

Hungry Heffy Crafts

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Free Craft Class

Frankenstein Interactive Layout



I have always loved Halloween as a kid, and I guess who doesn't, an excuse to dress up, watch scary movies and eat lots of sweets - complete with a 'get out of jail free' card as far as the parents are concerned. As all the kids in our household grow older it seems that this traditional holiday becomes less and less of a big event - much to my disappointment. I look forward to the day where I can have kids of my own and really go to town, just like the Americans seem to do. A few years ago I decided to take the bull by the horns - dressing up, carving pumpkins, trick or treating, eggnog - the whole works! It was absolutely fabulous and I will never forget the fun that we had - especially now that I have documented it in a scrapbook layout. This craft class is a step by step tutorial so that you too can make this great layout, which features a fun Frankenstein interactive element.

SUPPLIES

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| - 12 x 12 starry scrapbook page | - White gel pen | - Small circle punch |
| - Purple cardstock | - Black pigment marker pen | - Stapler |
| - Black cardstock | - Green chalk cats eye ink pad | - Green square envelope |
| - Orange cardstock | - Red chalk cats eye ink pad | |
| - White cardstock | - Corner rounder punch | |

Step 1

First begin by inking the edges of the background paper - the 12 x 12 paper which forms the basis upon which you will build your design. Whilst holding the page at a 45 degree angle, take the green chalk ink pad and draw the foam applicator across and away from the edge of the paper. Do this for all sides and experiment a little as holding the ink pad at different angles to the paper will give different effects. The result is that our paper has an eerie green looking glow around the edges. Then by using a white gel pen, doodle a spiders web in the top right hand corner.

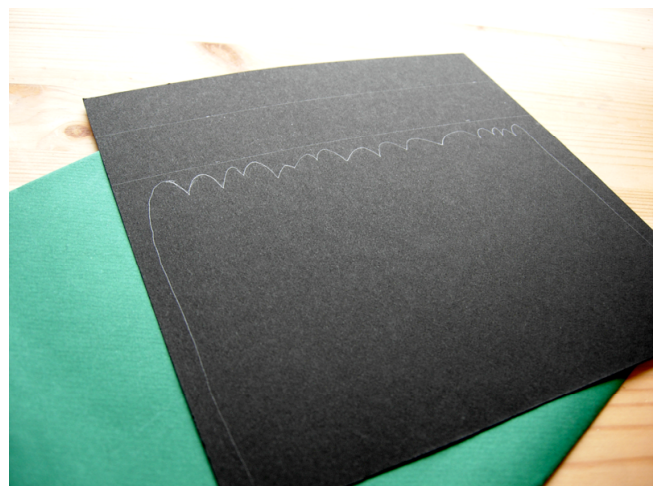


Step 2

Next you can print out your title using a computer and a printer. Pick a spooky font for the title and then print out your journaling into strips. I choose a basic font type for the journaling so that it was easy to read. When you are happy with the font and type size, print onto orange cardstock. Cut the title out, but leave a narrow border around the lettering. Likewise, cut the journaling into strips using a paper trimmer. Using the red and green ink pads, randomly dab some colour onto the title and word strips - this gives the layout a more grungy feel. If you have a large letter O in halloween - you may want to stamp or doodle a little spider for effect. Now set these aside while we make the Frankenstein interactive element.

Step 3

First of all lick and stick the envelope flap as we will not need this open. Then, to make the base of the Frankenstein head, trace around the green envelope on to the black card and cut it out to the same size. Measure 1 inch down from the top as a cutting guide and 2 inches down which will act as a guide for where his hairline will need to be. Lightly use a pencil to sketch these two guide lines. Next you will need to cut this black card so that it resembles Frankie's hair - so using your pencil again sketch in a line for some sideburns and a fringe (making sure that his fringe is just below the 2" line). Cut this out of the black cardstock and then using a glue stick, stick it unto the green envelope.

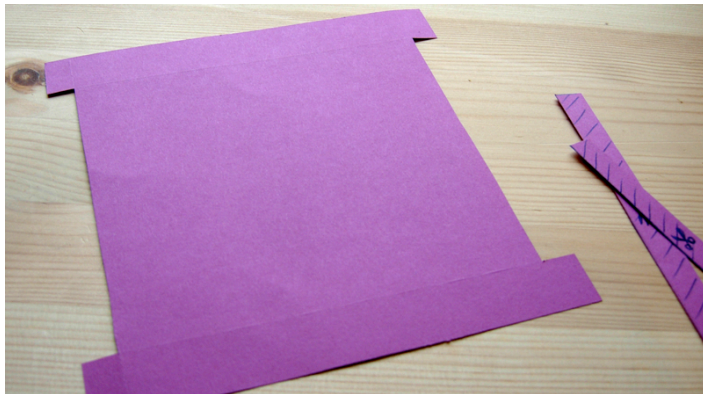


Step 4

Next take paper trimmer and cut open Frankie's head by slicing along the line that is 1" from the upper edge of the black cardstock. Cut the whole way through the black cardstock and the green envelope. Frankie's head is now in two parts, which you will pull apart to reveal the photo inside. As this is poor Frankie's head, you can give the effect of blood by swiping the red chalk ink pad along these two edges. Using the white gel pen you can also draw some small vertical stokes along this line to represent stitches. In order to make Frankie's head look less square, round the top two corners using a rounded corner paper punch.

Step 5

Next you will want to cut the purple cardstock so that it is slightly smaller than the green envelope. Slide this into the larger part of the green envelope and pop the other piece on top - making sure that the two edges of Frankie's head touch perfectly. Next remove the top part and lightly draw a pencil line to mark a line on the purple card. Next take out the purple card, and place on the table. Using a ruler measure 3/4 inch in from the other three edges.

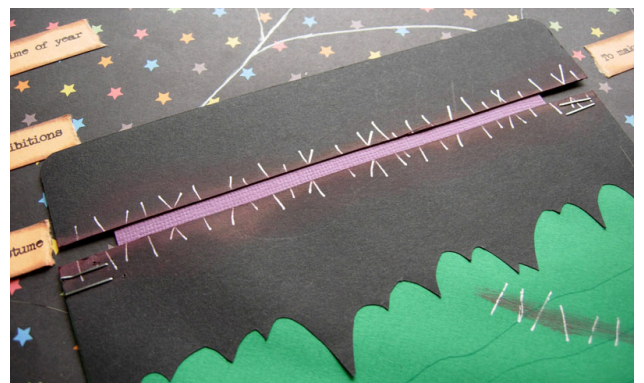


Step 6

In order to make this purple card slide in and out you need to cut the card so that it looks like a capital "I" shape. Using scissors cut out the rectangle on the left and the right hand side (see image). This means that the purple cardstock is slightly wider at the top and at the bottom than it is in the middle.

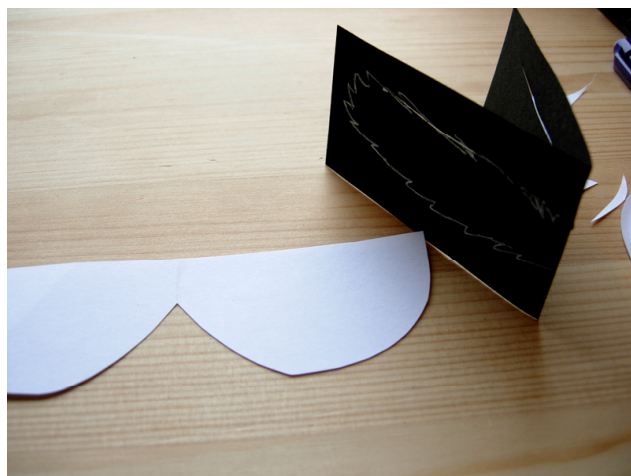
Step 7

Put the purple card back inside the green envelope. Run some glue along the purple card that that is peeking out the top, and place the top of Frankie's head on top. Hold in place until the glue is dry, so that when you pull up the top, it now also pulls out the purple cardstock. In order to prevent the purple cardstock from pulling out completely, staple each of the top two corners of the larger part of Frankie's head, just underneath the cut line.



Step 8

At this stage you have basically completed the interactive element and all you need to do is to cut out some eyes and eyebrows so that Frankie's face can take shape. Do this by folding some white cardstock in half and draw a rough half circle shape. Cut out by cutting through both pieces of paper, thus resulting in two identical eyes. Repeat with black cardstock but this time draw two long jaggy sausage shapes for eyebrows. Stick together with double sided sticky tape, and add two black circles as pupils cut out using a small circle punch. If you have a green marker pen, you might also want to add some forehead wrinkles or scars.



Step 9

To add your photos, simply pull open Frankie's head and stick in place. It is best to use double sided sticky tape or spray adhesive to ensure that all the edges are stuck securely so that the photo does not catch when you are closing Frankie's head again. For this reason also, it is best to avoid placing dimensional embellishments on this part of the layout.



Step 10

All that remains is to assemble your layout. Place Frankenstein along the bottom edge in the centre to allow room for his head to open upwards to reveal the photo. Secure in place with sticky tape, but ensure that you do not put any sticky tape on the top section of his head as this will mean that you will not be able to reveal your photo. Stick the title in an upper central location and then arrange the word strips along the left and right hand edge as you feel fit. In order to reinforce the grungy feel of the word strips, some of the edges were torn and I stapled several of the word strips prior to sticking down in place.



Now that you know how to make this interactive element, remember that you are not limited to its uses. You can use the exact same technique to make a different shape for example a house with a roof that pulls up, or even a present that opens.

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