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Easy cheap realistic eyeballs!!!!!!

I got this thing, I don't really like to get screwed pricewise when I get Halloween anything. Cheap is good in my books, and a lot of the stuff a person makes themselves ends up better and more satisfying than what you can buy outright. I thought to myself, "self, I need a jar of realistic looking eyes." So, being the cheap !@##\$ that I am, I made a batch of eyes that look pretty good if I say so myself.

You will need:

1. A package of ping pong balls
2. Deep Red blood color gloss paint
3. Yarn the same color as the paint
4. A printout of iris from the web (I think I got these at easy eyes)
5. A tweezers
6. A scissors (run, do not walk to get this)
7. A paintbrush
8. Clear nail polish/Nail hardener (I used hard as nails) make sure whatever you use that it is glossy, you don't want dried up eyeballs, gloss makes them pop!



Make it one stop and hit Wally world. Though, when I went to evil mart, they were out of ping pong balls due to the popularity of beer pong!

This is my first tutorial so I hope you understand my instructions!

1st, take the scissors and pop your right eye out of the socket. (Sorry, couldn't resist. I'm a 31 year old toddler)



First, take a ping pong ball and find the logo. The logo will end up being the point directly opposite your iris. I will call this the top for now.



Beginning with the top, paint ball covering all but the bottom $\frac{1}{4}$ of the ball somewhat feathering the bottom portion. (check my crappy out of focus pictures for visual)



If you put the ball logo side down on the floor, you should just be able to see a corona of red. If needed put on extra layers of red to cover the logo.



Next, cut out an iris of your liking. I found after some experimenting that if I cut just the circle out, it was easier to work with than cutting the circle iris out and cutting the iris in striations toward the pupil.



Take your ball (I use a piece of scrap Styrofoam ,shot glass, I also turned an Elmers glue stick into stand) and put a generous dab of clear polish on the white center, bigger than your pupil. (this doesn't have to be perfect, there's plenty of leeway on this project)

Using your tweezers, place your cut out iris on the middle of your white circle on top of your polish. Carefully push on top of the paper iris and shape the iris to the round of the ping pong ball. After you have the iris secured enough that it doesn't lift (the clear polish doesn't need to be totally dry) take a healthy dab of clear polish and cover your newly laid down iris. You don't have to go nuts with the polish, but if in doubt add more. (if your iris starts lifting, no problem, just blow on the area while pressing down with your tweezers. This worked for me) You can not ruin the eye by putting to much gloss on it. Let that dry.



I next took my eye and applied a smooth layer of gloss to the white areas left on the eyeball. Grab the red yarn and get a teeny amount of fiber, the less the better, only a couple of strands. Lay them in the wet polish and position them so they lie on the eyeball. Do not lay the strands over the iris. Over the red portion is fine. I laid the strands from iris to bottom. The great thing is the variations in the yarn look awesome.



The final step is to brush the clear polish all over the eyeball. I also found that I could build up the polish in a dome shape over the iris, reducing the indentations left by the paper and polish in earlier steps. Have fun, most of all, and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

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