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Nosferatu Vampire Coffin Craft



Materials: PVA Glue, Paint & brushes, scissors, hot glue gun, newspaper, masking tape, markers, tissue paper, wire, cardboard, card, red and black fabric, vampire visual reference.

Take time to design what kind of vampires coffin you would like to make, then grab some cardboard, a ruler and pencil. Measure out the coffins, then cut out.

We cut out a long rectangle shape in the middle of the base layer, you just need half this though. Keep the cut piece to be able to resize this space.



Using the glue gun with an adult supervision or support, glue your coffins sides together, leaving the lid separate, add holes to side you want the lid to attach to.

Go around the rough edges with masking tape to make painting it easier. Re-poke in holes for lid.



Paint the inside and outside, we googled coffins to get a visual reference. To make a wood effect, add stripes of different tones of reds, browns, black mixed with brown across the outside of the coffin.

Then when dry paint a watery mix of PVA glue over the outside, so when it dries it will look like it's varnished.





Using newspaper, make the legs that will be glued to the box once they are decorated. Here is where we added more cardboard into the empty space to be used as a platform for the vampires' legs.



Using newspaper and tape build the vampires head, then tape this to a shortened skewer. Twist and roll the newspaper into shoulder and arm shapes, tape down.

Now cut tissue paper into strips and make a "milky mixture" of PVA and water, cover the vampires head and body, not forgetting the separate legs. Then leave to dry



Using markers draw your vampire's features, we used a collection of blue to grey to black tones to build Nosferatu's facial features.

Using card add ears, and hands, glue on.



Using black fabric cut a long and wide rectangle of it, then hot glue it to the shoulders, wrap around the doll and secure edges together.

Hot glue down the vampire's legs to the box, then play with the vampire within the gap underneath, moving it up and then laying it back down, then gauge how much fabric you need for those movements, then glue to the legs.





Now using red (or the colours you chose to use as the “soft” parts of the coffin), cover the gap that remains under the vampire. Make sure the skewer is poking out the back, so you can still use it to make the vampire sit up.

Now secure the lid to the coffin base, we used garden wire, make sure to ask for an adult for support or use thick gloves or pliers to twist the wire together, then cover the pokey ends in hot glue.

You can also add more details with the hot glue gun, like handles or embellishments on the lid.



Now time to find a suitable place for your vampire to live, and have fun making it pop up, slowly creeping up through the lid.

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