

MONSTERS



When my family began to get serious about scaring our neighbors, we used to sit, kneel or stand in our front yard and pose as monsters, witches, vampires, etc. We used to love to listen to the crowd trying to figure out if we were people or mannequins, and when they let their guard down, we would reach out to them and freak them out.

Since our production has required more people, I now populate my graveyard with monsters that I make myself. My monsters are fun to create and dress up and they provide great photo opportunities for the people who come by on Halloween. I always set one of them up near a sidewalk so that people can stand next to them and take pictures. Did I forget to mention that people love to bring their cameras?



The Frame:

The Monsters' frames are created out of 1" PVC pipes. To ensure that you'll be able to take your creation apart, spray the ends of the tubes with a bit of lubricant (WD40 or cooking oil). Use your own body to measure the length of the arms, legs and torso.

Use 90 degree joints to attach the shoulders and 45 degree joints for the elbows.

Use "T" joints to attach the (outer) neck area to the tubes leading down to the torso and to attach the torso together.

For the neck, use a "T" joint to connect to a 1/2" wide pipe in the center. Attach a 1/2" wide PVC tube (approx. 6" long) to the middle of that one to insert the wig head with mask.

The hands are attached by either duct taping them on or filling them up with foam and inserting the PVC tube into it while it dries.