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The Cemetery



Turning Your Yard Into a Cemetery

It's easy to turn your yard into a cemetery. It's a great Halloween decoration and it's sure to draw the trick or treaters and onlookers in. It might also draw some scowls and frowns from your neighbors. So you might want to let them know that it's only temporary. Just for the Halloween season. You might even ask for their help. And if you do a really good job this year, you might have some competition from them next year. :-) Some lucky souls do such a great job with their outdoor displays that the local tv or newspaper stops by to do a story on them. If you are that fortunate, you have finally made it to the bigtime. And being on TV for something besides being a suspect is pretty rare these days. A fog machine and fog chiller can really help add that certain flair. And it covers up any goof ups on your tombstones. If ya can barely see 'em know one will no if one of them isn't cut exactly straight. Start small with just a few things and add to it every season. Who says you can't build tombstones in February? The main

thing is to always be on the lookout for new ideas and watch for sales of raw materials that you can use. And most of all use your imagination.

Cemetery Fence

Every cemetery needs a fence. There are several websites out there that show how to make a killer looking fake wrought iron fence from 1X2s and some CPVC pipe. The fence looks great and is really a nice touch to add to your cemetery. You can also use the little white plastic fence sections they sell at Walmart to go around flower beds. Spray paint it black and you're ready to haunt your yard. The ultimate is the falke wrought iron fence, however. It can be constructed cheaply and easily with just a few tools. It looks so good. Unless you knew it wasn't real, you would think that it was. And the best part of it, it can be taken down and stored for next year. Reusability is always a plus. When I get a chance to take some pics, I'll put up my own instructions. For the wrought iron cemetery fence, check out this one by [The Yardhaunter](#).

Tombstones



Tombstones are the foundation of your cemetery. There are many websites out there that show how to make some really cool tombstones. They can be made from cardboard, wood, styrofoam, and even concrete. I am partial to wood ones because of their durability and the easy building. Styrofoam should always be painted with latex paint. Enamels and lacquers dissolve the foam. By the time you build the forms, you could have built several really cool styrofoam or wood tomstones. Styrofoam and wood can be carved into some very interesting shapes using a Dremel tool. Epitaphs can be painted on or carved into the material. Carving the epitaphs into the tombstones adds that extra touch of realism. If you want to, visit a local cemetery and take your camera along. Take some pics and use them

for models. Keep an album and use it for future reference. Check out Mark Butler's [Monster List of Halloween Projects](#) to get some ideas for tombstones and epitaphs from other home haunters. Click on the pic at the right to see how I made my tombstones.

Freshly Dug Graves

Make some freshly dug graves for your cemetery. Take some chicken wire and bend it into a hump shape, sort of like a giant speed bump. Cover it with black plastic. Tape the plastic to the underside of the chicken wire with some duct tape. Now spread some hardwood mulch on top of the plastic. Stick a shovel in the ground next to the "grave". You might also place a lantern next to the grave to give off some dim light. Looks like the grave digger had to leave in a hurry... That's about all there is to it. The mulch at night looks alot like fresh soil and you don't have a large area of your yard torn up. And after Halloween is over, take the mulch and use it around some trees or shrubs. Your yard stays intact and you have some material to do some fall mulching.