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Severed Puking Head

Halloween Yard Haunt Prop Building

Severed puking head with Glowing Vomit - Materials used:

- Latex Halloween mask (\$4.99 from thrift store)
- Tree Branches, 4 (nearby tree)
- [Black light](#), 1 (college daze)
- Plastic cauldron, 1 (\$3.99 from Wal-Mart)
- Stand, 1 (your choice)
- Fountain pump, 1 (Pump, Beckett Baby Versa 70 GPH)
- Water (duh),
- Markers, Avery Fluorescent Yellow no. 240XX , 2 (\$0.91 each)
- Wire plant hanger, 1 (free - found in garage)
- Optional, dry ice (ten pounds: \$0.78 a pound from Ace Hardware)



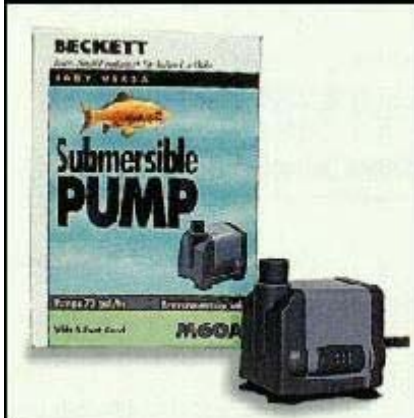
Pukey's Stand: I'd previously done some tree trimming and saved a few select limbs. Using a spike, I dug four strategically-placed holes about 12 inches deep and two feet apart and inserted one limb into each hole. I taped together a few of the upper twigs to different limbs to increase stability.

For glow-in-the-dark lighting, I used wire hangers to attach a two-foot [black light](#) to the front two stand / legs (viewable in the image below). I draped a black trash bag over the front of the UV light to hide it from passersby.

King Puke is a latex mask stuffed with newspapers. It is well hung using an inverted wire plant hanger. I took each of the four wires, poked them through the latex and then attached each wire to one of the stand/legs. I also inserted a Glow Stick horizontally so that it would glow through the eyes - this was a really nice touch!

Puke Flow and Glow:

I dropped a fountain pump, the two sponges extracted from the Avery Fluorescent Markers, and water into the cauldron. This 'tea' sat for about 4 hours prior to showtime.



The pump and [UV light](#) were connected to the same extension cord, which allowed me to turn them on/off with one controller. I occasionally had to turn off King Puke when I felt that people were too close to it.

Haunting Tips And, if you'd like to get a hold of a book with tips on giving your visitors a good scare, take a look at Pfeiffer's [Give Them a Real Scare This Halloween](#).

Animating Props If you're interested in learning the basics for animating your props, then I'd like to suggest Edwin Wise's [Animatronics: A Guide to Animated Holiday Displays](#)

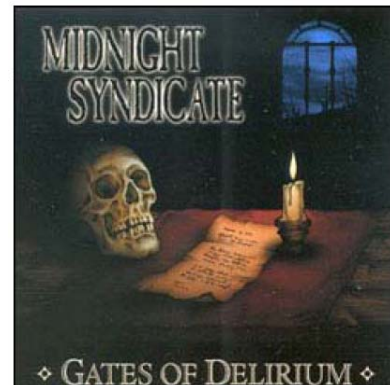


Throughout All Hallows Eve I added dry ice and warm water. The markers caused the water to glow beautifully under the [UV light](#)! The sprinkled water around the exterior of the cauldron added an eerie touch. King Puke was flanked by two styrofoam tombstones, with the one to the left reading "Ben Dover" and the one to the right reading "Yul B. Next" (get it?!!!)

Each of the freshly dug graves consisted of one black trash bag sprinkled with some earth. A skull and a [Gravelly Hand](#) topped off each of the dirt piles.

Lessons Learned: Mood Setter - It helps to have a CD player with eerie tracks playing. I found that Midnight Syndicate sets the tone quite darkly with their [Gates of Delirium](#).

Add lighting to the tombstones. They were too dark to be read. Audio Sound F/X - I would like to add puking sounds and to have the pump activated by the CD track.



I have a sketch of the idea at [thunder puke](#).

Add a disc flasher. The disc is designed to be inserted in a lamp socket, to cause the bulb to flash intermittently. You can find these in most hardware stores. Use a screw-in receptacle in a drop cord and plug the pump into that. This will intermittently interrupt the pump's power supply so that it spurts, as opposed to the continuous flow that I had.

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