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I bought some pink insulating foam from Home Depot. They only had the 1 inch thickness, so I glued them together with Liquid Nails for Foam. I used a Wondercutter to shape the tombstone. I used Microsoft Office Publisher to create a poster sized template with the font and size I wanted. I printed them, taped them together, then attached them to the pink foam with thumbtacks. I used a Xacto knife to cut out the letters and etch them into the foam.



Next, I used the Xacto knife to "engrave" the letters. It was kind of tedious at first until I got a groove going on. On some tombstones I used a Dremel with 3 different ball-tipped bits, it really depended on the font I used.



Sanded the edges with a fine grit sandpaper for a smoother appearance.

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I painted the letters black, making sure to get it covered well. I do this first before I paint the rest of the tombstone, so that I don't have to be perfect. The tombstone color itself will be rolled on, so the paint shouldn't go into the engraved part too much (I hope!)



We then painted the tombstones gray with a small smooth roller. Taylor was "helping" me.



This is my personal tombstone, after painting the base coat.

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In the 4 pictures above, I used a stiff paintbrush with a small amount of paint, almost like drybrushing to add the aged look. I simply started at the top and moved the brush quickly down the stone, making several passes until it looked right to me. On the top of the tombstones, I just dabbed the paint on, then streaked it by running the paint brush across it a few times.

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