

Creepy Severed Body Parts Garland

This garland is highly customizable; I've included directions for the knit intestine, eyeballs and fingers, but you can add ears, toes, jaws, ribs.... any body part, really. You could even create one with monster parts or alien bits – the concept is yours for the modification – these instructions are published under a Creative Commons Share Alike license.



Knit Intestine:

For the most part this is simply a four stitch i-cord using a bulky yarn (I used two strands of Bernat's glow in the dark yarn in "Bright Blush" knit on 7mm needles; alternately, a bulky yarn on 6.5mm-7.5mm needles would give similar results.)



1. Knit four stitches.
2. Transfer stitches back to left needle and knit next four stitches.
3. Repeat 1-2 for approximately one inch in length.

4. Transfer stitches back to left needle and wrap yarn around work clockwise to create intestine segment. Knit next four stitches.
5. Continue repeating 1-4 until desired length is reached. Decrease by KTOG 2st, repeat until one stitch left.
6. Cast off.
7. For added detail, veins may be embroidered.

Severed Finger:

The rolled quilt-batting actually sticks out the bottom to represent bone; the rest is created using felt and crafters' cotton or embroidery floss.



Preparation:

- Cut a piece of quilt batting approximately 3 inches square (you may need to trim this later).
- Cut a piece of finger-colored felt approximately 2 ½ inches square. Trim one edge to be ragged, representing torn flesh.
- Cut a piece of fingernail-colored felt in the desired shape (alternately, the fingernail may be embroidered) and a piece of red felt to represent dripping blood at the base of the finger.

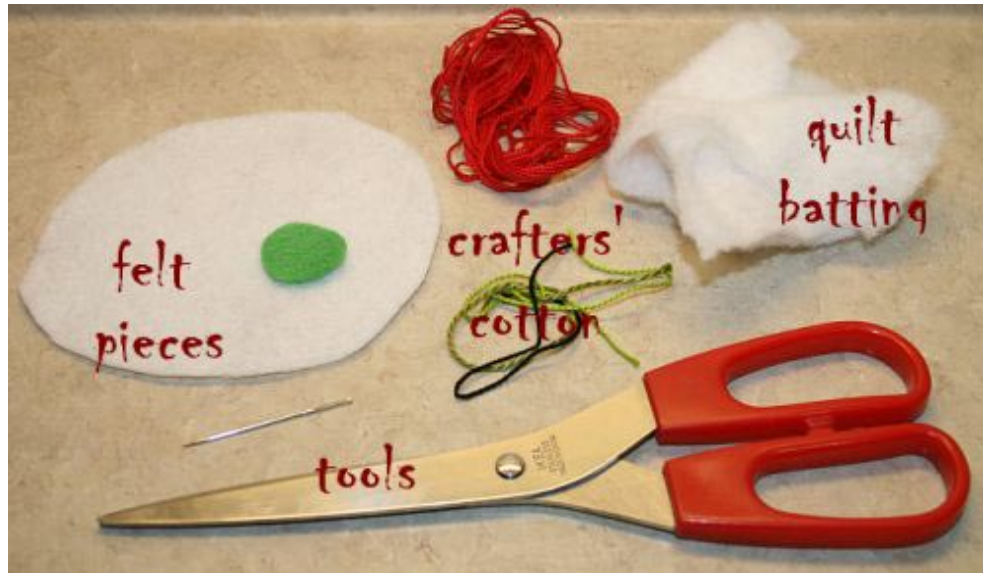
Instructions:

1. Roll the quilt batting into a finger-sized log. Stitch it together roughly; ideally using white crafter's cotton, but whatever you have on hand should work.
2. Wrap the red felt piece about a half inch from the base of the batting and stitch in place.
3. Sew the fingernail in place, centered along the top of the finger-colored felt, allowing the tip of the fingernail to extend above the edge of what will be the fingertip.
4. Wrap the finger-colored felt around the batting, aligning the ragged edge about a quarter inch from the top of the blood-drip felt. Stitch in place using small stitches and then sew together the seam at the back.
5. Create the fingertip by pulling in the sides and stitching along the top of the finger, behind the fingernail. (If you have embroidered on the fingernail details, you'll need to fold over the tip of the finger so that the seam does not show.)
6. Finally, add some knuckle creases with two to three stitches at each joint; carefully pull these through tightly so that the finger bends just slightly.



Recently Plucked Eyeball

Because I used quilt batting for the fingers, I also used it for the eyeballs, sewing chunks of it into ball-like shapes. It might be quicker to use regular polyester fiberfill stuffing – your call!



Preparation:

- From the white felt, cut out a circle about 3 ½" to 4" in diameter – it does not need to be a precise circle
- From colored felt (green, blue, brown, etc.) cut a small circle (approximately a half inch across) for the iris

Instructions:

1. Center the iris on the white of the eye and, using black crafter's cotton, sew the two together by embroidering a pupil.
2. Using crafter's cotton that complements the color of the iris, secure the iris with a few radiating stitches.
3. Compress the quilt batting into a ball and roughly stitch together. (If using polyester filling, simply clump into a ball.)
4. Gather the white of the eye together around the stuffing and carefully stitch it together, obscuring as much of the gathering as possible.

- Using red crafter's cotton, embroider on the veins, connecting them to the very edges of the iris and working out about halfway around the eyeball. Continue around the iris until the desired veins have been added.



Putting it all together:

Sew together about 6 to 10 inches of the intestine at one end and either sew on the body parts or use hooks (ornament hooks work well) or safety pins to hang the body parts so they can be re-arranged later. Drape along the mantle, over a door, around the television, or wherever you have the need for some plush gore.

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