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THE GRIM REAPER



What Halloween graveyard or yard haunt would be complete without the Grim Reaper himself menacing your trick or treaters?

We wanted our Soul Taker to look as realistic as possible, so we used a Bucky Skeleton as the base. Unlike the cheap plastic skeletons you can buy this time of the year, Bucky is an economical life-size articulated plastic/latex skeleton. Skull includes movable jaw, cut calvarium, and 3 removable lower teeth. Size: 5'6" tall. And the best news is that these skeletons are around \$120.00!

So how is it that you can get one of these skeletons that normally cost hundreds of dollars for for little? These skeletons are seconds. During the manufacturing process some skeletons and parts are blemished, discolored, irregular or slightly damaged. At \$139.00 or less Bucky is a great addition to your Halloween decor.

Materials List

- 1 - Bucky Skeleton
- 1 - Bucky Stand
- 1 - Grim Reaper costume
- 1 - Plastic Scythe
- 1 - Glowing Eyes Assembly

First, you need to build our "Nearly Invisible Skeleton Stand". Its pretty easy to put together and only costs about fifteen dollars. See our article "[Building a Bucky Skeleton Stand](#)" for detailed instructions. Place the skeleton on the stand per the instructions.

Watch for an upcoming how-to article on adding glowing red eye sockets to the skeleton. This really adds a sense of life to the prop.



Once you have the skeleton on the stand and secure, dress it in a black hooded robe. These costumes are plentiful during the Halloween season and can be bought for as little as \$10.00. We actually used a kids size so that the feet and part of the legs showed, so that a little more bone was visible.

While its possible for one person to dress these skeletons, it's a lot easier with two people. One person maneuvers Bucky's arms, while the other slips the costume on. Start with the arms, then over the skull.

Attach a plastic scythe to his right hand and foot using twist ties, plastic zip ties or string. Scythe prop's can be found at most discount stores for three or four dollars. There you have it, a realistic looking Grim Reaper prop for your Halloween festivities!

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