

Plastic Laundry Detergent Bottle Transformed into a Bejeweled Black Halloween Cat

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Supply List:

Large Plastic Laundry Detergent Bottle

Fine Grit Sandpaper

Black Spray Paint for Plastic

Glue Gun

Glue Sticks

Scissors

1 Black Sheet of Craft Foam for the ears

1 Piece of Black Craft Felt for the tail

Assorted Collection of Flat Backed Faceted Acrylic Jewels (Used Jewelry Essentials Jewels Item #JC11378-123 purchased from Michaels) for eyes, nose, inside of ears, collar, paws, and tail tip. Used 2 yellow cat eye shaped jewels for the eyes, 3 clear/silver triangle jewels for inside each ear and tip of tail, two pink upside down teardrops for the nose (a pink heart could also be used), 1 clear/silver square and 8 clear/silver small octagon jewels for the collar, and 2 large round clear/silver jewels and 4 tear drop shape jewels for the paws.

Silver Fine Tipped Paint Pen (Used Elmer's Painters Metallic Ultra Fine Silver) to draw the mouth

3 Silver Metallic Pipe Cleaners for whiskers and tail

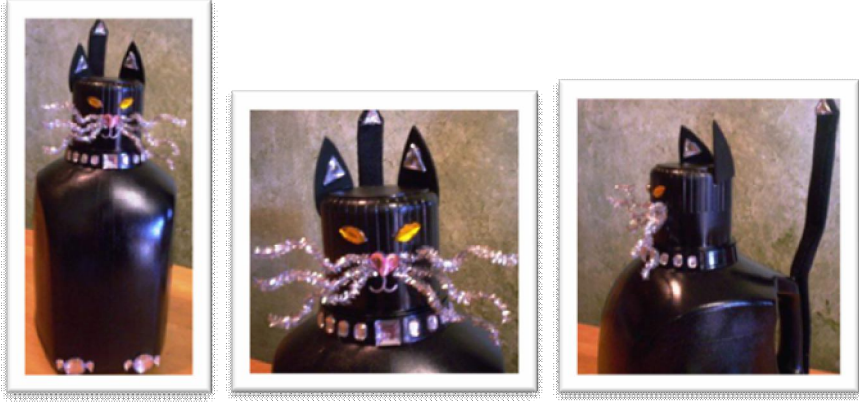
Approximate Time Needed to Complete Project: Around an hour total, not including dry time for paint

Age Level: Older kids because of glue gun use, though the glue gun can be exchanged for quick dry craft glue for younger children.

Size of Finished Project: Approximately 15 -18 inches tall counting the tip of the tail

- 1) Grab a large plastic laundry detergent bottle that is empty and clean it out really well. Allow to dry.

- 2) Gently sand bottle with a fine grit sandpaper to rough it up so the paint will stick to it. Don't bother trying to remove the labels; they are seemingly impossible to remove. They can be painted over.
- 3) Take the bottle outside and spray it thoroughly with black spray paint made for plastics. You may need to apply two coats.
- 4) While your paint is drying gather all your materials. You'll need black craft foam to cut out the ears, black felt and a pipe cleaner for the tail, two metallic silver pipe cleaners for the whiskers, and an assortment of jewels for the eyes, nose, ears, tip of tail, collar and paws. You'll also need scissors, a glue gun and glue sticks.
- 5) Start by cutting out your ears from the black craft foam. Trace a pattern onto the foam and cut into rounded triangles.
- 6) Glue 1 clear or silver triangle jewel to the middle of each ear.
- 7) Garb your black felt and a pipe cleaner to make your tail. Roll the felt around the pipe cleaner. Cut the felt into a 2 inch wide strip. This should wrap all the way around the pipe cleaner with room to spare.
- 8) Have your glue gun ready and roll the pipe cleaner up glue the first fold around the pipe cleaner. It should end up between a half inch and three quarters of an inch wide.
- 9) Roll again and glue, seal up the ends as well.
- 10) Pick the tip and fold each side down and glue so the tip becomes triangular in shape. Glue a triangle jewel over the folded section to hide it.
- 11) If your paint is dry grab your bottle and face the front toward you. The handle should be the back that is where your tail will go. Make sure your lid is screwed on tight.
- 12) Attach your ears first and work your way down. Position the ears where you want them then add a little glue at the bottom of the ear and attach to the lid.
- 13) Now position your eyes toward the top of the bottle lid and glue them on.
- 14) Glue the teardrop (or pink heart) jewels below the eyes for the nose.
- 15) Move onto the collar and glue on all of your jewels.
- 16) Position your paws and glue them on.
- 17) Now you can glue on your tail. Make sure the folded side is down and glued against the handle of the bottle. You can bend and shape the tail to droop, twist, curl or stick up however you like best. Make sure the jeweled tip is at the top.
- 18) Make your whiskers with the silver pipe cleaners. It will take two pipe cleaners to make 3 whiskers on each side. Cut each pipe cleaner into three equal lengths so you end up with six pieces for six whiskers. You can leave them straight or make them twisty by wrapping them around a pencil then stretching them out a bit. Glue each whisker on extending out from the nose.
- 19) Draw your mouth on with the paint pen.
- 20) You are done unless you want to use leftover jewels to add more decoration to your bejeweled black Halloween cat.



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