

How to Make a Mummy

First, find a bunch of Barbies. Naked Barbies are required, and the condition of the hair is irrelevant. Barbie doll wannabees are ok too, as long as they are sturdy. Skipper, Ginger and the whole gang work for this fun project. For our batch of 40 mummies, I used one yard (?) of muslin, ripped into strips. I aged the fabric by dipping it into strong cold tea. If you rip the fabric into strips before you dye the fabric, it is easier to manage (it'll fit in small dye receptacle). If you have a really big container, dye the whole piece. Where will you dry it? Have a place selected before you start!

Wrap the strips around the doll, starting at the feet, and finish at the head. Make a tear at the end of the fabric to provide two strips to tie and secure the wrappings. (imagine you're tying a bandage and need to secure it).

We also made a version of a sarcophagus/tomb-like creation; picture shoe boxes wrapped in shiny foil gift wrap, decorated with gems and iridescent stickers.

Supply list:

1 barbie type doll for each participant

1 yard, or so, of muslin or fabric of your choice

Tea to dye muslin

Shoebox with a lid for each participant

Gift wrap for shoe boxes

Gems & jewels, sequins & stickers to decorate box

Tacky glue

Tape

We pre-cut the paper for the boxes and dyed and ripped the fabric.