

Parkfield Cemetery's Styrofoam Columns

Welcome, my devilish fiends, to Parkfield Cemetery!



Would you believe that these 7' tall columns are made out of styrofoam? Let me show you how they were made.



First... I have a friend who works as a prefabricator in a foam factory. Her machinery allowed us to make specific cuts and designs for the columns. (that's my bff on the left, and our prefabricating friend on the right)



Eight long pieces were cut and they were glued and screwed together with very long screws. Once the major shape was complete, the styrofoam pieces of decorative baseboard and capitols were added with an industrial hot glue gun.



The basic column is now complete.

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I brought back with me several other styrofoam pieces to add to the basic columns. From those odd pieces, I used parts of a circular column's capitol to design a sconce that will hold a candle for eerie lighting.



Decorative pieces were added on the top corners as will be a plaque as shown here.



On the plaque, I carved a plate for each column.

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After everything was attached, all screw holes were patched and corners were filled.



Then the base painting began.



I added moldy streaks on each column.



Since these columns were supposed to be from 1828, I gruesified them until they looked the part.



The columns look great by the light of a candle.



The finished columns look great flanking my driveway.

(For this challenge, I received 10" styrofoam letters that spell out Parkfield Cemetery. I was hoping to have my archway complete by the deadline, but alas, they are not. I have constructed an internal support type box out of wood inside each column which is designed to hold the arch over the columns. I have the letters inside of the arch, but the paint and lighting isn't anywhere near complete.)

Thanks for taking a look!

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