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Peek Into the Morgue!



Crayola Supplies

- Crayons (Regular)
- Washable Kid's Paint
- Paint Brushes
- Scissors (pointed tip)
- Silly Putty®

Other Supplies

- recycled newspaper
- paper towels
- recycled shoe box
- cardboard
- water containers
- plastic dinnerware

Why?

Do you dare to be a coroner, mortician, or Dr. Frankenstein? Gross out your friends with a Silly Putty® cadaver stretched out in a morgue drawer. This gruesome craft is only for the brave and strong!

How?

1. You're the coroner for this gruesome project! **WARNING:** Do not continue reading if you are timid or don't like gross ideas! Cover your craft area with newspaper. Paint a recycled shoebox with Crayola Washable Kid's Paint and Paint Brushes to look like a morgue drawer. Air-dry the drawer.

2. Use Crayola Scissors to cut a U-shaped flap on a short end of the box for the drawer opening. Cut another piece of cardboard for a sliding shelf that fits into the drawer. Are you ready for the worst part?

3. Use Crayola Silly Putty® to make a cadaver. Lay it on the shelf. What happened to your cadaver? Imagine scary stories! Decorate it to tell your most vivid story:

- You could use a plastic knife to cut slits in the body where an autopsy was performed, where medical students studied it, or where Dr. Frankenstein worked.
- Place broken Crayola Crayon pieces (leftolas) on the cadaver for hair, clothes, jewelry, or maggots.
- Drip red paint on it to look like blood.

When and Where Suggestions?

- "The kids decided on the causes of death and decorated their cadavers accordingly. It was a Halloween party hit!" Monique S., teenage babysitter.
- "Our children wrote a biography about their dead person. We've scheduled a tour of the morgue." Bill W., home-school parent.

Interesting Information

The embalming process involves the removal of blood from the corpse and replacing it with a formaldehyde solution. This is done in order to preserve the body to allow family and friends to pay their last respects, and to remove any contaminants that could be a danger to the community.

Safety Guidelines

ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.

Silly Putty®: Direct contact can cause product to stick to hair, including eyebrows and eyelashes. Not intended for use as ear plugs.

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children ages 6 years and older. Adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

Related Books

Earthly Remains: The History and Science of Preserved Human Bodies by Michael Parker Pearson

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

How to Make a Mummy Talk by James M. Deem

Mummies by Nathaniel Harris

The Fairy Tale Friend by Marcia Hoehne

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