Monster Mud Class Supply List

This list will help you gather all the supplies for a 10 person (or 10 sculptures) class. Charging \$40-\$50 per sculpture should allow you to cover costs and make a little as well for your time and talent.

## MUD

- 10 gallons of gray latex paint (recycled paint works great if your city does that) or if you want a different color you can use any color but red will be pink as it's mixing with a white joint compound so remember your color mixings from grade school)
- 10 gallons of pre-mixed joint compound comes in 5 gallon buckets (dry takes longer to make)
- 1 or 2 5 gallon bucket of water for soaking fabric (not every person needs this just put a bunch in there and then switch them out as people grab to start their projects)

## **SUPPLIES**

- 10 Quart mixing cups
- 10 Wood paint stir sticks
- 10 5 gallon buckets
- 10 5 gallon bucket lids
- Latex gloves
- Tarps or painters cloths or kiddie pools
- EZ-ups or covered area to apply mud and create sculptures then be able to move them into the sun or take the covers away. Items take time to dry, may have to finish the next day or plan for a hot afternoon class day.
- Mixing rod for a drill (prefer the bigger size for mixing 5 gallon buckets but the small will do it just takes longer)
- 10-1" chip brushes (the ones with the tan bristles
- White or ivory Cotton or microfiber sheets. Cut the hems and elastic off before using. Walmart sells microfiber twin sheet sets (flat fitted pillow) for \$5. That is enough for one skeleton reaper or tomb top skeleton. So figure 7 packages at least. I bought 8 packs which equaled 16 sheets and 8 pillow cases and we used about 10 of those for a 7 person class.

## **Tips**

10 people is a good amount, over that is too much for one teacher so unless you have helpers stick with 10 or under

Ensure people wear items of clothing they do not care about, the mud will not come out most if not all fabrics, but it will chip off of glasses and plastics and such.

Do not wash monster mud off into interior sinks, use wash pans outside or a hose to get as much off as possible, it will clog pipes.

We made up all the joint compound and doled out the rest to each person in their bucket for them to take home to use later as well. Add a bit of bleach water to the top of mixture prior to closing the lid or the mud will grow into a nice science project (you can just scrape that growing layer off but it stinks. So just scoop up some bleach water from a mixing up and sprinkle it on top of the mixture mostly covering the top, it will not soak in and will not let the growth happen.