

How to Make a Mosquito Costume

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Mosquitoes are no fun, but a mosquito costume can be. It could be part of a group costume titled, "The Terrors of Florida," along with a hurricane and an alligator. You could also use this costume to publicize a blood drive emphasizing that, unlike mosquitoes, the drive will only take voluntary donations. This costume is quick and easy to make so, unlike real mosquitoes, it will not keep you up long into the night.

Things You'll Need

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- 2 wire hangers
 - Pliers
 - Wire cutter
 - 2 black stockings
 - Black thread
 - Black felt
 - Needle
 - 2 yards grey ribbon
 - Black half-mask
 - Stiff black paper
 - Stapler
 - Grey leotard and tights or shirt and pants
1. Shape the coat hangers into ovals to make wings. Cut 2 inches off the hooks, and twist the remaining wire together to hold the wings together.
 2. Stretch a black stocking over each wing. Gather the stocking around the bottom of the wing where the wires are twisted together, and tie it in place with thread. Twist the remaining fabric around the wires in the center of the frame.
 3. Wrap a small piece of black felt over the stockings wrapped around the center of the frame to cover them and hold them in place. Sew the felt in place.
 4. Cut the ribbon in half and sew the center of both pieces to the back side of the felt covering the center of the wings. These ribbons are wrapped over the shoulders and under the arms to tie the wings on.
 5. Make a cone of stiff black paper 5 inches long and 1 1/2 inches wide. Secure the bottom with tape. Cut a 3/4 inch slit in the edge of the cone. This is the mosquito's stinger.
 6. Place the cone over the nose of the mask with the slit at the bottom. Spread the edges of the slit and staple them to the mask to hold the cone in place.
 7. Put on the grey clothes and wear the mask and wings.

Tips & Warnings

- Carry a noise-maker that makes a buzzing sound or a tape of a buzzing noise.
 - You may use old pantyhose instead of stockings.
 - Do not cut the stockings or hose, they will run.
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Make Your Own: Mosquito Costume

Items needed:

- 1 black hooded sweat shirt
- 6 black pipe cleaners
- 2 med pom-poms
- black netting (large weave) for eyes
- black netting (fine weave) 1/3 yarn for wings
- med wire
- wide black ribbon w/ wire
- black fabric a scrap

Antenna:

1. Poke two small holes in top of hood.
2. Join 2 pipe-cleaners together.
3. Bend in a flat bottom 'U'
4. Insert through holes and pull-through.
5. Attach pom-poms on top of antennas with glue.

Wings:

1. Lay out your fine netting on flat surface, lay out med wire to size of wings you need. (the wings of a mosquito is long & thin) mine were 2- 30" x 8"
2. Connect the wings together at 13" from top with a 1" cap between the wings.
3. Glue the netting to wire and do a second layer of netting.
4. When that is dry, sew the ribbon (folded in 1/2 to cover the glue & give the wings more shape ability).

Legs: To add another set of legs, use black fabric 24" x 5" folded in half sew around 2 sides, then turn & stuff lightly. Sew onto sweatshirt half way between arm & waist.

Eyes & Nose:

1. Take 2 pipe cleaners and make in to 3" circles.
2. Cover with 3 layers of netting & glue (the child has to be able to see through it). Use another pipe cleaner to attach the circles together, 1" between rings.
3. The nose is added to this section and sticks out the 8" (you may add a straw [colored w/black marker] to make it stay straight).

Wings pinned to the back of mosquito then sewed in place, then sew the top of the wings to the shirt.