

The Ultimate Duct Tape Dummy

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TOOLS YOU WILL NEED



- 3 rolls of good quality Duct Tape (3M, etc)
- Bandage Scissors or letter openers
- Clothes you can destroy (get them from second hand store) or Disposable Painter Overalls and booties.
- Rubber or cotton Gloves
- Socks
- Paper Towels or Saran Wrap
- Two or Three Friends and 2 hours of your time (bribe em with food)
- Bring some friends over, and make a fun day of this!

START BY TAPING WRISTS/ANKLES/WAIST

Start with getting Ductee clothed in the clothes to be duct taped over. Use about 6" strips of Duct tape at any one time, except when taping the waist when starting (you can tape all the way around a couple times to make sure the shirt and pants wont move). Start by taping the wrists, ankles and waist of the shirt and pants. If the clothes are baggy, fold the material then tape it together. **BE SURE NOT TO TAPE TOO TIGHT!**
Do not cut off circulation!



TAPING THE BODY

You can start from the waist then go up and down the body, Zig-Zagging 6" strips of duct tape.

You have have one friend start taping from the back and one in the front. You will need to use at least two layers of duct tape to cover the whole body. Make sure you get the crotch and arm-pits very well. The Ductee at this time should not be able to move very well.



This picture shows the Zig-Zag pattern you should use on the body.

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TAPING HANDS

This is OPTIONAL: Have the ductee wear some rubber or cotton gloves.



Take small 3"x3" strips and zip zag them on the palm and top of the hand. Then, take tiny strips of duct tape around 1" wide x 3" long and slowly wrap each finger. If fingers are not necessary for the DTD, then tape the hands in "mitts" with the four fingers and thumb taped.



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TAPING FEET/TOES

You can easily just tape your feet as is (no toes, but the whole foot). Have the ductee step on some wide pieces of duct tape to cover the bottom of his sock/bootie. Then take duct tape and wrap it around the foot until covered. **DO NOT DO THIS TIGHT!** You need blood flow to the feet!



Making toes on your feet is **TOTALLY OPTIONAL**: Help the Ductee lay down (note that the ductee will not be able to help you do this, they are stuck in the stand up position) Prop their legs up on a chair to get to the feet easily.



Cut the socks so each toe is separated. This will expose skin, **DO NOT TAPE THE SKIN!** Take paper towels or saran wrap and wrap each toe. Then take tiny strips of duct tape around 1" wide x 2" long and wrap each toe around the towel or saran wrap.



Finish by wrapping the bottom and top of the foot with duct tape, zigzagged like the body.

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MARKING THE TAIL

This is handy to let someone know roughly where a tail would look good. Just mark the duct tape with a permanent marker with a circle with an X in it, and mark TAIL on the top of it.



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FINISHING UP THE BODY

Total Duct Tape Dummy is DONE! Note that the 'rear' of this Duct Tape Dummy looks a little "loose" This was done on purpose by stretching the duct tape (he crouched down) for this person is using the duct tape as a pattern for a costume. Yours might look a little more 'tight' since the person shouldn't move much while getting their DTD done.



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MARKING THE DUCT TAPE DUMMY

IMPORTANT: Mark the arms, body and legs where you will be cutting. Place X's every few inches so that when you tape the DTD back together, you know HOW it goes back together and it will all line up.



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CUTTING THE PERSON OUT

You can use either Bandage Scissors, or a "letter opener".

IMPORTANT: Do this **SLOWLY** and **CAREFULLY**. You do **NOT** want to cut into flesh. Be sure you use the blunt tipped bandage scissors and not regular scissors for this. Cut the lines that you marked on the duct tape in the previous section. Start with the collar, work down each arm, then the back/hips area and finally the ankles and feet. The person inside the duct tape will know when they can pull off the duct tape from the hands and feet.



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STUFFING THE DUCT TAPE DUMMY



After the Ductee is taken out of the taped version of themselves, they can help make a 'skeleton' and help stuff the DTD.



This is OPTIONAL: THE SKELEON: This can be made from anything. Thick wire, to PVC piping. This is handy to 'hang' the DTD up to work on a costume. Basically you want to make a square for the torso, then straight sections for arms and legs (sort of like a Hang Man look). Another thing you can do is tape a hanger inside the shoulder/neck area of the DTD so you can hang it up without having to make a whole skeleton.



If you don't want to make a skeleon, you can just stuff the DTD as is. You can use Polyfil, newspaper, or even scraps of foam to stuff a DTD. Start with the feet. Stuff them REAL tight, as you want this to be a good solid section.



Then slowly work yourself up the legs, and tape the cut area as you go, making sure you line up the X's you drew on the duct tape. Keep stuffing and taping until you get to the collar.

Tape that closed then Cap It with zig-zags of duct tape (like you did to the body) Voila,

Done!





THE FINISHED DUCT TAPE DUMMY

(Note: I didn't have any pics of the actual finished DTD, so I used another one, a female) Shows Front, Side, and Back of a stuffed Dummy. No skeleton, and no hands were done on this one so yours might look slightly different depending on what kind of DTD you end up making.



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