

Dastardly Dioramas



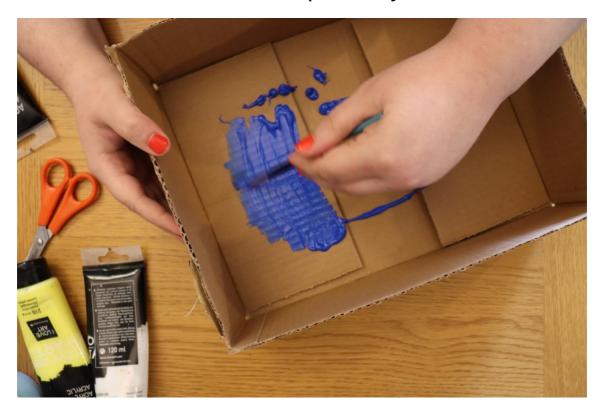
Celebrating Halloween why not create your own Dastardly Diorama - with whichever 3D spooky scene you fancy!

Tools and Materials:

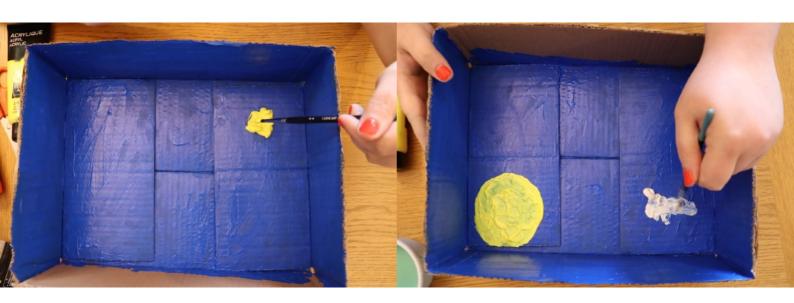
- Shoebox
- Pencil (if you want)
- Acrylic Paint
- Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Glue Stick
- Water
- Black Paper or Card



First of all you want to paint the inside of your shoebox to background colour you want it to be - we wanted to do a night time sky so chose a dark blue, cover the back of the box and the sides - though you don't need to paint the bottom side of the box as this probably won't be seen



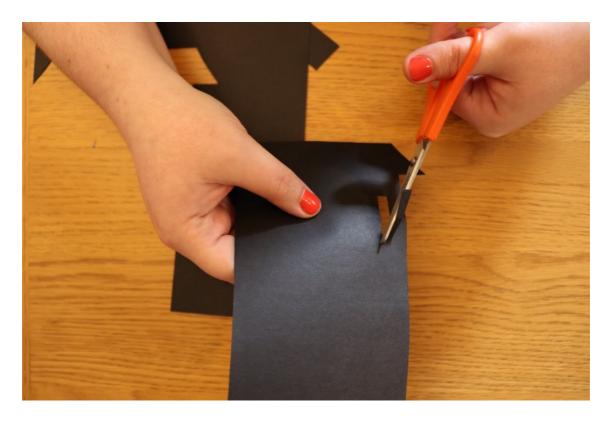
Then you can start to add in more detail - when the blue has dried a bit otherwise the colours could mix. If you have a paper plate or newspaper folded you could use this as a palette we just squeezed straight onto the box as our painting was a straight forward design



Once you are happy with the background leave it to dry!



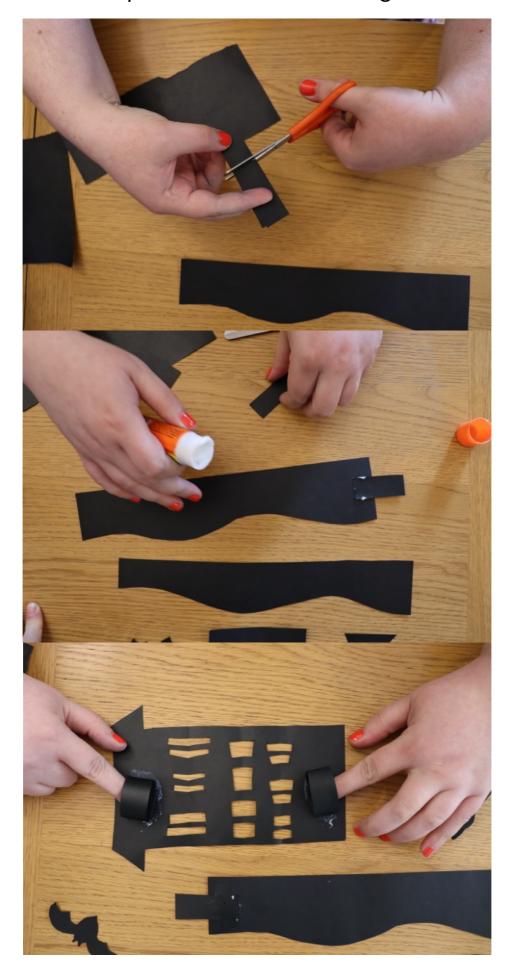
Next you can start planning out the shapes you want - we didn't use a pencil to sketch out, you can of course use a pencil if you find it easier. If you want to challenge yourself then try and do it by sight - it gets easier with practice!



We cut out a house, bat, cat, tree and 2 layers or "ground" to add some depth - plus keep some paper that you can make tabs out of to attach your cutouts to the sides



Cut out tabs (rectangles of paper) to attach to your cutouts like so, for other pieces like the house you can make rings to give it some depth. Tabs bend like "hinges" to stick



Start attaching the different elements, working from the back to the front so it is easier to stick to paper without knocking it by mistake





There you have it your very own "Dastardly Diorama"

