

3 Make a straw skeleton

Learn all about the human body by making a spooky skeleton out of straws and string.

What you need

- Paper straws
- A ruler
- Scissors
- Glue
- Two pencils
- Card
- Black pen
- Googly eyes
- String
- Sticky tape

How does it work?

You are born with around 270 bones. Eventually, some of these bones fuse together, and when you grow into an adult you will have around 206 bones. Skeletons are associated with Halloween because they symbolise death and the afterlife. You can make your bony figure dance like a puppet or dangle it from your door as a Halloween decoration.



1 Measure and cut a 12cm piece of straw for the spine. Glue a 7cm piece across it near the top for the shoulders, and three shorter bits at the base.



2 Now, cut some pieces of straw in half along their length to make ribs. Glue them onto the body and leave to dry on top of two pencils.



3 Cut out a skull shape from card, about 6x5cm. Draw the face and stick on two googly eyes. Cut out two feet and two hands, draw on the bones.



4 Thread 50cm of string through the shoulders and add two 3.5cm straws to each side. Tie a knot between each one and tape hands on the ends.



5 Thread 50cm of string through the body's bottom straw. Add two 5cm pieces on each side, separated by knots. Stick the feet to the ends.



6 Attach the skull to finish your skeleton. Finally, make a puppet controller out of a long straw, and connect the skull and hands to it with string.