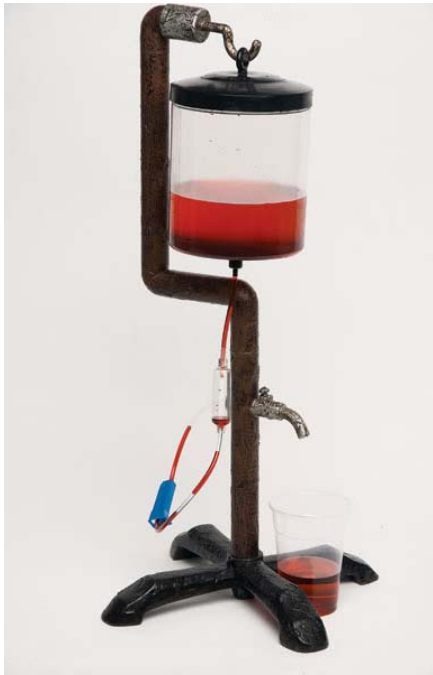


The Embalming Station



Let me start off by showing you my inspiration. I found this picture in a catalog somewhere and I fell in love with the idea. Of course, my doodle replica of this little gem featured not one, but two jars of body fluids. This project was a bit of a challenge and it took us to many places we didn't expect to go to make a Halloween prop. So, here's my inspiration:



This project started with an old bird stand I had at home. Once the bird stand was deconstructed, the reconstruction began. First thing that was added was height. Metal pipes were cut to not only add the height but also to add a cross bar to support two fluid jars.



Ok, so the pipes were cut and then I was off to the thrift shops. I was looking for old sun tea jars that had a spigot on the bottom. Not such an easy item to find for some reason! And, as an interesting point of interest, the newer, nicer jugs have decorations that were 'baked' onto the jar and are impossible to remove! We tried everything!!



Razor blades, acetone, lacquer thinner, paint stripper, steel wool... nothing worked! So, we worked with what we had. First the spigots were removed. The one jug that the paint could be removed was cleaned and wired for hanging. The other jug with the impossible paint was repainted! Why not make it look like blood...



The spigot was then replaced with materials which will allow the 'body fluids' flow easily from the jar down to the faucet. Gaskets were cut out of black fun foam to reduce leakage around the new spigot.



This prop needed fixed faucets to control the 'body fluids' and a T plate was added to support the faucets and a block of wood was added to support the skull. Of course this prop had to be personalized! I've made many hot glue skulls this year and one was added to the pole to redirect the tubes from the jars to the faucets.

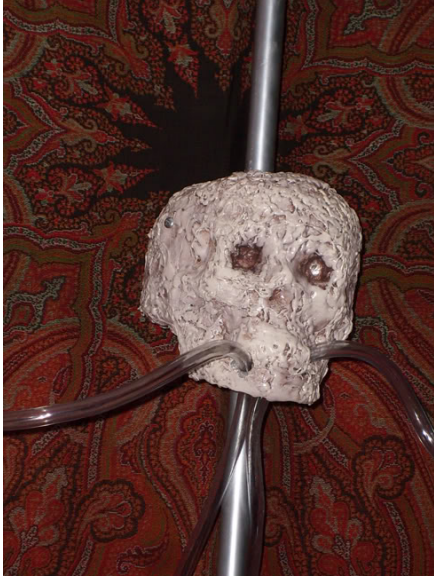


A close up of the faucets:



The painted skull now houses the tubes for the 'body fluids'

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The next stop made was at the automotive supply store! Two clear (new) fuel filters were added to the tubes for effect and to replicate those found in hospitals.



Put it all together and you have a great addition to the Autopsy Room in the Morgue. The Embalming Station will hold adult beverages for the annual Halloween party (Mai Tai's in the "urine" jar and vodka/cranberry in the "blood" jar).



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This was entered into the October contest for the Mad Lab. Once again there was stiff competition and many great entries. While the Embalming Station did not win, it was a fantastic addition to the Morgue right next to Victor the Edible Corpse!

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