

diecutting files instructions

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MATERIALS LIST

If you are doing this for clothing, you will need some kind of clothing heat transfer material to cut on. You can purchase this at your local store (Target, Walmart, Michaels, KMart, ect) or at silhouetteamerica.com. You may need mutliple sheets depending on the size you are trying to cut.

SUPPLY LIST

- diecutting machine
- iron
- heat transfer for dark fabric

HALLOWEEN SKELETON BONES TIPS

These are not step-by-step instructions but tips to help you create a fun and inexpensive costume using the Halloween Skeleton Bones diecut.

Getting Started

Most heat transfer is for light or white fabrics. If you plan on doing this on black (like the photo), you will need to make sure and purchase a heat transfer that states it is for dark or black fabrics.

MEASURE! This could be your most important step! Because the skeleton pieces can be cut to any size, measure the shirt from top to bottom and subtract a few inches so that the skeleton will fit nicely in the middle. For small children, I recommend measuring the full length of the shirt and subtracting about 3-4 inches. With teenagers and adults it will vary more (more like 5-10 inches). The width of the shirt also matters. I usually measure the shirt width and then once I have the svg up I just make sure that the length I choose doesn't exceed the width.

Cutting

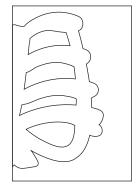
Most heat transfer comes on 8.5" x 11" sheets. Because of this, I cut half of the front piece on one sheet and the other half on a new sheet. It is better to cut a little extra of the middle section and be able to trim then not cut enough.

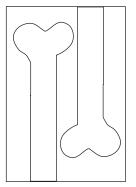
If you want to cut something much bigger than you may have to cut the front on 4 sheets. Cut a little extra from each section. When you lay them onto the clothing to iron them on, overlap the pieces and trim off any excess.

With the bones, feel free to skew the pieces to fit the sleeves and pants of the clothing. You can cut two bones or a single bone per sleeve or pant leg. I like to use two bones only because it is easier to cut on a sheet. If you are creating this costume for an adult, you may need to cut bones like the illustration to the right in order to make efficient use of the material.

Without a lot of effort, you should be able to complete an inexpensive and handmade costume in very little time!

illustrations not to scale





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