



INSTRUCTIONS FOR:

Beyond the Dots - DIY Glowing Spooky Mansion Decoration

Tools/Items required to make your own Glowing Spooky Mansion:

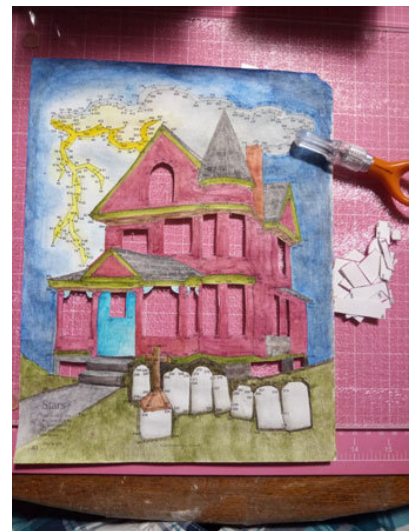
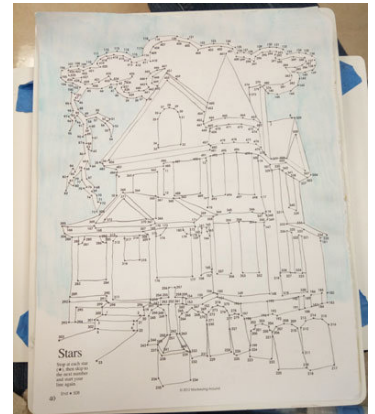
1. Greatest Dot-to-Dot Halloween Spooky Mansion Puzzle download pdf (FREE)
2. Greatest Dot-to-Dot Spooky Mansion Extra Coloring Connections pdf (FREE)
3. Coloring Medium (see step 3)
4. Acetate to cover windows
5. Paper(8" x 10") or paint to cover back inside back of frame
6. Cloth, ribbon or lace to cover outside of frame
7. 4 Battery operated tea lights with flickering "flame" tips
8. Scissors or blade to cut out windows
9. Glue Stick
10. Strong adhesive to connect picture frames. Use the appropriate adhesive for the frame material type. Follow any warning labels on adhesive. Some may need extra ventilation.



1. Print Halloween puzzle on 8½ x 11 white cardstock or copy paper. Watercolor paper may not go through your printer. Please check your printer's manual for supported paper types.
2. Print Spooky Mansion Extra Coloring Connections. These instructions will connect the small lines for easier coloring.
3. Connect then color Dot-to-Dot puzzle to edge of paper with the medium of your choice. Some mediums do not work well on regular copy paper.

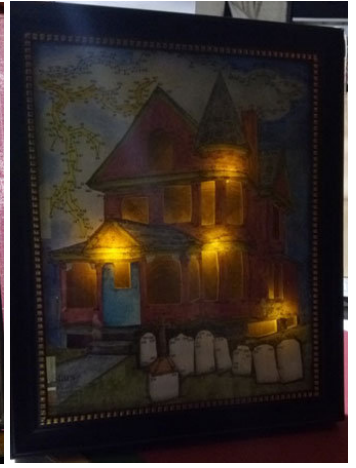
Mediums to try coloring your printed dot-to-dot with:

- a. Colored Pencils
 - b. Crayons
 - c. Watercolor Pencils with a very damp brush (shown)
 - d. Gelatos (with a baby wipe)
 - e. Gel pens
 - f. Markers (water or alcohol based), they will bleed through the paper, so protect your work surface
 - g. Pastel sticks
4. Cut out all the windows that you would like to glow.
 5. Trim the puzzle down to 8"x10".
 6. Trim acetate or clear plastic to cover windows. I used one 7"x9" sheet of plastic from recycled packaging.



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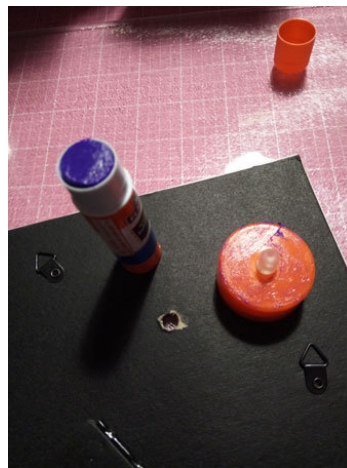
7. Take apart 3 - 8" x 10" picture frames. Make sure the edges are flat so they glue together nicely.
 - a. Front frame – Take out backing and advertising paper. Glue glass into frame with strong adhesive so it will not fall out.
 - b. Middle frame – Take out backing, advertising paper and glass.
 - c. Back frame – Take out advertising paper and glass.



8. Set, but do not attach puzzle into frame with glass. Line up tea lights with window edges and mark out on the frame backing where the lights should be placed. Try and keep the "flame" between the windows. This will add the glow but not a direct light. (You shouldn't be able to see the flame.) Cut out a hole for each tea light "flame" from the backing. The hole should be just big enough for the flame to squeeze through to the inside. (Take care of the frame stand placement.)



9. Glue paper to the inside of the stand backing. This will be the inside of the house. It will not be very visible, unless you are really looking. It does cover the cardboard backing and will add interest. You could put a scary picture or paint it with acrylic paint too. If you do add paper make sure to cut out the tea light "flame" holes.



10. Attach tea lights to back of frame with glue. Add the glue on the top edge of the tea light around the base of the flame. This should keep the tea light glued to the backing and keep it from spinning. Mind the placement of the switches. Keep the on/off switches all going the same way.

11. Tape the clear acetate to the back of the puzzle. Do not have any tape showing through the open windows.

12. Tape the colored puzzle to the inside of the frame so it shows through the front of the frame.

13. Glue frames together to form one deep frame. Put the backing on the frame.

14. Cover the frames with creepy fabric cover, burlap, lace or any other material that will hide the edges of the frames.

15. Turn on the lights, stand up the frame, and enjoy!

