

Make a ghost hanging decoration



This is a fun and simple craft to make a ghost hanging decoration to display for Halloween.

You can add your own details and substitute some of the materials for other craft materials you have at home.

You will need: cardboard roll, white paint, paintbrush, small piece of black foam sheet or thin card, pencil, scissors, sticky tape, glue pen and/or glue dots, white tissue or crepe paper, and about a 40cm length of thin elastic, ribbon or string. Optional: fine nib permanent marker (black), ruler, glitter and craft materials to decorate.

Instructions:

1. With a pencil, draw your ghost onto your cardboard roll. You need a domed head and an arm each side of it. Join the base of each arm with a line around the back of the cardboard roll.
2. To make it easier to cut out, you can draw over the pencil line with a fine nib permanent marker. Cut out and bend the arms out.
3. Paint the cardboard roll in white paint. We did two coats. After painting the second coat of paint, sprinkle on some glitter (optional). Leave to dry.
4. With a small piece of black foam sheet or thin card, cut out three ovals – two are eyes and one is the open mouth of your ghost.
5. With half a sheet of white tissue or crepe paper, cut out long strips about 24cm long and 3cm wide. You will need between 8 and 12 strips.
6. Using glue dots or a glue pen, attach the eyes and mouth to the head of the ghost.
7. With glue dots or sticky tape, attach the white tissue paper strips to the inside of the base of your cardboard roll.
8. Cut a 40cm length of thin elastic, ribbon or string and loop it. Attach to the inside of the top of the cardboard roll with sticky tape.
9. Your ghost is complete! You can use it as a hanging decoration for Halloween.

Fun facts: Ghosts are not just associated with Halloween. One of the most famous stories including ghosts is Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Do you know how many ghosts appear in this story?