

Shrunken Heads Instructions

First of all, I have to say that these shrunken heads were not inspired by actual shrunken heads, but rather by the skulls so often seen in the Day of the Dead celebrations in Latin America. I simply call them “shrunken heads” because they actually remind me of that when they are all strung together.

Items Needed:

Light string

Stick glue and/or liquid glue

Poster board or card stock paper

Skull pattern

Markers, colored pencils, or highlighters

Crepé or tissue paper

Yarn (optional)

1. Copy the shrunken heads pattern onto card stock paper, poster board, or construction paper. You can also use cereal box cardboard for this. If you don't have white cardboard, you may want to keep the white pattern to glue over the cardboard. (if you want to keep your skulls white)
2. Cut out the shapes. If desired, glue the white pattern to the cardboard shape.
3. Then start decorating your skulls. Using brightly colored paper or markers will enhance the look of your skulls. These skulls are representing YOU, so put your personality into them!
4. The crepe or tissue paper can be shaped to be hair, jewelry, or other accessories. (Or use yarn)
5. Put your name in small lettering somewhere on each skull. Trade your skulls with other students.
6. Glue each skull to your string. Leave room on the end of the string to tie off. Allow time to dry.

