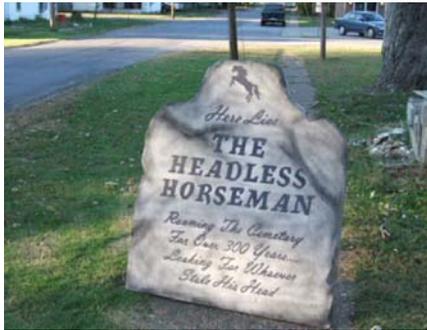


Hallows Eve 88

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Tombstones

Materials Needed



Block of 2" styrofoam (this case 4' x 4')
Hot Wire Foam Cutter
Dark Purple Acrylic Paint
Paint Brushes
Gray Spray Paint
Black Spray Paint
Printer capable of printing banners
Carbon paper



After cutting a 4' x 4' sheet from the styrofoam, then using the foam cutter, make a basic shape for the tombstone. Add any cracks or "wear" marks on the stone before adding your stenciling.



Using any graphics-type software (we used Microsoft Publisher), type up the words/phrases you want on your tombstone.



Since this headstone was large, we used 3" font size for the "Here Lies" and the Epitaph, and 4" for the "The Headless Horseman". We used two different fonts, one script and one block.

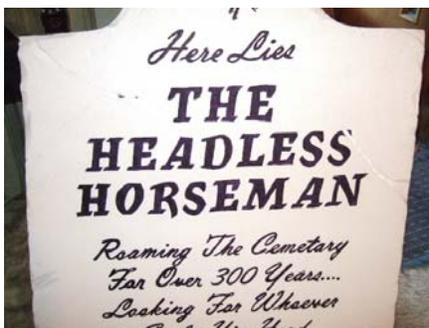


Just when you think you have everything lined up perfectly on the board....guess who shows up!

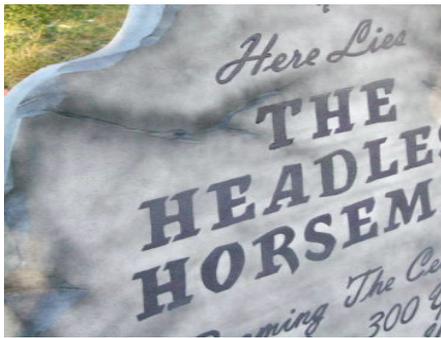
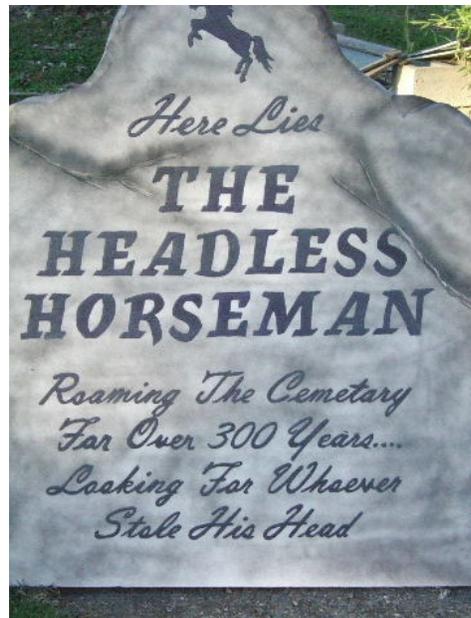
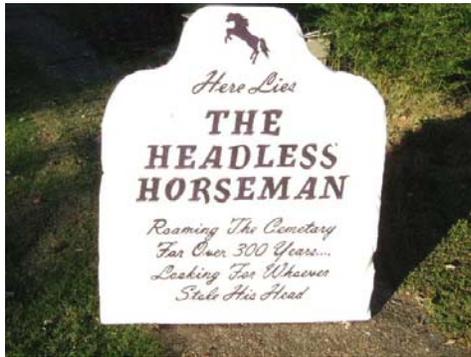
The horse was basically a clipart image just traced onto the foam and painted black. Set the printer to print on banner paper. Once printed, you will have to cut the sheets down and piece them together. Then they were taped to make one single sheet. The print was then transferred onto the styrofoam with carbon paper. Simply put the carbon paper underneath the sign and use straight pins to hold the papers in position while you trace the letters. This process is much easier than it sounds!



This is how the foam will look when you get through tracing the letters onto the board. If some of the trace marks do not show up very well, take a black Sharpie and go over the letters to make them stand out a bit more for painting.



Once traced, just paint the letters using a dark color acrylic paint. We went with Midnight Purple instead of black.



The last step is simply making the headstone look old and worn using gray and black spray paint. The foam was lightly sprayed first with gray, leaving a bit of the white foam board to show throw and then at the edges and the "cracks" we added the black spray paint. One note to caution, too much spray paint applied to foam will melt it. This was done with the spray can held about 12" away and done in short "spurts", allowing time to dry between sprays.

These stones were made the same way but without the wording from scrap foam in the garage. They are about 2' tall.





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