Steve's Haunted Yard

Grave digger project

New project for my 2008 Yard haunt. I plan to make his head move later. To get instructions on how he was made click on the photo and read below. Good luck! This was a really Fun prop to make. It made me feel like Dr. Frankenstein!!! I have a video of the completed project on my video page

I used a wig head to fill in the mask and used masking tape to better secure it to the foam head

Still working on head. Need to seal it and make it weather proof. I added some plastic eyes that I got at an after Halloween sale. They are the party favor kind. You can use anything you would like but I already had these just rolling around the house.

I built the skeleton frame out of 1" PVC pipe. You can use any size you would like but I already had this size so I used it. I did have to buy the 90 degree joints (5 total-2 shoulders/2 hips/1 elbow) I bought a 45 degree for the other elbow so the arms would be a different angles. I also bought a T connector and one 4 way connector. The T connector was for joining the pelvis area and the 4 way for the upper body connections and the head.

Here is a closer look of the upper connections. You can see on the left shoulder a screw. I secured the joints with screws to hold it together better.

Here is a close up of the lower joints together.. As you can see I also added some chicken wire around the center for the chest area to fill it out more. I used some electrical tape on the top and bottom areas so the clothes and your fingers don't get cut on the wire.

As you can see I recycled some plastic sacks to fill out the body. You can use just about anything. I have seen some how too that used pool noodles but this was cheaper and cheaper is good.

This is the lantern. Got it from Wal Mart (about $5)and painted it and added light. The light was just one of those key chain lights. I just turned it on and placed it inside. Works pretty good.