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Fluffy



This is a reindeer/wolf, while making this I thought it was going to be a disaster but once I was finished it has now become 1 of my all time favorite props.

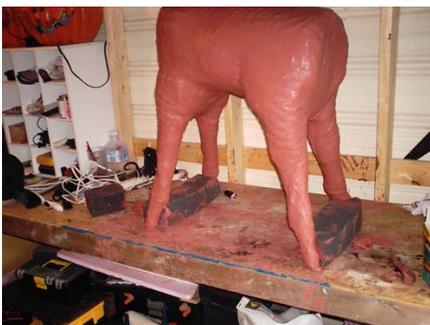
Time to make: On and off for about a month.

List of materials:

- Christmas reindeer-25.00
- mask-42.00
- faux fur-18.00
- materials already on hand,
- PVC
- chicken wire
- foam (soft & rigid)
- Great Stuff
- hot glue
- L.E.D.s (green)
- contact cement
- paint (Black)
- wire
- Monster Mud
- fabric (to dip in MM)
- zip ties
- neon marker (yellow)
- wig head



I started by making him taller, I took 4 pieces of pvc all the same length, cut notches in the top and slid them up the legs to grab where legs hinge. I then wired them and for good measure I put a generous amount of hot glue at any point the pvc was touching the frame.



Then I started on the body. I had some 2 inch thick foam padding I sliced it down the middle and cut it up into different sized pieces for the legs and back. The back piece I laid over then zip tied to frame, then put chicken wire over that. The legs I put chicken wire on first loosely then stuffed the padding inside. to make sure everything was snug I pulled the chicken wire tighter and zip tied it to frame.

Next step I brought out the monster mud. I took the fabric I had and dipped it in then squeezed off the excess. I then wrapped the frame using large sections of fabric, covering entire frame. Then let dry for about a week.

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While this was drying, I started on the head and neck. I cut the head off the neck just past the circle in the frame. If you look at the first pic I posted you will see what I mean. I then took cut up sections of the 2 inch thick foam and stuck them inside the neck and zip tied them there then took a wig head and pushed it on the ends of the wire frame and glued it there. I also cut off the neck on wig head.

Back to the body. The feet I took square pieces of pink foam and cut a hole in the middle and put them on as the feet. I rounded them off to make paws of my liking then to add thickness I took Monster Mud Clay (MM & shredded paper pulp) and put about an inch thick layer on top of foam, also ran a thin layer a couple inches up the legs to get rid of the bumps the hooves of the reindeer made.

Due to the extreme frustration with the fur and the mask I have no more pics of the build except for the claws and a collar. I will describe it as best as possible. On a lighter note however, all the ones I've seen everyone has done them differently.

Ok, once the paws had totally dried I laid the fur over the frame and pinned it. I then cut off the excess. Removing all the pins and taking the fur back off, I started on one side at the bottom of the legs working my way up gluing it to the frame with contact cement, then going down the other side. I also put some pins back in to hold it till it dried. The tail I sewed a pocket (sorta long pocket) attached a wire inside then stuffed it with some scrap fur. poked a couple holes in the rear ran wire through and attached to frame. Now for the head and neck. I wanted the wolf to be black so I did everything I could to change the color of fur I used rite dye, shoe polish, and regular hair dye, nothing worked so I removed the hair from the mask and used the fur I had left over. The neck was not as big as I wanted it so I added another layer of foam (1 inch thick) and wrapped that with masking tape to hold it on and to have something to glue to. I then glued the fur

onto the mask having some extra to run part way down the neck. I had some extra hanging off the front of the body and glued that up the neck meeting the fur from the head. Note: make sure you have extra fur hanging loose from the body so when neck is moving you won't burn out motor and there is free range of motion in the neck. I also left a hole underneath where body and neck meet to have access to motor. due to the loose fabric you can't see it.

A couple of things I just remembered

Before I put the fur on I noticed the body was looking a little square. so to change that a little I ran a line of Great stuff foam along the ridge of his back

EYES

I used a spoon to get the shape of his eyes. I wrapped a spoon with aluminum foil coated that with a release agent (crisco) squeezed some hot glue on there, holding it over my heat gun to keep it liquid I took the cartridge out of a neon marke and squeezed a drop or 2 in the glue then stirred it up. When this cooled I trimmed it to the shape of the eye drilled a little hole in the back then glued a L.E.D there then glued them to the mask.

Also the mask was gray I dry brushed it black.



The claws were easy I saw a teeth and skull necklace at Wally world, the teeth looked like claws to me so I bought a couple and tore them up and glued the teeth in for claws.

I wanted a collar for him so I took a piece of garden edging cut off edges attached 3 plastic skulls and 24 metal skull studs. a piece of velcro to hold it on and zip tied a styrofoam chain to the collar.





AND HERE'S FLUFFY!



Here he is in his spot in my cemetery with his buddy Marshall

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