

NorCal Haunters Resource List

Ideas and Education

halloweenforum.com

halloweenphantasm.com

hauntforum.com

hauntworld.com

instructables.com

norcalhaunters.com

Servo Magazine

stolloween.com: papier-mâché

YouTube especially Hollywood Haunter, Stiltbeast Studios, and Scaryladyvideos

Where to Purchase

Animated watchman kit, other animated prop kits, static prop kits and spider joints to allow easier posing of cheap skeletons:

spiderhillpropworks.com

Art supplies: Michael's, Joann Fabric and Craft

Best cobweb gun "Black Widow" and UV reactive glue sticks:

frightprops.com, i-Zombie Productions, hauntedprops.com

Best fog juice: "Froggys"

Best fog machines: "Chauvet"

Best UV LED outdoor black light: www.spiderwebman.net

Building supplies & tools: Home Depot, Lowes, Harbor Freight

Clothing and other items to repurpose: thrift stores, garage sales, craigslist free section

Electronics: Adafruit; Sparkfun; Jameco Electronics, 1355 Shoreway Rd, Belmont; Fry's; Ebay

Luminara Candles: Bed Bath & Beyond, Pottery Barn, Joann Fabric and Craft, Crate&Barrel, Amazon

Pneumatics: frightprops.com, Royal Brass Inc. 1700 Martin Ave, Santa Clara

Props to be hacked: Spirit, Dollar General, seasonal aisles at drug stores

Reindeer motors: kindys.com, monsterguts.com, frightprops.com

Thunder and Lightning "Perfect Storm 2.0 by Morris Inc.": FrightProps.com, Amazon

Windshield wiper motors: monsterguts.com, frightprops.com, spiderhillpropworks.com

Materials

4" x 7" construction plates for attaching tombstones to a base

Burlap, that has a tight weave, for making statues when dipped in monster mud

Charcoal powder or Fuller's earth can be sprinkled over gray or black acrylic paint to look like dirt; set with clear matte spray

Dremel tools including multipurpose cutting kit #565, triangle bit #125 and round edge bit #117 for cutting the epitaph into tombstones

Drylok "masonry sealer" to waterproof props

EPS and XPS foam sheets can be used for tombstones and other props, much less flammable than the white foam

Foam wig heads can be used for the head of a flying crank ghost

Keyhole saw for cutting the foam for tombstones or Pro Hot Wire knife and power supply from Hotwire Foam Factory or Free Hand Router from Hotwire Foam Factory

Minwax gel stains to make plastic skeletons look more realistic or add color to corpses skeletons

Monster mud is made from a gallon of latex paint mixed with 5 gallons of drywall joint compound mixed with a mixing drill. It dries to stiff faux stone-like finish. It is commonly used when making tombstones, statues and crypts. It can be added to cloth or hair with creepy and realistic results. It produces a hard shell over props constructed of softer materials like Styrofoam or papier-mâché.

Plastic tarp for corpsing

Pool noodles/pipe insulation are useful for bulking up dummies made from PVC

RIT fabric dye can be used to change the color of fabric; doesn't always come out the color you expect; different versions for different types of fabric

Rustoleum textured spray paints are made up of a number of colors of paint that spray out in an irregular fashion; they can add a sense of dust or dirt to a prop

Sophisticated Finishes can be used to add a metal finish, patina or rust to most any material

Tent stakes to keep props from blowing away