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GRIM REAPER

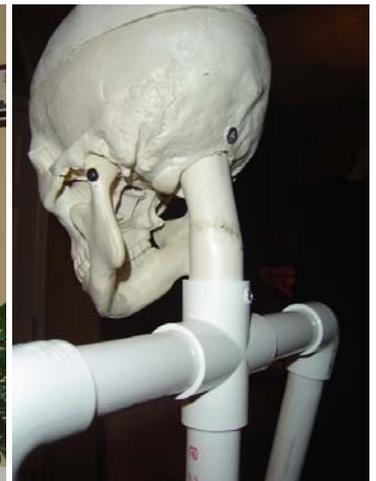
This is my latest project. I call him Grim. He's a monster mud reaper, about 5'5" tall. I used a schedule 40 1 inch PVC frame and chicken wire to build him.



I started with a square base using 90 degree fittings and then built up with legs to the hip section, making sure everything was square and level.



I gave him a spine, arms, and neck and drilled the hole out a bit more in a bucky's skull to fit over the PVC.



I used a heat gun to bend the neck some, making him look down a little. I also screwed the jaw together and the skull to the PVC.

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I also used the heat gun to bend the arms some. The 90 degree fitting was not letting the arm go outward enough, and the 45 degree one was TOO far.



I added the chicken wire frame around the PVC into the basic shape that I wanted him to be in

I didn't take any pictures of the placement of the sheets... so I went back and just took a couple of pics of how I attached the pieces of sheets. I cut a piece for the hood section that fit over the hood and inside the chicken wire behind the skull. Then I cut a long piece for the back and attached it up under the hood piece. I cut a piece for the front of the robe and attached it behind the sleeve section of chicken wire. Then I cut a smaller piece for the chest area, securing it under the hood and behind the sleeves of the chicken wire. I cut 2 long pieces for the sleeves, attaching them under the hood at the shoulder and wrapping them around the sleeve, securing them between the sleeve and body of the reaper. Last, I tucked the sheets up inside the sleeve of chicken wire.



I pulled the sheet through the chicken wire.

Then I tied it in a knot around the wire. TOO simple!

In the spots where there were these pieces of chicken wire sticking out, I just poked the wire through the fabric and then bent the wire over to hold it.



My son and I gave Grim a nice slathering of monster mud. I forgot to take pics of him before the mud, where he only had on a Ralph Lauren sheet set. I hated those sheets, my ex picked them out...lol



Now Grim is waiting to dry. With the humidity here with that dang hurricane out in the Gulf now, it may take a while. I used Navy blue exterior paint in my monster mud mixture that I bought to paint my front door and shutters... it turned out a nice baby blue on Grim. :)



In the end, I ended up giving Grim 4 coats of monster mud and 4 coats of paint. I wanted to make sure he'd be solid for a long time to come. I think if I were to take out the PVC frame underneath, he's stand without it or the chicken wire! After I base coated him, I took a damp kitchen sponge and some light gray paint and just kind of ran the sponge downward in swift short strokes. The paint job didn't turn out like what was in my mind, but it'll work.



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