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Ghoulish Ghost



Material List

2x2's, plywood or mdf

styrofoam ball

screws

rags

duct tape

drop cloth

white gauze

fabric starch

scissors

pail

straight pins

bricks or rocks

Obtained from
Omarshantedtrail.com

Courtesy of HGTV

1. Cut the 2x2's into 3 pieces (one long with square ends and two short with one end angled on each) and cut the plywood or MDF into a circle(about 24 inches in diameter for the base. Screw the pieces together to create a life-size stick figure. Tape rags over the arm ends to simulate hands and screw half the styrofoam ball to the top of the middle piece for the head. Place the whole figure over a drop cloth.

2. Cut about 12 -20 six foot strips of white gauze for each ghost and dip them into a pail of fabric starch. Pull the gauze out slowly, wringing it out as you go. Unfold each piece and drape the lengths of gauze over the ghost frame until you have created the desired thickness and shape. You can create hoods, capes and high or low arms depending on how you put the frame together. Be sure to lay the gauze as flat as possible at the bottom, which will allow for bricks or rocks to hold the ghost down so they don't fly away in the wind.

3. The gauze will eventually dry and harden. If desired add a couple of dry strips of gauze and pin them in place to the head and the hands. They will look spooky on a windy night. Place the ghost on a covered porch or out in the open for short lengths of time on a dry evening (rain will soften the dried starch and leave you in a puddle of gauze instead of a frightening ghost).