

# Geode Skulls

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Intergenerational

## Geode Skulls

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Byline

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Use plastic skulls, floral foam and crushed glass to create a Halloween treasure. These geode-style skulls are a great decor piece for Halloween or to display as a year-round treasure.

### Advanced Planning

The goal of this program was to create a fun and unique Halloween craft. We begin planning our programs two to three months ahead of time. I am the primary programming librarian and do 99% of the planning and execution.

I did some research online and found different Pinterest inspirations to make these come to life in the best possible way.

## Marketing

Our first means of promotion is always our newsletter which comes out every two months. The September/October newsletter hit the public around the middle of August. Then we create Facebook events for one month at a time. The October events would have hit social media on the third Monday in September and sign-ups would have started then as well. Finally, all of our programs and events are also featured on our website.

## Budgeting

- Skulls - \$20.89 for 12 five-inch skulls. Our programs have 20 spaces so we spent around \$40
- Glass - Approximately \$100 on crushed glass
- Floral Foam - \$35 on floral foam

You can cut costs on the glass. It was our first time doing this program and I wasn't sure how much glass to purchase, but we ended up with WAY too much. A few containers of multiple colors will do the job just fine.

## Day-of-event Activity

I did all the setup and takedown for the day of the event. I set up the table and, at each space, put a skull and a foam block. I had a variety of box cutters, craft knives and hot glue guns on the table to share. All the glass and paint stayed on a central table for people to go up and get what they wanted.

[Geode skull instructions can be found here.](#)

## Program Execution

We had a few people cancel so we ended up with 17 / 20 participants. We had a couple of younger participants which I was a little worried about because this project involves glass and sharp tools. We did recommend an age of 10+ but luckily, the parents were really good about helping the little ones get things done but I would maybe set a hard limit next time.

The feedback was positive. Everyone had a lot of fun making their skulls and even though we were all using the same base material, they all had their own unique flair to them.

## **Advice**

Buy less glass and set a hard age limit for safety.

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Feedback

A fabulous program for teens, who seem to like all things creepy. We filled the skulls with used grocery store plastic bags to save on the flower foam. Much less expensive.

— Maria Firkaly, Community Outreach Coordinator/Teen Advisory Board Mentor, Andover Public Library

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## **Supporting Materials**

Document

[Geode Skull Instructions .pdf](#)

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Teens (13-16)+ | \$

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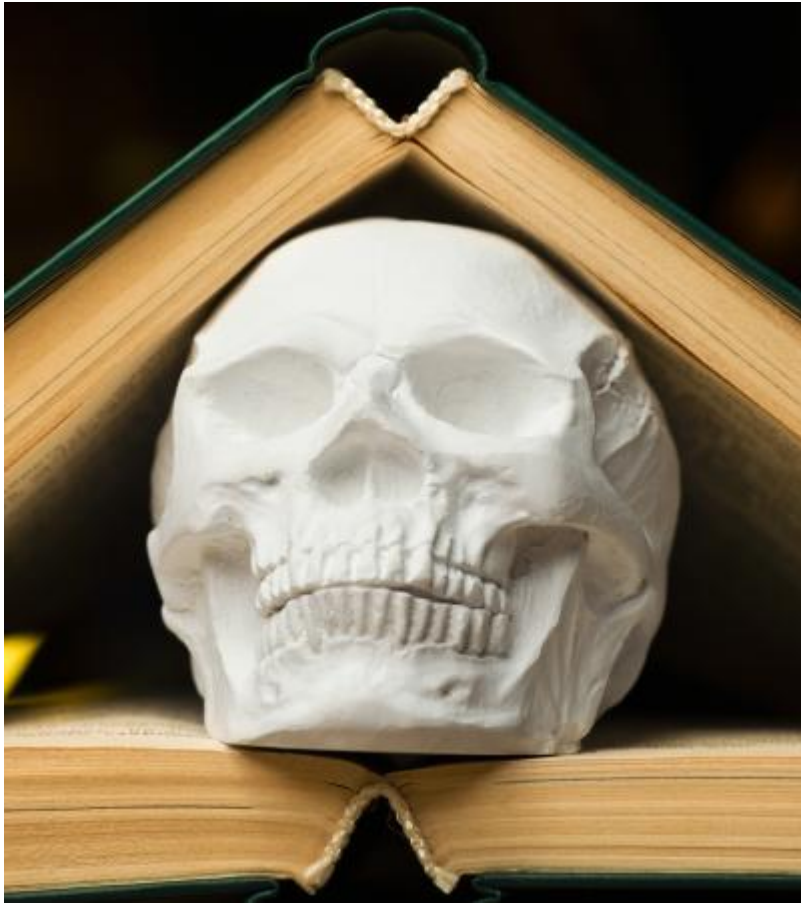
Young Adult (17 - 20)

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### **Audiences:**

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Tweens (10-12)