

Kammo's Halloween Projects

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Death's Chair



These are just a few pictures of a prop I have made for my reaper costume that I used last year. The chair is rather large because with the stilts on I am 8 foot tall... So this year, I am going to make a whole reaper scene to go with the costume.

I started this project with some 2x4s that I had laying around. I made a basic box frame out of the 2x4s except the back of the chair I made very large. I just drew a basic design of what I wanted the arms to be like on a piece of particle board and cut it out with a jig saw and then traced it onto another piece of particle board to make another one for the other side.



Once the frame was made, I cut out a piece of counter top I had as scrap for the seat and I used a piece of pink foam for the backing... I decided to put a 2x4 in the center of the back to help support the foam incase I leaned back too far.





I then ran pvc pipe from the ground up the back to the top corners of the chair for hooking up a fog machine to shoot fog out.



I will be installing skulls on the tops of the pipes to make the fog come out of there mouths.



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At the top of the pipes there are pvc Ls to turn the direction of the pipe



At the bottom there are 2 more Ls turned inward and a 3 way splitter which connect the bottoms together.



One opening should be left and that is where the fog machine will be hooked up.

"More on the hookup later"



So I used a cheap black latex house paint that I got from home depot to cover the whole chair. (Cost about \$13.00)

Even though most of the chair will be covered in the end, I want to make sure it is not gonna be showing any brown wood.

used a Wagner paint sprayer to make this an easy job.



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So then after it was all painted, I used black weed mesh, found at home depot as well (Cost about \$8.00 for a very large roll) to cover the bottom sides and front of the chair, I used a staple gun to hold it in place.

Then draping mesh over the arms of the chair, then covered the backing as well.





After stapling the pieces of mesh down, I used a pair of scissors to cut from bottom up the sides of the mesh on the arms of the chair to create frayed dangles and also another piece of weed mesh on the front at the seat line to cut dangles out of... These dangles will blow in the wind and give a ragged look to the chair.

I did not cover the back because it will be up against my garage door and nobody can see it anyways.

I only attached the mesh on the right side at the top, not all the way down because I will need to be able to put a speaker inside of the chair for talking through when people come up.. (this will be done with a cordless head set inside my mask) I will use thumb tacks to hold the mesh down after the speaker is installed.



Ok so after the weed mesh, I used cheese cloth from Home Depot, to drape the sides of the chair (Cost about \$3.00). I cut strips in the cheese cloth the same way I did the weed mesh. Jagged rough cuts look best, and also just taking the scissors and sniping at the cheese cloth to make cuts here and there looks really good. You want to make the cheese cloth drape down almost to the ground so that it moves with the wind easily.



After the cheese cloth is in place and just how you like it, I sprayed gray primer paint from a spray can (Cost about \$3.00 a can) on in lines all over the cheese cloth and weed mesh to give it an older worn look... you want it to be kind of splotchy and some lined here and there, I ended up spraying most of the chair but not too much in any one place, you don't want it to be too dark....



Then I installed my skulls... these skulls are from Spirit Halloween Store here in NM.

They are made out of plastic, cost about \$5.00 a piece, glow in the dark and the mouth is able to be opened.

I took the top L pvc pipes and screwed them into the bottom of the skulls pointing the open end out the skulls mouth.



Then pushed them back onto the end of the pipe, you can adjust the skulls to point where ever you like.. The fog will shoot quite far out of the mouth depending on the size of your fogger....

Oh.... and the crow on the top of the chair was just an idea, I most likely will use a buzzard.



I cut out a hole in the arm of the chair (using a jig saw) to put in a light controller box so when I am in the chair I can turn on and off any other lights or electric devices I wanna use... (I.E. Strobes, black lights, colored lights, or my mic.)



You can usually get this particular light controller from any music store, or just order it from www.americandj.com

There are some that are cheaper, but this is one that I have used for work so I use what I got..

The controller has a cord that goes from this box to another box which has the outlets for your lights. This will make it very easy to control other things from my

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Ok so as you can see I have added rather disgusting heads to the bottoms of the arms of the chair.

These heads were purchased at Sprit Halloween Store here in my town. The paint jobs were very basic and didn't look very impressive so I decided to touch them up a bit. After the new paint jobs I used foam chain also purchased at the Halloween store. Just attaching them to the hooks in the tops of the head and the other end mounted to the bottom of the chair arm.



Ok so that is my chair. I hope this might strike Up some ideas for you to do one of your own.

Happy Halloween!!!!!!!!!!!!



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