



Little Ghost Garlands:

MATERIALS

- 2 black disposable plastic cups
- 3-inch balloons
- 16-gauge wire
- Duct tape
- Cheesecloth
(about 2 yards per ghost)*
- Fabric stiffener, *Stiffy*®
- Black craft foam sheets
- Tacky glue
- White yarn
- Tapestry needle

HOW TO

{1} To create a small ghost form, turn one cup upside down; stack a second cup, right side up, on top. Set an inflated balloon in top cup to form a head. Wrap a

piece of 16-gauge wire around top of cup, leaving 8 inches of loose wire on both sides. Duct tape wire in place, and curl ends under to form arms. (For interest, make some ghosts with arms and some without.)

{2} Cut 3 pieces of cheesecloth about 12 inches long. (Cheesecloth comes off the roll in a double layer; leave double layer intact.) Combine fabric stiffener with 1 cup water. Dip 1 piece of cheesecloth in fabric stiffener, wring out excess, and drape over top of ghost form. Repeat procedure with a second piece, placing it across the first piece to create an X shape over top of balloon. Dip remaining piece of cheesecloth in fabric stiffener, wring out excess, and this time unfold it to

reveal a thin sheet; drape over form. Let dry for 2 hours.

{3} Once dry, remove ghost from form (pop balloon, if necessary). Cut eyes and mouth from craft foam sheets, and attach to ghost with tacky glue. Thread white yarn through a tapestry needle, and knot at one end. From the inside of the ghost, push needle through the top and pull yarn through. Hang ghost from yarn.

**Tip: You can buy cheesecloth in bulk. We purchased 100 yards for \$45.70 from onlinefabricstore.com and had enough for all of our ghostly Halloween projects.*