



Customizing a Blucky Skull



If you want to decorate your yard with lots of skullies but can't afford anatomical model skeletons (a "bucky") (and you don't have any real skeletons in your closet), you're likely going to purchase a plastic blow-molded skeleton (a "blucky").

But let's face it, the skulls on these things look horrible. I think the person responsible for designing the skull wanted it to look scary, but it ended up looking like a goofy grinning alien skull instead. Who is that going to scare?

So how can you make it a bit more realistic or somewhat scarier? Get a scalpel (or box cutter), some spray paint, a fine paintbrush, and some acrylic paints.

First, take your scalpel (box cutter) and delicately remove (chop off) that ugly eyehole at the top of the skull. Next, carefully cut out his eyes, but be careful as the thickness of the plastic varies from one point to the next. After successfully forming his eye sockets, coat the inside of the skull with black spray paint, or use a brush.

Now take a fine paintbrush and darken the nose area being careful to leave a thin area in the middle (the septum). Do the same around the teeth. (Add some gold teeth if so inclined.) I find using a dark brown color looks more



realistic than a flat black.

If you are the proud owner of a bleach white or glow-in-the-dark blucky, you will have to add some shading to the skull to make it look better. (To purchase an aged "antique" blucky, shop OrientalTrading.com.)

You can also reshape the jaw of the skull with a hot air gun by applying heat to the jaw and then carefully stretching it to the desired position.



Experiment and have fun transforming your goofy blucky into a scary Halloween prop!