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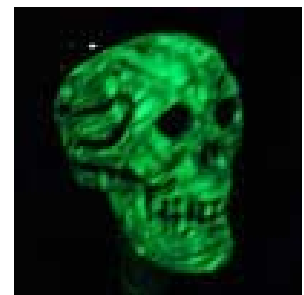
## Glowing Floating Skulls

This prop was 100% inspired by my favorite Dark Ride - The Haunted Mansion at Knoebels. The *Dark Ride and Funhouse Enthusiasts* ([www.dafe.org](http://www.dafe.org)) have awarded it the #1 favorite in the US 6 years running. Check it out if you get a chance.

Anyway, in the ride there is a "Skull Room" (anyone that's been there knows) where there is all these glowing skulls rising up and down. That's what this prop is. A bunch of glowing floating skulls rising up and down.

### Parts List

- Several (6 or more) small foam skulls- \$2.00 each
- One small can of Krylon GLOWZ glow-in-the-dark paint - \$3.50
- One small oscillating fan
- Dark-colored fishing line
- Black spray paint
- Qty. of eye hooks
- scrap yardstick, lathing or dowel wood approx. 2-3' long
- Drill with 1/4" drill bit
- 18" or larger blacklight fixture



First drill holes in the top and bottom of the skulls.

My foam skulls were filled with sand, so I had to empty that out by shaking. Then brush paint the skulls with the Krylon GLOWZ and let dry. You can test the coverage of the paint by using a black light to see if you missed a spot.

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You then feed the line through the skulls. I taped the line to a straight piece of wire coat hanger to feed it through.

I used 3 separate lines with 2 skulls each. To keep the skulls in place I tied a small finishing nail under each one. Each line went up to the ceiling, through an eye hook, then down to the fan.



The fan was painted black to blend into the background.

The stick is attached to the fan in the middle. On one side of the stick the two outside lines are attached.

On the other side the middle line was attached. If you have more than 3 lines just continue to alternate.

To finish, I placed in front of a black background, and mounted a blacklight above the skulls. As the fan moves back and forth, the skulls rise and fall opposite of each other.

As seen from at least 4-5' away it looked very cool. I still need to get a good pic of it in the dark. I would like to make a whole wall like this eventually. In that case a fan would not be practical.

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