

Step 1

First of all choose a shape for your tombstone and sketch the shape onto a piece of **Styrofoam**. Then use a **knife** to carefully cut around the shape and remove the excess parts.

Step 2

Once you have cut the shape you can then start to make it look more realistic. By cutting out small bits, smoothing edges and scuffing the surface you can 'age' the tombstone. Then add detailing such as a cut a ledge, an epitaph or carvings.

Step 3

Once you are happy with the look of your tombstone you can seal and strengthen. One great product to use for this is called **Foamcoat**.

Foamcoat not only strengthens and seals but can also be used to add texture. Once dry it can be sanded and carved. You can also start to add colour at this stage by adding a small amount of **Black Acrylic** to the **Foamcoat**. Ensure you have completely covered the **Styrofoam** before proceeding.

Step 4

Once the **Foamcoat** is fully dry it's time to paint the Tombstone. Apply a base coat using a **Grey spray paint**. You can hand paint using acrylic but it's easier to achieve a stone effect with spray paint.

Leave time to dry before adding the detail. This is best accomplished by using the dry brush technique. Add paint to your brush then remove most before applying in layers. This gives a lighter and more realistic finish. Use this approach to highlight the edges, ledges and any other detailing.

To create moss effects, dry brush with green sprinkle with **Green texture** and gently dry, dust off any remaining texture. until you are happy with overall effect.

Extra finishing touches

Make a base for it to stand on (we used a thick piece of wood).

Use the off cuts of **Styrofoam** to make the mounds at the base of the stone, secure using **UHU Por**.

Mix up earth coloured acrylic paint and then add **Cork texture** to create soil effects.

Add more **green texture** to create further moss effects.



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paint then add small amounts of **PVA**, pad down with your fingers. Once Continue using these techniques

Materials used

Styrofoam RF31003

Foamcoat FT00013

Black acrylic paint FO11021

White acrylic paint FO11023

Grey spray paint WK00148

Green acrylic FO10324

Knife TK10013

PVA AP00031

UHU Por AP00022

Green Texture LG30073

Cork Texture RC10005