## Terror Tom's Halloween page



## The Mummy

http://www.geocities.com/hillbilly\_nurse/HALLOWEENmummy.html

Every house needs a resident mummy. And you want to be the first in the neighborhood to have one!!! I got the idea from <u>Uncialle.</u>I changed a few things to make do with what materials I have around. I made the head of the mummy from a styrofoam wig head my wife picked up at Sally's Beauty Supply. It was about \$3 and I have more on order :)



I used a wood burner to melt in the nose and to carve out the teeth. and make the eye lids parted a bit. I then painted it with some acrylic paint. I chose a tan sort of color.



Here is the platform the mummy is built on. I chose 1/4" AC plywood. It's lightweight and fairly sturdy. Just have a family member lay down on top of the plywood and trace around them. I cut the plywood with a jigsaw. I attached a small piece of 2X4 to the end with some drywall screws and a short piece of plywood to make a place to rest the mummy on when its standing up. I then crumpled up some newspaper and used masking tape to attach it.

Here is another pic further along in the construction. I have wrapped the legs with the strips of sheets stained with strong coffee. You can also use strong tea or a some yellow fabric dye. The strips of sheet are stapled to the plywood on the back side to prevent them from shifting around. I then hot glued them on the body. You can see the newspaper i used to stuff the body. I made tubes of newspaper for the legs and arms then I stuffed them with crumpled newspaper.



The torso was made by placing crumpled paper on the plywood and covering it with a single sheet of newspaper and taping it to the plywood base with masking tape. Sawhorses make it possible to wrap the mummy easily.

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This is a view of the mummy near completion. I put a couple of 3" wood screws up from the base where the head was to go. I then pushed the styrofoam head down onto the screws. It made the head pretty solid and it prevents it from twisting as you wrap the mummy with the strips. You can see the arms folded across the chest and how smooth the chest is with the single piece of newspaper holding the crumpled paper in. The head and neck are the most difficult to wrap. I used shorter strips in this area to get the best coverage. You can see in the background my pile of torn sheets ready to be applied to the mummy's body.

Here is a pic of the completed mummy ready to haunt the home. Notice how it looks like the mummy has arms, legs and feet that are separate from the main torso. The plywood that supports the feet shows as a little square on the bottom but it makes it easier to lean the mummy up against a wall. The plywood base can easily be screwed into a sarcophagus in the future or some hangers could be attached to hold it upright against a wall.





And here is a pic of me, Terror Tom, and the mummy. I'm very satisfied with the results. I have a few new ideas I'd like to try. Maybe build the body out of chicken wire attached to plywood and paper mache. Then glue on the cloth strips. And next time I think I'll give the mummy some hands. A sarcophagus would be really neat with the carved lid and the Egyptian hieroglyphics. I can't wait to put this guy out and show him off.

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