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## **Giant Ghoul Hands How-To**

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#### **Materials:**

- Styrofoam Pieces (free from furniture store)
- Clothes hangers (for fingers)
- ½ inch PVC pipe (for arms)
- 45-degree connectors (½ inch - for wrists)
- Screws (to secure connectors to pipe)
- Masking Tape (torn into small pieces)
- Acrylic Latex Window Caulk
- Primer (water-based)
- Paint (water-based)
- Cheap Fake Fingernails

**'Specialty' Tool:** Thin-walled pieces of pipe (about 12-inches long) with a longer piece of rebar (about 2-foot) to insert into pipe.



Push and twist a thin-walled pipe into a chunk of Styrofoam to create 'cylinders' that will be used for the fingers. Use the piece of rebar to pop them out from the pipe.



**For the Fingers:** Cut clothes hangers 6-inches longer than the desired finger length. Measure and mark where the joints will be. 'Thread' the Styrofoam cylinders onto the wire bending the wire at the joint marks.



Using overlapping masking tape pieces, cover fingers to hold the Styrofoam in place. The gnarly knuckles are just bits of Styrofoam secured with masking tape.



**For the Hands:** As shown in, punch out shallow holes (slightly smaller than fingers) in the block of Styrofoam. Then insert the fingers. (I didn't secure the fingers at this stage just in case the wire was exposed in the carving stage and had to be snipped off.) Mark the curve of your ghoulish hand with a magic marker. Now 'punch' a deep ½- inch wide hole in the bottom where the PVC pipe 'arm' will go.

With a serrated knife, carve the shape of the hand. If you make a mistake, don't worry. Styrofoam can be added and just taped over. Use masking tape pieces, secure the fingers to the hand. The ridges on the back of the ghoulish hands were done with long

'triangular' strips of Styrofoam. Once the hand is finished, hot-glue the fake fingernails on.

Cut a piece of ½-inch PVC (to insert into the hand section) and push on the ½-inch 45 degree connector. Cut a long piece of PVC for the arm. (I used a 3-foot piece of the pipe.) Drill small pilot holes into each side the connectors and secure it to the pipes with screws.



Insert the PVC into the hole in the hand section. Take several Styrofoam chunks and punch ½-inch holes all the way through. Slide each piece onto the PVC 'arm' pipe, carve to a rounded shape, and secure each with masking tape.

**NOTE:** Pool noodles will work and most already have a ½-inch hole in their center. I just wanted my ghoulish hands to be from the same material and not so smoothly rounded.



Once the arms have been 'fleshed out' and a layer of overlapping masking tape is added, use the Latex Window Caulk to give it a thick 'skin' and add texture. Let the caulk dry completely. In the photo, the hands and arms have been painted with the water-based primer.



The Giant Ghoulish Hands are completely finished. They measure about 4-foot in length. The acrylic 'Pear' color may seem a bit too bright, but it's really creepy at night. The fingernails are painted with a medium brown acrylic paint.



Here's another shot of my Ghoul Hands with the Giant Skull that I re-painted and attached ping-pong 'eyes' to.



Here is the new 2008 entrance to the Cove Of Nightmares.

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