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EASY ARCH



This was a very simple project and a cheap way to make a grave. I took an old very large brown bath towel, covered it in spray adhesive, then sprinkled it with sawdust and leaves. You can use any kind of towel, and die it brown,, this one was just the right size. Then I used wadded up plastic grocery bags underneath to give it a mound. Along the edges I used 16 penny nails and tacked it down so the bags wouldn't sneak out and blow away. The perfect grave!

This was one of my first creative ideas, made in 2004. (Before the yard grew into what it is now). It is a simple and easy arch. I picked up an empty cardboard carpet roll from Lowes, and cut it in half to make 2 six foot sections. The top is just cardboard folded into a rectangle with the bottom corners left open. The columns fit up inside to make an arch. I painted the whole thing with a flat grey primer and then sprayed it with a stone texture paint. The bottoms of the columns have a plastic insert that has a smaller hole that fits nicely over the rebar in the ground.

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Since my original arch was so plain, I decided this year for 2006, I would add some decorative touches.



In the upper left picture you can see I used some "Great Stuff Foam" insulation. The top of the arch was coated and left to dry. I then used a utility knife and shaped it and sanded it. I decided I didn't like the plain grey color, so I did a mottled green coat of latex spray paint, then used 2 colors of faux stone finish, green and a grey/white.

The top center picture shows the wood lettering I glued on and some ivy that I placed to help hide the cardboard seams.

The picture to the right shows the finished arch, you can see I added ivy down the columns also. The owl on the top was a great auction find for only \$1! (this

picture was taken where I work, made a good storage place until I needed to put it in the yard.)