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## Haunted Mirror

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One of the best ways to trigger ideas for props is to visit your local thrift store, search around and wait for inspiration to hit. In 2004 I found this mirror with an ugly plastic brown frame. It had a gothic sense about it. Then, as I studied it further it donned on me that a skull would fit perfectly in the top center. So, I slapped down a buck fiddy for the mirror, a five spot on a can of gray spray paint and grabbed a skull I had laying around (all true haunters have extra skulls laying around in storage) and went to work. All I had to do was remove the mirror, spray paint the frame and skull, then reattach the mirror and it was good to go! Very little effort for a very satisfying effect.



Then, if you're really motivated, you can do what I did next. I surfed the web for a scary ghost face of some sort. I then blew that picture up to a lifesize scale on my computer and printed it up on clear sticky paper (can't remember what the paper is called, but it's the same stuff used for re-usable car window stickers and you can buy it at places such as Staples). When it was done printing, I just cut it out and slapped it on the front of the mirror. It sort of gives the effect that a ghost of some sort is staring back at you. Okay, okay, so it's not a real animated hologram or anything fancy like that. I said this was just an inexpensive, beginner prop!