

# HOW TO

# Make a Tombstone

→ STEP 4 (4 PART SERIES)

## DRY BRUSHING

Want your tombstone to look old and weathered? Here's how!

ITEMS  
NEEDED

- Water based acrylic or latex paint  
NEVER use oil based paint on foam.  
(Some of the common accent colors are green, brown, white and black.)
- A wide paintbrush
- Papertowel
- Spray bottle of water (optional)



## STEPS

1. Apply your base coat. (Black and grey are most commonly used.)
2. Choose your accent color (you can use as many as you like!)
3. Dip *just* the tip of your paintbrush **sparingly**, into your accent color of choice. (Try to keep the paint on the bottom of the bristles, not the sides.)
4. Dab off the excess paint on your papertowel. (Remember, you can always add more if it's too heavy, but you can't take away!)
5. Lightly - no, really. *Faintly* brush the tip of your paintbrush against the surface of your tombstone. Keep your brush strokes going the same direction (Vertical looks more organic.) You should do this **each** time you apply more paint to test how much is on the brush first.
6. Brush gently over cracks and flat surfaces or along "chipped" edges to bring them to life.
7. As a final touch, or between coats, you can spray the wet paint lightly with water. This will make the paint run and create the natural look of rain weathering.

Use multiple colors for more depth and realism. Use reference photos if you have to, or imagine where distressed and weather tones might be on a real tombstone, then have fun with it! The good thing about dry-brushing is it dries *fast* because the paint is so thin, so you can get right to the next accent color with little to no wait!



# 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](http://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.