

Grab & Go Craft: Halloween Ghost

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Supplies

Included in kit:

- 2 – 36”x36” pieces of cheesecloth
- 1 cup of liquid starch
- 6” x 12” Halloween paper for the banner flags
- Cut-out letters
- 24” baker’s string
- Solo cup
- A balloon
- Tapestry needle
- 3”x3” black felt
- 2 pipe cleaners

Not included:

- Glue
- Scissors
- Bowl
- Tape
- pencil
- waterproof covering for your work surface

For those who may not have one of WPL’s kits, here are some supply tips:

- *Baker’s string and cheesecloth can be found on Amazon or at Walmart.*
- *The kit’s letters are vinyl, but you can use cardstock, too. The kit’s letters are 1.5” tall.*
- *You don’t have to have a tapestry needle, it’s just super easy if you do.*



Putting Together your Ghost

1. Cover your work surface – it’s going to get wet and a little messy.
2. Making the ghost figure:
 - a. Pull out the cheesecloth and cut into two 36”x36” pieces.
 - b. Blow up the balloon so that’s about 7” in diameter – this is about the size the supplies are geared toward.
 - c. Put your solo cup in the middle of your covered work surface, open cup side up.
 - d. Tape the balloon to the cup as shown.



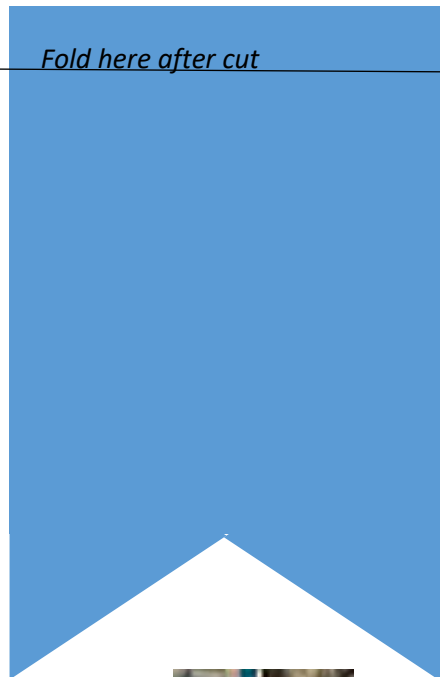
- e. Shove the pipe cleaners in the cup so that they stick out and give you a good form for the ghost's arms. You may need to bend down the pipe cleaners' ends if they stick out too far or are sharp. I've seen people put a wad of aluminum foil over the pipe cleaner ends to make the cheesecloth "hands" rounder.
- f. Pour the starch into a bowl.
- g. Take one piece of the cheesecloth and submerge it in the starch. Make sure it's drenched.
- h. Squeeze out about half of the starch from the cheesecloth.
- i. Spread out the cheesecloth and drape it over the form that you made. Let it pool slightly at the bottom.
- j. Repeat steps g-i with the second piece of cheesecloth.
- k. Let it dry – it may take 12-24 hours to dry so do this project somewhere where it won't be in your way (not like in the middle of the kitchen counter like I did).
- l. When the ghost is dry, pop the balloon and gently separate the form from the ghost.



3. Cut the ghost's eyes from the black felt and glue onto your ghost.

4. Making the banner:

- a. Using the banner flag pattern to the right and your pencil, trace three flags on the back of the Halloween paper. Cut them out.
- b. Fold over the top of the banners $\frac{1}{4}$ " or so.
- c. Attach the letters to the front of the banners.



5. Attaching the banner to the ghost:

- a. Thread one end of the craft string through the tapestry needle.
- b. Stick the needle through one of the ghost's "hands" and then the other, running the thread across the ghost's "belly".
- c. Tie one end of the string to one of the ghost's hands.
- d. Determine where you want the banner to hit your ghost's belly and adjust the string. Tie the second end of the string to the ghost's other hand.



6. Attach the BOO banners to the string.
 - a. Apply glue to the underside of the fold-over part of the banners, hang over the string, and press into place until the glue sticks.

All done☺

