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Cauldron

After making Helga the Witch, I decided I needed to come up with a quick cauldron for her. I did try to find one at the store; however, there was nothing large enough that would work for her. After consulting my Haunt friends - I started making Helga's cauldron using left over chicken wire from my Warning Stone prop. Even though it didn't come out exactly how I pictured, it did work for 2008.



I formed chicken wire in a round cauldron shape. I purposely wanted the top to be a smaller diameter than the bottom (for an old world cauldron look). After the form was complete; I wrapped duct tape around the sides to help hold the shape, while I was applying the paper mache.



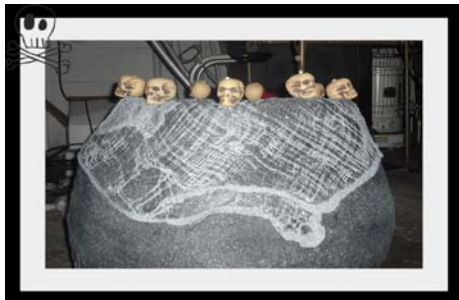
I added 3 4-inch feet after the cauldron was dry. I luckily found a thick cardboard tube being trashed at work for this task. Although not clear in below picture, I used duck tape to secure feet to the bottom of cauldron and then paper mached over that (for added support).



I added additional chicken wire in the center of the cauldron to create a raised inner structure that my lights could rest on. I added creepy cloth dipped in Elmers glue over the top (as seen in below photo) and draped it over the sides. NOTE: During the Halloween Season you can find this cloth at the DollarTree for a dollar.



I glued foam skulls around the top edge for added decor as well as bones to the side of the cauldron.



After everything was dry I went back and added 2 coats of DRYLOK Masonry Waterproofing.



I added black and green latex paint to give it a bit of an aged appearance (seen in photo below). Finally, I placed green lights in the center and placed spider web on top of lights. This way when the lights are on the web appears to be the bubbling brew.



Finished Night View

