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Instructions for Preparation:

1. Start by pulling these instructions out of the folder, open the folder, and prepare to use the inside of your folder as a hot glue pad.
2. Check your kit for the following materials:



- Instruction folder & Instructions (in your hand)
- Two pieces of dark gray pipe insulation foam
- A black pair of gloves
- 1/2 of a bright colored foam pool noodle
- A pair of bright colored gloves
- A small bag of artificial flowers & creepy crawlies
- A mini hot glue gun
- A bag of mini hot glue sticks
- A pair of craft/kitchen scissors

If an item is missing or non-functional, please ask Tara or Janice for a replacement.

3. Unwrap your scissors, hot glue gun and hot glue. Place wrappings of the first two in the trash bin. Insert a glue stick in the hot glue gun, plug it in, and set it on the inside of your folder to warm up.

Project 1: Dark Dragon Claws

1. Cut both pieces of the dark pipe insulation foam in half, lengthwise, using your craft scissors.



2. Cut 10 sections of foam 3-4" long, and cut a point at one end, leaving the other end flat. These are your "fingers." Save the extra little cut off bits for decorations on your wrists. →
3. Create "knuckle" pieces of the remainder of your foam, by making diagonal cuts in the rest of the foam approximately every 2-3" as shown below.



4. Divide pieces into two equal piles. (One for each hand.)
5. Using your dark gloves place one on your non-dominant hand (if you are right handed, place the left hand glove on your left hand, and visa-versa)



6. Very carefully, smear a small amount of hot glue on the tip of the little finger. (Too much glue and you will burn yourself!) Place one of the foam fingers on the glue. Make sure the flat end of the foam is placed just in front of your knuckle so that you may bend your finger.



7. Repeat with each finger and thumb.

8. Arrange mid-size “Knuckle” pieces of foam on the middle sections of the fingers, Adjust to allow fingers to bend and check that the placement is visually pleasing.



9. Carefully hot glue in place.

10. At this point it is usually good to use your scissors to trim between your fingers, or to give the foam pieces more shape, as your comfort or aesthetics dictate.



11. Place the next rows of foam spikes slightly overlapping like fish- scales up to the wrist. As you get closer to the wrist you can start gluing the tiny foam spikes vertically for visual interest.

12. Take glove off and let cool.





13. Take the second glove, place it on your non-dominant hand with the palm of the glove on the back of your hand.

14. Repeat steps 6-12 by carefully hot gluing the foam pieces onto the palm of your hand (which should be the back side of the glove.) This way you will have a right and a left glove.



This illustrates very basic pipe insulation gloves, but after you have the basics it is easy to make variations on them for

longer, creepier monster gloves like these:



These are made with full round pieces of insulation foam, tape reinforced on the fingers, and with small sections cut out and glued into the bends of giant finger joints.



Project #2 Colorful Mutant Fairy Claws:

1. Cut foam pool noodle in half lengthwise.
2. You will cut finger pieces in a free form style as demonstrated. Shaping the claws and other pieces with your scissors.



3. Cut at least ten long pieces for the tips of the fingers and a variety of smaller pieces for knuckles and back of hands. *There is more noodle than you need for both gloves. DON'T BE AFRAID TO EXPERIMENT!*



4. As with the dark pair of gloves, place glove on your non-dominant hand, and carefully hot glue finger pieces on glove as you did previously,



starting with the fingertips and working your way down to the wrists. *Note: it is OK to have gaps where you see the glove in between foam pieces.*

5. If anything is not looking the way you want, you can cut and shape more foam bits as you go.



6. Place the other glove on your non-dominant hand *backwards*, (with the palm of the glove on the back of your hand, and the back of the glove on your palm). Glue pieces to the back of glove (on your palm) as you did with the first pair of gloves.

7. To decorate, lightly dust with spray paint to add depth and texture. Glue flowers and/or creepy crawlers in blank spaces on gloves.



These projects are intended to familiarize you with the basics of foam on glove construction. Once you are able to make these without burning your fingers you can use more unusual variations like these that follow:







