

## Skeleton Directions



These skeletons are great for hanging around for Halloween. They can be made of thin plywood or the foam sheets available in the hobby stores. My picture is of a wooden one.

Materials and tools needed:

thin  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch plywood or white art foam sheets

thin wire or strong thread

sharpie for details

scissors for foam.....scroll saw for wood

White acrylic paint for skeleton bones

Fluorescent paint if you want to make them glow in the dark.

small foam paint brush.

Black ribbon for Bow Tie

Black felt or foam for Top Hat

Print out the pattern pieces on light card stock. You can change the size if you like. Cut the pieces out, and reverse the arm and leg pieces for the opposite limbs. Make a second copy as a guide to use in placing the pieces in the correct order.

If you make your skeleton from wood, drill a small hole as indicated by the dots. Using fine wire, loop it through adjacent bones, twist to fasten leaving enough wire to let it hang freely. When using foam, you can assemble them with a needle and strong thread. Make your thread long enough to let them hang freely. Make a hanging loop and fasten at the top of the head. The wood pieces should be painted before you assemble them. I used white acrylic paint, then painted the front with fluorescent (glow-in-the-dark) paint. Let this dry and then draw on the details with a black Sharpie. Use black foam or felt and cut a double hat piece. Match them up over the top of the skull (see picture) and glue into place. Tie a black ribbon bow between the skull and the rib cage.

**Right Arm  
reverse for  
left**

**Left leg  
reverse  
right**

