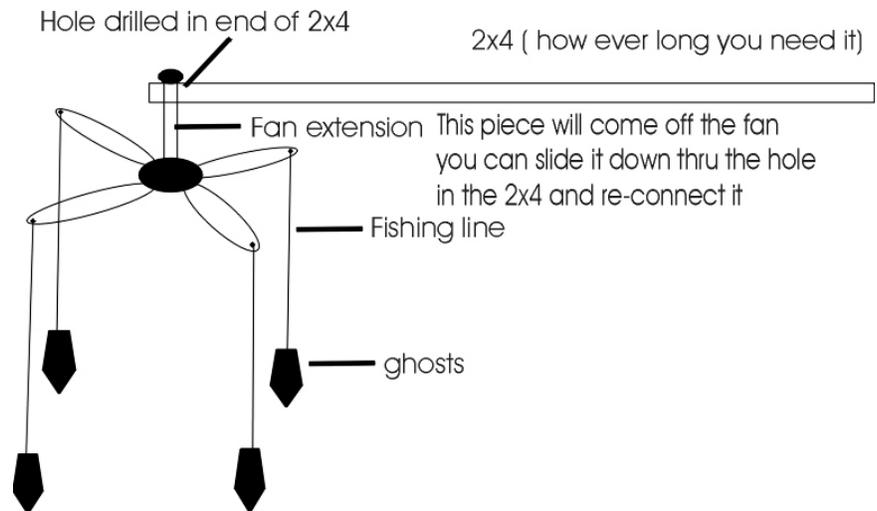# Cameosattik

ANIMATED GHOSTS

Boy did I ever get a hairbrained idea with this one!

For this prop I wanted *ANIMATED* ghosts that moved in a circle around a tombstone. Soooo,, I decided on a ceiling fan for the motor. (no lights on it) The whole idea was to make it work hanging from a tree in the front yard. I THOUGHT I could just attach it to a branch, but that didn't work out so well. The fan was too heavy for where I wanted to put it, the branch was only about 2". What I ended up doing was attaching it to a 2 X 4 and extending it from the main tree, *across* the branch I was going to attach it to. I only have a couple of pictures. If I would have known I was going to put this on a website I would have taken more. This prop will work great if you have a larger branch, you would just have to do the 2X4 a bit differently.

Hole drilled in end of 2x4

2x4 (how ever long you need it)

Fan extension — This piece will come off the fan you can slide it down thru the hole in the 2x4 and re-connect it

Fishing line

ghosts

I started off by picking up an old ceiling fan (*no lights*) at a local auction for a couple of $. I then cut down the blades to about 15" and drilled small holes in the ends. The fan was attached to a 2x4 by removing the extension and putting it thru a hole in the end. You will have to wire a cut extension cord to the wires from the fan, leave the plug on one end to plug into the power. I made a trip to Kmart and picked up 4 ghosts, (very cheap about $5 each), and added some extra flowing fabric. Those I attached to the fan blades with fishing line and let them hang down around the tombstones. The fan speed was just a bit too fast, even on the slowest setting, so I added a *plug-in* dimmer switch. This worked great, slowed the little ghosties right down.

Here is what the fan should look like attached to the 2 X4. You can see I used a heavy duty extension cord to wire it.

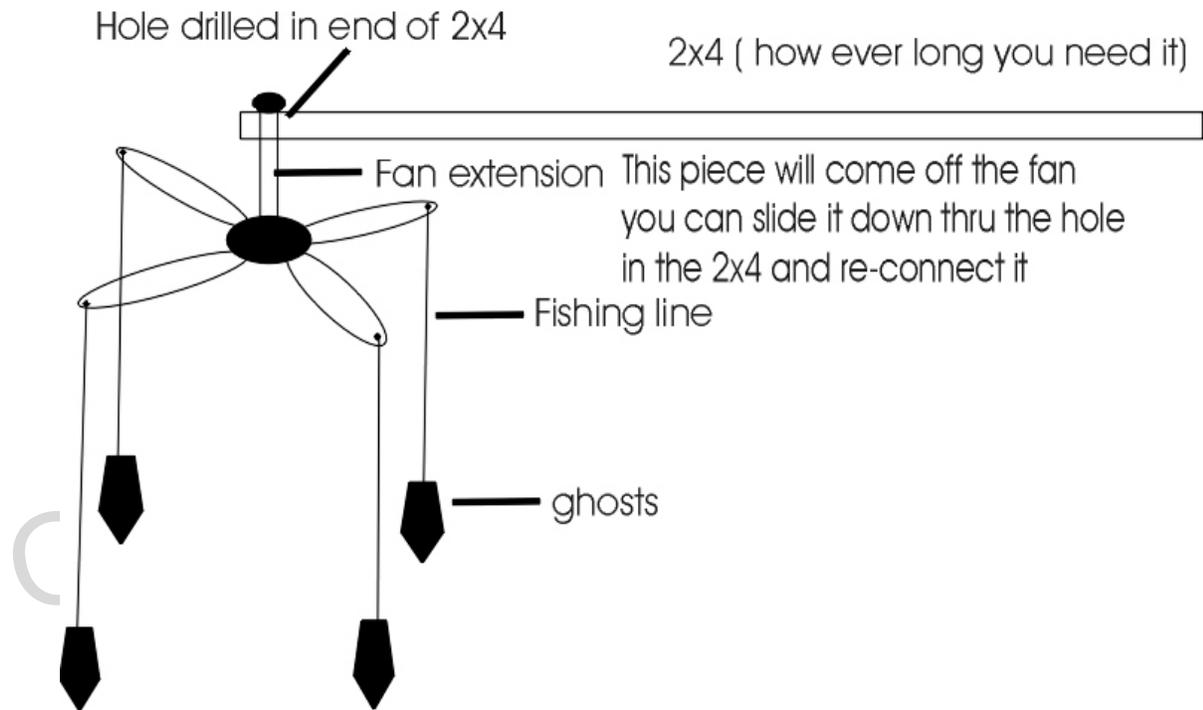A closer view, everything on the underside was painted black so it would blend in.

This is the final prop.. The ghosts turn and go around the tombstone. Underneath I placed strobe lights with green lens covers and set them to flash medium to slow. It was a great effect! For 2006, I'm thinking of a different kind of motor to use, one that isn't quite so heavy and can be attached directly to a tree branch.

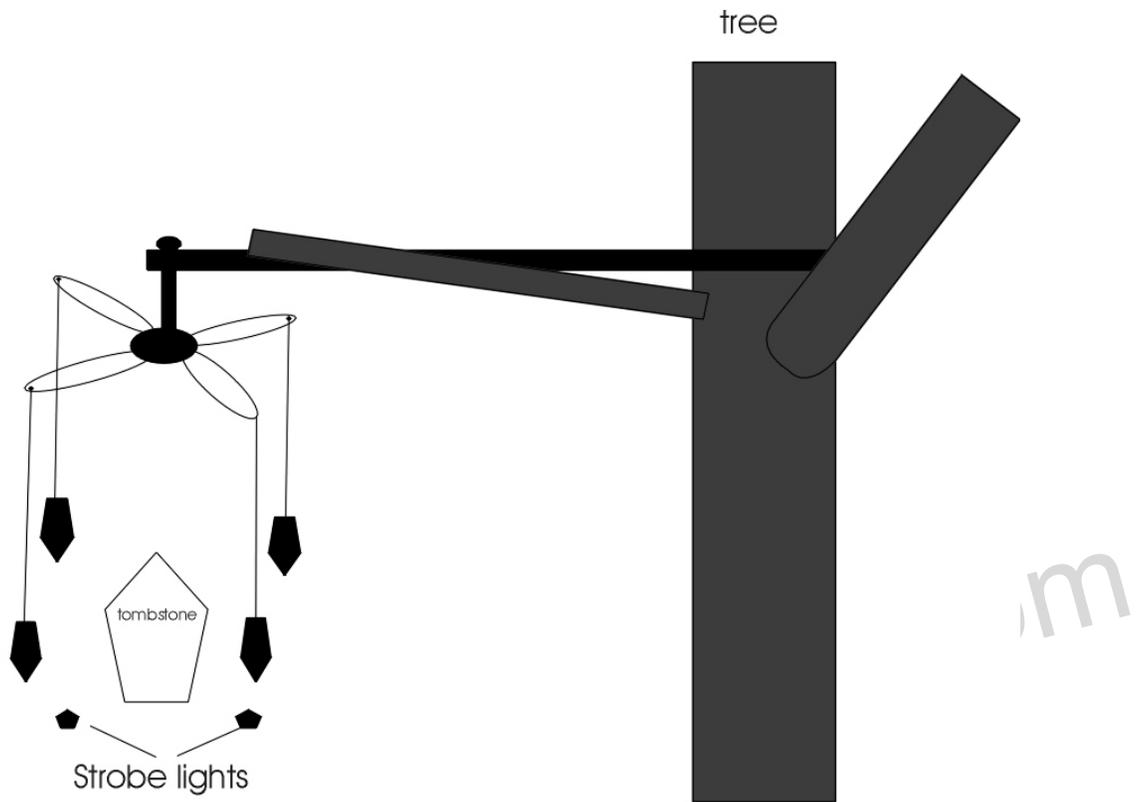I'll post when I think of something.:o)

ANIMATED GHOST PROJECT DIAGRAM

All sizes are dependent on where you want to put this. Pardon my stick figures.

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I actually nailed the end of the 2x4 to the tree and rested the fan end out over another branch, then placed the tombstone underneath.
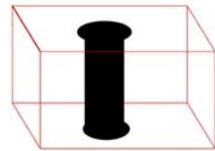
tree

tombstone

Strobe lights

C   I painted the 2x4 black and ran the cord
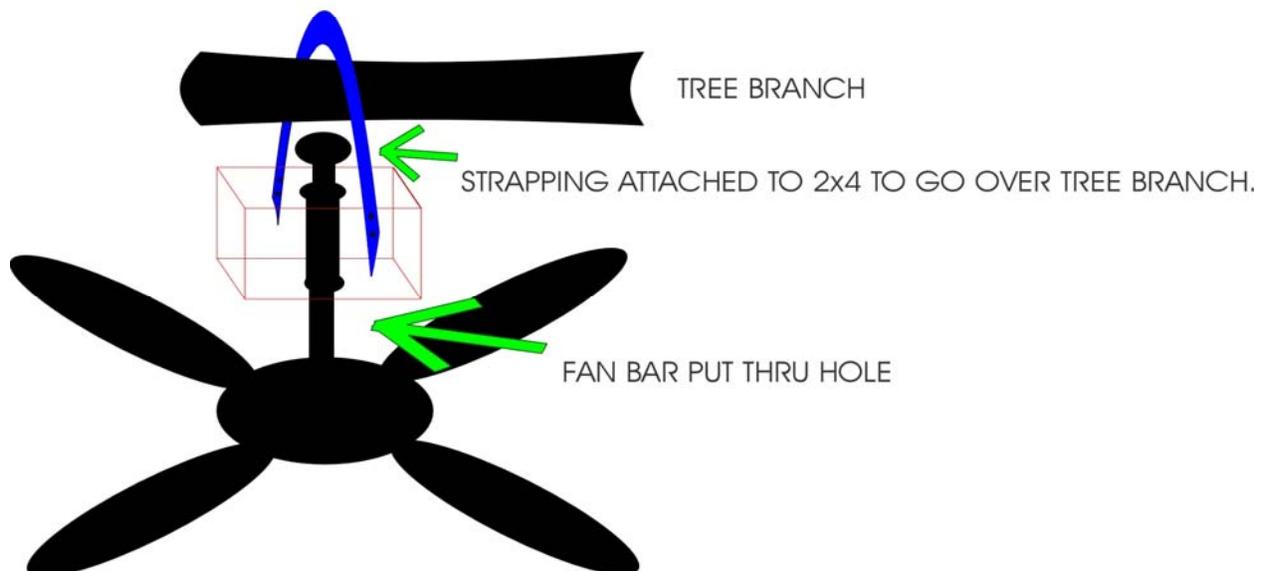for the plug along the side and down the tree trunk.

the cord ran along here and down the tree

ALTERNATIVE METHOD TO CONNECT TO TREE

2X4 flat instead of upright

HOLE DRILLED FOR FAN BAR

TREE BRANCH

STRAPPING ATTACHED TO 2x4 TO GO OVER TREE BRANCH.

FAN BAR PUT THRU HOLE

This is how I wanted to connect the fan, but my branch wasn't sturdy enough. I haven't tried it, but I don't see why it wouldn't work.

I plan on using this method with my revamped ghosts using a metal muffler strapping.