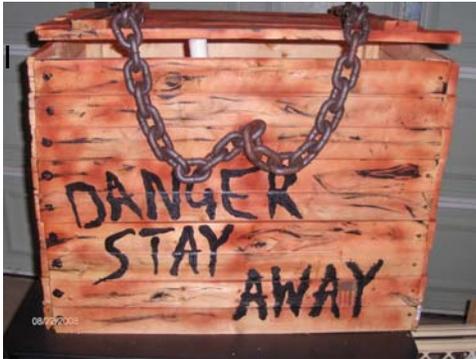


# Steve's Haunted Yard

<http://www.freewebs.com/steveshauntedyard/monsterinabox.htm>

## MONSTER IN A BOX



This the first animated prop for Halloween that have made. I got most of the information on how to make it from the Halloween MonsterList This is the most awesome site ever along with the Haunt Project website.

It took me a week to look through all the projects from both sites 24/7.

### PARTS LIST

- Wood-what kind is up to you I used the cheapest from Home Depot I could find
- Screws-I used what I had in the garage
- Hinges-for the door top to open and close
- Chain-cost about 3 dollar at The Depot
- Lock-found one in the garage
- Motion light sensor-The kind you put outside to make lights come on when someone approaches your house.
- Plug adapters-These screw into the light sockets of the motion sensor. You can buy these for around \$1 at the Depot at well.
- Light socket and red light bulb
- Tape player and spooky sounds tape.
- Extension cord



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Tools you will need are a skill saw and power drill and various other small tools

Step 1- Determine how big you want your box.

You can buy or use a pre made box or build one. I didn't have one I could use so I built one. I wanted it to shine the light through cracks so I built it out of planks.

I have seen many versions some are solid sides some with planks and I have even seen a monster in a box made out of cardboard. This will determine how much wood you will need.



Step 2- Cut your wood planks

Step 3- Build your box. I did not take any pictures of the box while under construction. I got so focused I forgot to take the photos. So I hope you know how to build a box. You really can't mess it up because if your box turns out uneven it just adds to the effect of being a spooky box with a monster in it.



Step 4- Add the insides

You can use many different set ups here. I used an old power drill that I have not used in years so I did not have to purchase a motor.

The most common motor to use is a windshield wiper motor.

As you can see I drilled a hole into the back of the box to run the wires to the inside. I ran an extension cord to plug in the drill and the light.

In this picture you do not see the tape player because I was still looking for one around the house. I did find one to use. Also missing from this photo is the fog machine.



I'm not sure if you can tell here how the mechanics works. The drill spins the arm I have attached and rises up and down which makes the lid of the box open and close.

I put a clamp on the drill to mash the drill button down so it turns on when the motion sensor is tripped. Next to show you the motion sensor with the adaptors I was talking about in the parts list.



Step 5- Wire the motion sensor by adding an extension cord. It is really easy to wire up.

Then screw in the adaptors into the light sockets. Now you can plug in the power strip that runs to the inside of the box. When the light sensor is tripped the power comes on and turns your monster in a box on.

UPDATE: I have replaced the power drill motor with wiper motor from <http://monsterguts.com/> they have a lot of really good stuff for the home haunter at really good prices.

UPDAT #2: I found a large fake chain that looks much better and replaced the real chain with the new one. It also helps to lighten the lid weight and I also painted the box finally and added the new photo at top of page

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