

Grab & Go Craft: Halloween Ghost

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Supplies

Included in kit:

- 72"x36" piece of cheesecloth
- 1 cup of liquid starch
- 6" x 11" Halloween paper for the banner flags
- Cut-out letters (your kit letters may have the middles of the letters still but they are cut out)
- 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.*
- *We'll be cutting the piece of cheesecloth in half so you could use two 36"x36" pieces*



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. Unfold/pull apart one piece of cheesecloth until it is one layer. Each layer should be able to drape over the balloon completely and touch the table as shown to the right. If it doesn't, pull apart the cheesecloth more – sometimes it looks like you're done separating when you're not.
- h. Submerge one piece of the cheesecloth in the starch. Make sure it's drenched.
- i. Squeeze out about half of the starch from the cheesecloth.
- j. Spread out the cheesecloth again and drape it over the form that you made. Let it pool slightly at the bottom.
- k. Repeat steps g-j with the second piece of cheesecloth.
- l. 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).
- m. When the ghost is dry and stiff, pop the balloon and gently separate the form from the ghost. If you have spray starch at home, you can spray your ghost if you wish.



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 below, trace three flags on the back of the Halloween paper. Cut them out.
 - i. Fold over the top of the banners $\frac{1}{4}$ " or so.
 - ii. Attach the letters to the front of the banners.



b. Attaching the banner to the ghost:

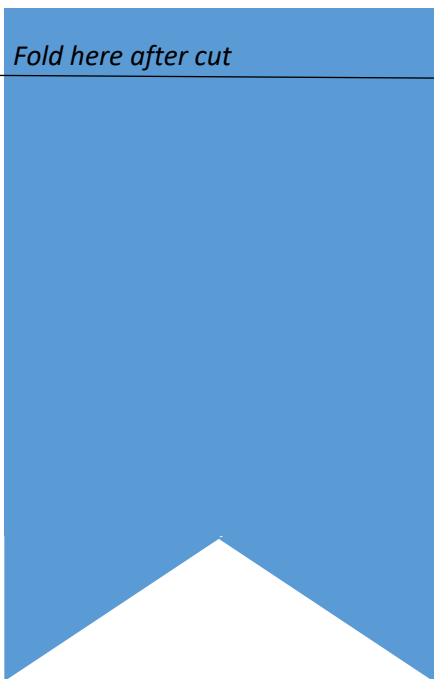
- i. Thread one end of the craft string through the tapestry needle.
- ii. Stick the needle through one of the ghost's "hands" coming from back of the hand through to the front. Then, running the string across the ghost's belly, stick the needle through the other hand from front to back.



- iii. Tie one end of the string to one of the ghost's hands.
- iv. 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.



Fold here after cut



5. 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😊

