

How To

Make A Skeleton Costume from an old recycled shirt

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Equipment Needed

- * Card for the template bone pieces
- * 2 old shirts (1 Black, 1 White)
- * Stitch Ripper
- * Glass Headed Pins
- * Dressmaking Scissors
- * Hemming Tape (White)
- * 12mm Elastic

Step One

Using a Stitch Ripper, unpick the 'fold down' part of the collar and detach it from the Black Shirt. Sew the remainder of the collar together to close the gap. Cut both shirt sleeves to required length (Allow extra 3cm for seams).



Step Two

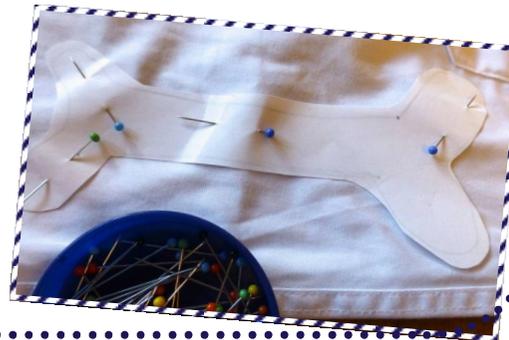
Fold the bottom of each sleeve up by 3cm to make a casing for the Elastic and pin in place. With your chosen colour of Thread either hand sew or machine stitch each sleeve with a zig-zag stitch leaving a gap to thread the Elastic.

Step Three

Create several card bone templates in different shapes (hand draw bone shapes or use printable internet pictures of a Skeleton). Arrange the bones onto the back of the Black Shirt, adjusting the sizes of the bones if necessary.

Step Four

Pin the card templates onto the White Shirt and cut them out using Dressmaking Scissors. Cut narrow pieces of Hemming Tape to attach the bones to the Black Shirt, making sure no Hemming Tape is visible. You will be ironing the Hemming Tape onto the Black Shirt, so it is important that non of the adhesive shows when the bones are ironed on.



Step Five

Carefully pin both the white fabric bones and the Hemming Tape pieces onto the back of the Black Shirt. Using an ironing cloth to protect your Iron, iron the White Bones onto the Shirt. (Follow Care Instructions that are provided with Korbond Hemming Tape for extra guidance).

Step Six

To finish off the sleeves of the costume, cut a piece of Elastic to required length. Feed the Elastic through the gap you have left in the sleeves using a Safety Pin. Adjust the Elastic to fit around the wrist, knot the ends and trim. Repeat this step for the other sleeve and sew any gaps up. (Make sure all Pins are removed from costume before it is tried on).

