

HOW TO

Make a Tombstone

→ STEP 3 (4 PART SERIES)

STENCILING

A fun way to transfer a font onto your tombstone.

ITEMS
NEEDED

- Computer/Laptop
- Printer
- Pencil
- Ruler (or tape measure)
- Tape
- Spooky background music (to set the mood)
- Precision Engraver (Found on Hot Wire Foam Transfer website)



STEPS

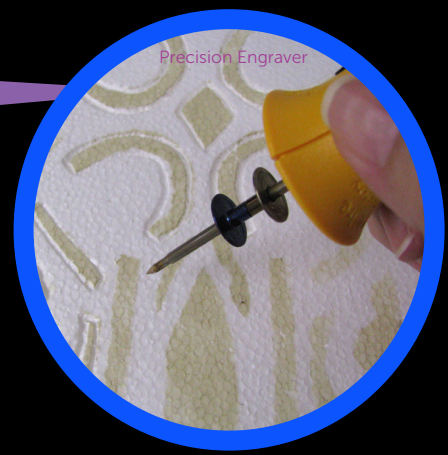
1. First, find out which font you want to use. Some font sites have spooky Halloween fonts that download right into your word processor (Sweet, huh?), or you can or you can go with a more traditional tombstone font.

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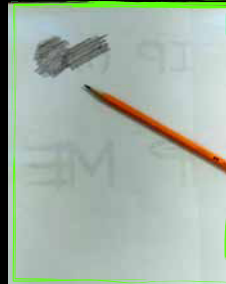
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2. Adjust the font size to what you want, then print it out. I used a size 150.
3. Use a ruler or tape measure to mark a guide line. This will be for lining up your letters.

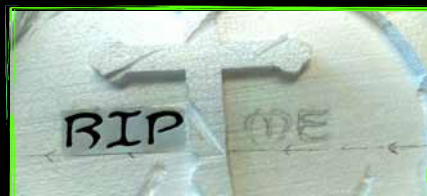
* Note: If you plan on painting your letters on, make sure your base coat is on first.



4. Turn the paper over and place another blank piece of paper beneath it. (This helps you see where the font is) Shade **heavily** behind each letter using a pencil. (Use a softer pencil if you have access to one.)



5. Use the scissors to cut out your words. Make sure the spacing from the bottom of each word, to the edge of the paper is the same for every word so that when you line them up on the guide line, the letters will rest at the same height.
6. Tape the words to the foam, font side *up*, using the line you drew as the guide. Trace the outline of each letter with a pen or pencil, pressing down **firmly** to transfer the lead from the back of the paper onto the foam. When you remove the paper, the font will remain on the foam.
7. Carve out or paint on your letters! The precision engraver is a great tool for carving intricate fonts or designs.



You can use this same technique for embellishments and designs.

2nd Annual Tomstone Carving Contest

Sponsored By Hot Wire Foam Factory & The Haunted Attraction Network

Hot Wire Foam Factory is proud to announce their 2nd Annual Tomstone Carving Contest for 2016. Read Below for a description of the prizes, rules, and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

Each tombstone will be scored on a scale of 1-5 in these four categories:

- Difficulty
- Craftsmanship
- Uniqueness
- Painting/Finishing
- Overall Presentation

PRIZES

1st Place

- \$100 Gift Certificate to Hot Wire Foam Factory
- Personalized Foam Art Web Page displaying your tombstone (Take progress pictures if you can!)
- Winner Featured in The Haunt Journal Magazine
- Free copy of The Haunt Journal Magazine with your featured article
- Bragging rights for a year!

2nd Place

- \$75 Gift Certificate to Hot Wire Foam Factory
- Personalized Foam Art Gallery web page featuring your tombstone. (Take progress pictures if you can!)
- Free copy of The Haunt Journal

3rd Place

- \$25 Gift Certificate to Hot Wire Foam Factory
- Free copy of The Haunt Journal
- Most Popular
- There will be a special prize for the tombstone that receives the most likes on Facebook.
- Hand-carved Award by Hot Wire Foam Factory
- Winner Featured in The Haunt Journal Magazine
- Free copy of The Haunt Journal Magazine with your featured article

Go to www.HWFFHOWTO.com by 12:00 AM (Midnight), November 2nd, 2016 to submit your entry. Please include any progress pictures and be prepared to tell us briefly both what inspired your tombstone and how it was made.

HOW TO SUBMIT

RULES

Individuals only. No company or business submissions, though individuals from companies or businesses are welcome to submit tombstones they have made on their own, outside of their business. One submission per individual.
Submission deadline is 11:59 PM on Nov 1st, 2016
Tombstones cannot be pre-existing. Construction of tombstone must begin after contest start date of August 6th, 2016
Contestants can win the Most Popular prize and 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place.
The tally of votes for the "Most Popular" tombstone award will end Wednesday, November 9th, 2016 Any "likes" done after this date will not be counted towards the vote.
Winners will be announced Friday, November 11th, 2016.
Gallery page links will be emailed to winners upon completion of page.

H.W.F.F., Inc. and The Haunted Attraction Network may use any images or text from contest submissions at their own discretion.