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Stacked Books Make and Take

Getting Started…

Supplies

You are going to need:

- 1 – 12"x 36" of 2" pink foam
- 1 – Foam skull without jaw
- 1 – Battery operated candle
- Gorilla Glue
- Black latex house paint
- Dark gray latex house paint
- Light gray latex house paint
- Various sizes of paint brush
- Sea Sponge

Tools

- Hotwire Foam Factory Hot Knife
- Hobby knife – our favorite is the X-acto brand knife
- Wire brush
- Sand paper
- Tape measure or ruler

Creating a Masterpiece

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Creating the books

1. Cut out 4 blocks out of the 2" foam
   12"x9"
   12x9
   10"x8"
   8/12"x 7"

2. Using the utility knife cut a line around the side of each block where the paper pages would show.

3. Using the hot knife cut out the groove for the paper edges for each block.

4. Use a hobby knife to score the edges of the book and then use a heat gun to expand them to make

the paper edges.

5. Sand the round binding edge of each book with sanding paper or a sander

6. Using the hot knife cut out a small hole in the top of the skull for the candle to fit into.

7. Using the Gorilla Glue, glue the books from largest to smallest making the stack a little off center.

8. Paint the entire stack of books and the skull black.

9. Paint the books and skull with a sea sponge dark gray thenlight gray.

Faster way to cut foam

If you are going to be cutting detailed shapes you should look into getting a hot wire foam cutter. This tool will slice through the foam with its heated wire very easily and make carving out details much easier.

Take a break
to let the glue
and paint dry...

10. Using watered down black paint and a small brush age the entire piece with dripping black as needed.

11. Then take some watered down black paint and paint drips and darken any of the areas that might have gotten too much gray.

12. Insert the battery operated candle into the hole on the top of the skull.

You prop is now ready to be used indoors or out. We think it makes a niffy night light :)