Spooky Swab Skeleton

Skeletons have always been used as symbols for death. People dress up as them, use them to decorate their homes, and they are always in scary movies. But did you know that skeletons are used all around the world to help people remember about loved ones who are no longer with them? Get ready for some spine tingling fun, and make your own skeleton!

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Begin gluing 6 cotton swabs on the black cardstock in order to make the skeleton’s ribs.

2. Glue 1 cotton swab perpendicular over the ribs to make the backbone. Make sure to line up the bottom of the cotton swab with the last rib to make sure that the skeleton will have a neck.

3. Draw a skull on the white paper with the black marker, and then cut it out.

**MATERIALS**

- Cotton Swabs
- Black Paper
- White Paper
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Black Marker
4. Glue the skull on the paper. Make sure it is connected to the top of the neck bone!

5. Glue 8 cotton swabs for the arm and leg joints (2 cotton swabs for each arm and leg).

6. Cut 6 cotton swabs in half. These will make the 10 fingers and 2 feet.

7. Glue them in place, and put your skeleton on display!

**FAST FACT**
The adult human skeleton has 206 bones, 54 of which are located in the hand.

**KEEP IT GOING!**
Experiment by drawing different emotions on the skeleton’s face, and by changing its arm and leg positions.

Take this craft to the next level by gluing cotton swabs together to make a skeleton sculpture.