

Halloween Costumes Made Easy
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The Upper Hand

- Most of the make up materials used can be purchased at a local Halloween store for a low price (i.e. cream make up, face paint, gel blood, liquid latex)
- All other materials can be found at a drug store (liquid foundations, eye shadow, bronzer, false eye lashes)
- Dress items for the costumes can be purchased at a Walmart or Target (whether you decide to buy a “costume in a bag”, come up with your own makeshift version for cheaper)

Snooki:

Materials:

- Orange and brown face paint
- Bronzer
- Smoky eye shadows (black, grey, etc)
- Black eye liner
- False Lashes

How To:

1. Mix 1 part orange face paint and 1 part brown face paint and apply all over the face (leaving the eyelids bare)
2. Use a powder bronzer all over the face to set the paint
3. Use dark eye shadows and black eye liner to create a dramatic smoky eye
4. Apply false lashes

To complete the look:

- Leopard dress

- Over exaggerated hair “poof” (or Snooki wig)
- Heels
- Oversized sunglasses
- Candy sucker of some kind

Quick tip:

* imitate Snooki’s signature “bling sunglasses” by making your own at home. Use any old pair of sunglasses and apply rhinestones (can be purchased at any craft store) all over the glasses with craft glue.

Edward Cullen:

Materials needed:

- white face powder
- black, cream, grey, and deep purple colored eye shadows
- fake gel blood
- face shimmer (optional)

How to:

1. Apply white face powder generously to the entire face.
2. Use the deep purple and grey eye shadows under the eyes to create the illusion of dark circles
3. Use the grey, black, and cream colored eye shadows to exaggerate the contours of the face (primarily the cheek bones, for a “sunken in” look)
4. Apply the fake blood to the corners of the mouth. Let it drip for a realistic effect.
5. Since Edward’s skin glistens when he is in the sunlight, you can dust some shimmer all over your face if you would like.

Complete the look:

- gold contacts
- fangs
- dark colored jeans, tee, and hoodie

Tip:

*create your own blood at home with items found in the pantry: ½ cup corn syrup, spoonful corn starch, red food coloring, add a few drops of blue for a deeper color

Things to keep in mind:

- the fake blood (whether it be home made or store bought) will stain your clothes, so be careful when applying it.

Old Lady:

Materials:

- liquid latex
- liquid foundation (that matches your normal color)
- cream makeup (both a few shades darker, and a few shades lighter than your natural color)
- face powder

How to:

1. Apply a thick layer of latex to the entire face (being sure to avoid getting latex on your eyebrows and avoid getting too close to the hair line or eye area) Let dry. (try to not make any facial expressions while latex is drying)
2. Apply a second layer of liquid latex, but this time in smaller sections. As the latex is drying, begin making exaggerated facial expressions (raised eyebrows, frown, smile, wink, etc) and hold the expression until the latex is dry (this creates lines). Repeat until the entire face is complete. (Example: apply a layer to the forehead and then raise your brows as the latex dries to create forehead wrinkles)

3. Apply liquid foundation over the entire face
4. Make the same exaggerated facial expressions as before, and use the darker and lighter cream makeup to draw in expression lines.
5. Slightly smudge the lines using your fingers
6. Set the makeup with a layer of face powder
7. Apply brightly colored eye shadow, blush, and lipstick (like, blue and bright pink)

Complete the look:

- oversized nightgown
- head scarf
- grey wig/grey spray on hair color
- slippers
- glasses

Tips:

*instead of buying a wig or using spray on hair color, use generous amounts of baby powder to give the hair a dull, ashy look

*wear a turtle neck to hide the “un-aged” skin on your neck.

Things to keep in mind:

-make sure you do NOT have an allergy to latex before trying this look. If you aren't sure, perform a small patch test (example: the back of your hand, anywhere BUT your face) and wait 24 hours.

-the latex will adhere to any facial hair you may have (peach fuzz, eye brows, hairline, and for guys: beards, etc), so avoid these areas. To remove from hair, just apply generous amounts of baby oil, mineral oil, or any oil-based makeup remover.

Lady Gaga:

Materials:

- Lightning stencil
- Black eye liner and eye shadow
- Bright colored eye shadow of your preference (example: bright blue, neon green hot pink, etc)
- False lashes
- Glitter (optional)

How to:

1. Apply your face makeup as normal
2. Place the stencil on the face and outline with black eye liner
3. Color in the lightning bolt (leaving the eyelid uncolored). Set the color with the black eye shadow
4. Apply the bright colored eye shadow over both entire eyelids
5. Apply false lashes.
6. If you want to make your lightning bolt “bling”, add glitter

Complete the look:

- blonde wig
- crazy Gaga outfit
- heels
- oversized sunglasses

Tips:

- create your own stencil at home by cutting it out of a regular piece of paper

- instead of purchasing the “Gaga in a bag” costumes, make your own by just wearing a black leotard, a black hoodie, and heels

Gunshot victim:

Materials:

- gel blood
- red/black/maroon cream makeup
- special effects facial molding wax
- button attached to a string
- liquid latex
- liquid foundation

How to:

1. Apply a thin layer of latex to the area you wish to create bullet hole. Stick the button in the latex and hold firmly in place until the latex dries
2. Use the molding wax and place it around the edges of the button (being sure to leave the string free.)
3. Blend the edges of the wax into the skin to hide any lines of demarcation.
4. Apply another layer of liquid latex on top of the molding wax. Let dry.
5. Use the liquid foundation to cover the wax.
6. Grab the string and pull the button straight way from face. (The pulling of the button creates the “blown away” look of the skin.)
7. Paint the inside of the hole with the darker colored cream make up (black, maroon) Use the lighter red to paint the edges of the wound.
8. Smudge a little bit of the dark colors around the outside of the wound to create a “bruised” look.
9. Apply the gel blood to the inside of the wound. (let it drip to give it a more realistic look)

Complete the look:

- Use a white face powder all over the face and dark shadows to create circles under the eyes.

This will give a “dead” look.

- Cut some holes in a plain white tee and outline the edges of the holes with fake blood. (be sure to let it dry completely before wearing it.)

Tip:

- Use the same technique to create a vampire bite. Just use two smaller buttons side by side instead of one medium sized one.