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Pod

How to create a nice little monster/alien pod that is sure to sprout something nasty.



Step 1: Styrofoam Frame



I cut and shaped styrofoam pieces to give me a basic oval shape:

- 4 pairs of shapes to give me a total of 8 pieces.
- Each pair mirrored its partner in size and shape. In the picture, you can see 2 pairs - 1 pair in the forefront, and 1 taller pair behind.
- I ended up with 2 pairs (4 pieces) for the middle (to create the high peak in the centre) back to back on both sides of the pod, and 2 pairs (4 pieces) for the lower part of the pod - again, 1 pair on each side of the pod.

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- I used toothpicks to secure the pieces first to their partner, then to the other pairs.

Of course, if you have a big enough piece of foam, you can just cut one big oval out of it!

Step 2: Cover in Tinfoil



Cover the entire thing with tinfoil.

Step3: Cover in Paper Mache



Using torn newspaper and a glue/water mixture, I put paper mache over the entire outside. I pushed through the very top to make a slight opening to make it look like the pod was starting to open up.

Step 4: Paint



Layer your colors, filling in crevices and dips first. Start with dark colors (I used browns, purples and dark greens), then lighter colors (lighter purples and yellowish-greens). Finally, I added white paint tinted with purple for highlighting all the points that stand out the most.

Set your pod in moss or something grassy/nest like, and you're done.