

Skull Fountain

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I have seen many gross Halloween fountains, but my favorite was demonstrated by Ron Tye at one of his gatherings. It looked simple, effective, gross, and inexpensive. I just had to build something like it!

We designed some special <u>fake blood</u> just for fountains.

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We started with a bird bath, or perhaps it is a feeder.

We would have preferred one with two tiers, but this one was generously donated to our cause, and we were happy to use it.

We'll just give it another tier.

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The bird bath has a raised section in the middle that exactly fits the mouth of an inverted plastic flower pot.



The pump is from <u>Harbor Freight Tools</u>. They have several different sizes of fountain pumps.

We chose this one because it is small, and will fit in the relatively shallow bird bath. It is #45303, and lists for \$9.99 (October 2002).



A small lever on the pump allows you to set higher and lower flow rates.

According to the box, the pump is capable of a maximum of 66 gallons per hour, just a bit more than a gallon a minute.



We decided to fill the fountain with <u>cast</u> <u>plaster skulls</u>. These ones are resting after their second coat of Thompson's Water Seal. We suspect that they will still absorb the coloring from the fake blood and turn pink. That's OK.

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Here we have the skulls piled up to show the intended effect. In operation, the purple fluted dish will be painted to match the bird bath.



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