

How to make an Easter Tomb STONE for Blacklight (Glue Gun Option)

Supplies:

- 1 - Hula Hoop (approx. 30" diameter) – *suggest you don't buy a really cheap, easily bendable one, but one that is more solid.*
- 2 - Swimming Noodles (reg size)
- White Felt - purchased off a 72" width Roll – length required 3 ½ ft. (1.2 yards)
- Scissors
- Black Duct Tape
- Glue Gun (glue sticks)
- Black Marker
- Letter-Size Envelope (used for measuring)



Step 1: Take the 1st noodle and lay it in a straight line so the cut you are about to make is straight. If you don't happen to have someone handy to hold one end for you, slide one end between chair rungs.



Step 2: Cut slit in a straight line from one end to the other, just through to the hole. Cut with scissors slowly at an angle, as shown above. Your aim is to cut just through to the center hole of the noodle.



Step 3: Use your thumbs to run along the cut pulling apart gently any area that did not cut through to the center. *(I'm showing only one hand due to the other hand was holding the camera! LOL)* Now cut the 2nd noodle the same way.



Step 4: Place Hula Hoop between your knees and place the noodle cut-side down. Using your fingers slide the Hula Hoop into the slit in the noodle, roll the Hoop backwards as you go. The Hoop will sit nicely into the center hole of the noodle. Continue with 2nd noodle, cutting off excess — be sure to leave enough to have a snug fit!



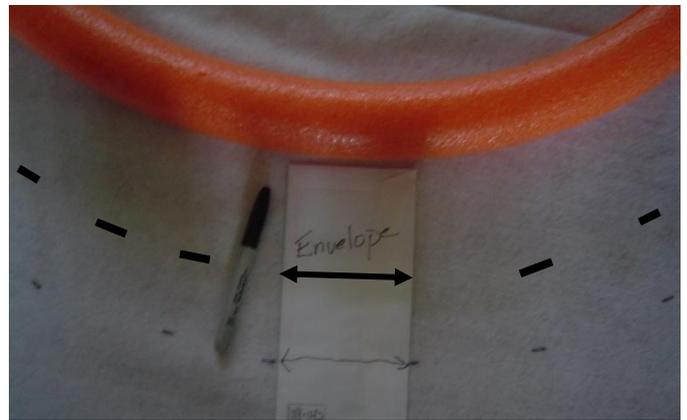
Step 5: It should now look like this. Next, wind some tape firmly around the two areas where the noodles meet. I had clear packing tape on hand, but suggest using black duck tape. [The reason I added the noodles was to give width to the Hula Hoop for ease of the child rolling the stone.] FYI: these bright orange noodles DO NOT work with blacklights.



Step 6: Place your new Hula Hoop on top of the piece of white felt. [You can see why you need the extra wide (72") by the fold crease in the fabric. The 36" wide fabric is not wide enough for this project.]



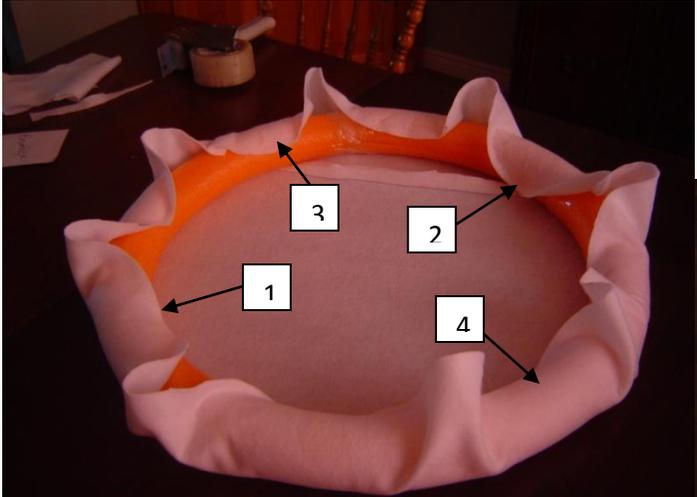
Step 7a: Next determine how much fabric you need to leave to wrap over the Hoop as indicated above. Mark the amount you need by marking where you need to cut with the black marker.



Step 7b: Now note that measurement on the envelope, shown by top double arrow above (Note: ignore bottom arrow, this picture is the one I took when I sewed it.) Then moved the envelope around the Hoop, marking were to cut with a black permanent marker. Note: When placing your envelope make sure to look down from above Hoop so you're measuring from the outside edge, not under the Hoop.



Your now ready to glue it on!



Step 8a: As you are working with a circle, it's best to glue one spot, and then move to the opposite side, always pulling the fabric taut as you go. Once you have glued down the first four areas marked above, continuing gluing between those spots pulling the fabric taut as you go.



Step 8b: I gathered the excess material, as shown above, and placed extra glue in the folds of the felt as well.



Notes:

The a advantage I found in doing this trial using a glue gun was the final result has a rather nice bumpy edge, more like a rock! Although, I'm not sure what the life span will be of the glue holding over time with use.

The reason why I suggest you purchase the felt from a 72" wide bolt of fabric is to avoid having a seam. It doesn't show too much under the black light, as seen in photo below, but for this trial I used a much smaller Hula Hoop (only 22" – an old bent Hula Hoop I had to cut down to get a circle) so the 30" Hula Hoop I recommend (and is what is shown in the alternative sewing directions option) would show another 8" of seam.



Options:

You may want to take add some rock crevices with permanent black marker for a more STONE look. Leaving it as is, you have a moon & a stone kids can roll away!