

# DIY SKULLS



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# WHAT YOU NEED

- Empty and clean 4-litre plastic juice or milk bottles
- Sturdy skull
- Heat gun
- Hobby knife or sharp scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Old rag
- Water
- Can of flat black spray paint



## STEP 1

You'll need a sturdy skull and a way to prop it up. This is a pose and stay skeleton from Costco and I removed the jaw, but you can leave it on if you prefer. Prop the skeleton so it can sit upright without you needing to hold it.



## STEP 2



Cut the handle area out of the bottle with the hobby knife. The hole needs to be large enough to fit the bottle over the skull.



## STEP 3

Take your heatgun and heat the bottle over the eye section of the skull until the plastic starts to go clear. Work slowly, you don't want to melt the plastic, just soften it



## STEP 4

Dip your rag into the water and wring it out so it is damp and use it to cover your fingers and push the softened plastic into the eye sockets. You can reheat and redo this as many times as you need to.

Next, heat the top and back of the bottle and using your damp rag, press the bottle against the skull.



## STEP 5

As you work, the plastic bottle will wrinkle up and give some really cool textures. Keep softening the plastic until the bottle is pressed all over the skull and you are happy with the detail. You can even use a screwdriver or butter knife to press the plastic in around the teeth to get sharper details if you wish.



## STEP 6

Now you need to remove the new skull from the original. You do this by carefully cutting up the back of the bottle skull until you can pull it free. This can take a little bit of force.



## STEP 7

Cut some strips of plastic from your offcuts and use the hot glue gun to glue them over the inside of the cut you just made to cover off the sharp edges. Keep trimming it until you're happy with the shape.



## STEP 8

Now it's time to paint the skull, and here's a top secret way to paint them so they look amazing. Using flat black spray paint (the cheaper the better) spray the whole skull with a heavy, runny coat all over the outside. While it's still wet, wipe it down with a rag to get this result.



You can experiment with different paint to highlight areas of the skulls to create different looks and effects.

