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Special FX 101 cliff notes

BAREBONE KIT

- Liquid Latex
- Pros-Aide
- 99% Rubbing Alcohol
- Qtips, Brushes and Sponges
- Paint Palette
- Cotton Balls
- Ground Coffee
- Dry Cereal
- Tissue Paper
- Fake blood

COMPLETE SPECIAL FX KIT

Building a look

- Liquid Latex / FAV- Ben Nye
- FX Gelatin / FAV- The kind you make at home lol
- Silicone / FAV- Mouldlife Sculpt Gel Kit

Adhesive Items

- Spirit Gum / Ben Nye
- Pros-Aide / FAV- Pros-Aide "The Original"

Painting a look

- Water-base Paint Palette / FAV- Kryolan Aquacolor palette
- Grease or Cream-Base Paints / Bruise Wheel By Kryolan
- Alcohol-Base Paint / FAV- Skin Illustrator On Set Palette FX

Sealing a look

- Translucent Powder / FAV- RCMA Makeup No Color

- Setting Spray / FAV- Ben Nye Final Seal

Removing a look

- I swear by Ben Nye's Bond Off, it removes everything! and it smells like fruity pebbles

Other supplies

- BLOOD / FAV- Fleet Street Drying Dark Blood
- There are many kinds and types of blood: liquid thin, liquid thick, thick gel, dust/magic, paste, scab, eye and mouth blood etc.
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- Rigid Collagen / FAV- Micheal Davy Collodacolor
- Skin Tone Palette / FAV- I always find one @ Five Below
- Cotton Balls
- Q-tips
- Tongue Depressors
- 99% Rubbing Alcohol
- Microwavable containers
- Brushes - all kinds of cheap ones
- Metal spatula and Metal mixing plate
- Sponges - all kinds of textures you can get - foam, stipple, and makeup wedge sponges
- Vaseline
- Toilet/Tissue paper
- Dry Food/coffee, cereal, etc.
- Lubricant gel..... yes I know but it works great for wet and burned looks
- SCAR WAX UGG I truly think its the devil LOL

Extras

- Teeth Enamel / FAV- Fleet Street Palette
- Plastic Syringes
- FX Dirt and Charcoal / FAV- FXWarehouse brand
- Bald Caps / FAV- Micheal Davy
- Blowdryer
- Red Yarn
- Airbrush System - I know it's pricey but well worth having it in the SFX industry

Special FX Hacks

1. Use cream base paints to color wax, latex, gelatine, and silicone
2. Oranges can be used with latex to create skin texture
3. If your blood dries up just add oil
4. Use a Glue Stick for blocking out eyebrows
5. Use a cheap clay mask with texture to give skin a crack old look
6. Crushed rice flakes for fake dandruff
7. Kids Toothpaste for foaming mouth effect
8. Crushed coffee grounds to use as scab texture

DIY FX recipes

DIY SCAR WAX

Tools and materials:

- Corn starch, Vaseline & Foundation
- Bowl
- Popsicle sticks

Put two tablespoons of cornstarch in your bowl, add a tablespoon of vaseline and a tiny squirt or pinch of foundation (this goes a long way).

Using the popsicle stick mix all the ingredients until fully incorporated and smooth. Make a ball with the wax, if it's too sticky, add more cornstarch. On the other hand, if the putty is too dry and is crumbling off, just add a bit more vaseline.

Put a dab of wax on your hand and decide if the color is close (doesn't have to be a perfect match). Add more foundation if needed. So other types of makeup can be added slowly to achieve other colors (I used leftover eyeshadow to darken my wax). Use a container to store finished wax.

DIY BLOOD RECIPES

Blood gel

Mix hair gel and food coloring together and BOOM done!

Edible blood

Mix chocolate syrup and red and blue food coloring together. Add green food coloring to darken up to achieve more of a zombie-type blood. Add cornstarch to thicken up.

Thick blood

Mix corn syrup, red food coloring, blue food coloring. Not too much blue and add a little cornstarch until you get the desired thickness.

Liquid/stage blood

Repeat the recipe above, just adding a few more drops of water.

Easy Gelatin Formula

Dissolve 1 part gelatin into 1 part sorbitol, then add 1 part glycerin. Each part is by volume. Zinc Oxide can be added to the gelatin at the beginning to make the end piece stronger and more opaque. Place in microwave heating in 1-minute increments while mixing in between. Be careful it doesn't overheat and bubble over the container. Very hot when it comes out so let it cool before applying.

Resources

YOUTUBE CHANNELS TO FOLLOW

- Stuart Bray
- Brick In The Yard
- PPI (the company that makes Skin Illustrator)
- Goldie Starling
- Pinkstylist
- Freakmo
- Glam & Gore

WEBSITES

- Friendsbeauty.com
- FXwarehouse.com
- FXcosplay.com