki/The_Slutty_Pumpkin_Returns\)](http://how-i-met-your-mother.wikia.com/wiki/The_Slutty_Pumpkin_Returns), it all seems so been there, done that. We deserve better.

It isn't the comically extreme sexiness of most women's costumes that bugs me – it's the lack of originality. There are loads of sexy, creative costumes. You can put on a bikini and go as an extra from [Beach Blanket Bingo \(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beach_Blanket_Bingo\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beach_Blanket_Bingo) (bonus points for singing the theme song). If you want to go with a store bought costumes, you can go as Princess Leia in the gold bikini or Wonder Woman or a Greek goddess or any number of characters who ordinarily show some skin. You don't have to settle for a sexy ax murderer costume.

Halloween is For Showing Off

Halloween is the one time of the year when our clothes say, "Look at me!" Shy or outgoing, we're all just looking for attention on that one night. We spend the rest of the year dressing so as not to stick out as the office fashion disaster. But on Halloween, we want people to notice our clothes more than they notice us. (Come to think of it, Office Fashion Disaster might be a fun costume.)

It can be empowering to let our sexuality out to play, but it's also fun to be all, "I'm Marie Curie. Don't mess with me because I've got radium, and I'm not afraid to use it."

Instead of showing off my body, I want to show off my creativity with a Halloween costume. (The cold October weather in part of the country is definitely a factor.) But too often, it's completely lost on the other revelers. One year, I went as a drag queen. All it took was a sparkly dress, long gold eyelashes, curly blonde wig, tiara and way more makeup than I'd ever worn at once. No one at the bar my friends and I went to got it, so maybe I should've worn even more makeup. This was before [RuPaul's Drag Race](http://www.logotv.com/shows/rupauls_drag_race/season_6/series.jhtml) (http://www.logotv.com/shows/rupauls_drag_race/season_6/series.jhtml), so I guess I was just ahead of my time. But my friends and I thought it was clever, so mission accomplished. But I had to spend the whole night hearing, "What the Hell are you supposed to be?!"

That same year, there was a woman dressed as [Tippi Hedren in The Birds](http://sewwoodsy.com/2013/10/easy-diy-costume-tippi-hedren-from-the-birds.html) (<http://sewwoodsy.com/2013/10/easy-diy-costume-tippi-hedren-from-the-birds.html>), and I was the only one in the entire bar who got it. One guy even asked her if she was dressed as a sexy librarian, I guess because "sexy" is a given and he thought she was so sexy that birds attacked her. Or something. It broke my heart to see such a great costume unappreciated.

Besides, all the sexy firefighters and sexy carrots start to blend together after a while. How can you show off if you're dressed just like everyone else?

Let's take back Halloween from the humdrum sexy elves and get creative this year. All it takes is your [little black dress](http://abbeypost.com/blog/plus-size-halloween-costumes-using-lbd/) (<http://abbeypost.com/blog/plus-size-halloween-costumes-using-lbd/>), or some other things you already have in your closet (<http://www.bustle.com/articles/42180-11-easy-cheap-halloween-costume-ideas-to-make-with-the-same-12-pieces-you-already-own>).

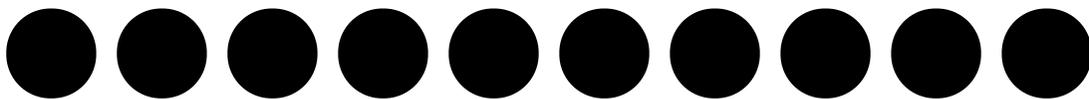
You can dress up as anything on Halloween. Why would you choose to dress as a sexy pirate instead of a historical [17th century pirate](http://mentalfloss.com/article/58889/9-female-pirates-you-should-know) (<http://mentalfloss.com/article/58889/9-female-pirates-you-should-know>) like Anne Bonny or Back From The Dead Red?

We can be sexy any night of the year. Halloween is for being someone else.



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Why be a “sexy carrot”
when you can be
something creative, funny
and witty?



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