

# BLOODY OPTIONS

The Skinny: No matter how good you may make your prop or make-up, the blood factor is always the selling point. Through my travels and prop building I have ran across various formulas for creating blood.

The most common of all is nothing more then adding Red Dye/Food Coloring to water. This does make a rather good visual color and look for blood, but I would only recommend using that formula for fountains of blood, or a prop that is dripping or puking blood.

With that in mind I have ran across 2 or 3 different formulas for creating your own blood mixture, if you have the time. Here they are in order of my favorites, using them with Static Props and Make-up.

## Realistic Blood:

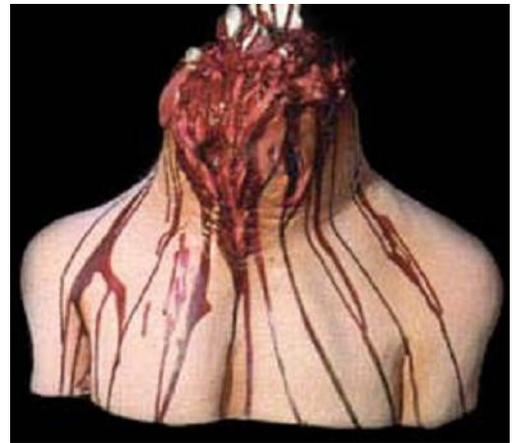
### Grocery List:

- 1 3/4 Cup Corn Syrup
- 1/4 Cup Warm Water
- 1/4 Cup. Corn Starch
- 2 Tsp. Red Food Coloring
- 8-10 Drops of Blue Food Coloring (Some like Green or Yellow)

Directions: Mix the Corn Syrup and Water, and add desired Food Colorings. I use a plastic Water Bottle for my miixing. Shake mixture well for about a minute. Add the Corn Starch and shake again for atleast 2 minutes. If there are lumps in your blood, let it sit for a minute and the lumps should rise to the top where you can just skim them off.

I like to store this blood until use in the refrigerator, and do not make this weeks in advance. Since it is created using food items, it will go bad, but it will still retain the color even bad. Just the mixture could seperate. Always shake mixture before applying.

NOTE: This mixture does Temporarily Stain skin and usually Permanently Stain clothing.



# GORY (THICK) BLOOD

## Grocery List:

- 2/3 Cup Asian (Cherry Flavor) Dipping Sauce
- 1/3 Cup Warm Water
- 2-3 Drops of Red Food Coloring

Seems simple, but yet it seems to work really well with Special Effects, because it is a much thicker mixture.

Directions: I like to use a Water Bottle for my mixing. Mix the Asian Sauce with the Water. Add the Red Coloring to your liking (Usually 2-3 drops will work well). Shake well for about 2-3 minutes.

Like before since it is being created using food items I like to refrigerate the mix until use.

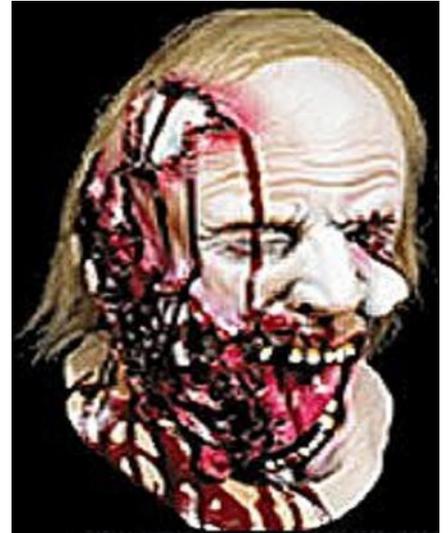
# Simple Cheap -n- Easy Blood

## Grocery List:

- Palmolive Dish Soap
- Red Berry Kool-Aid Mix

Now this one is almost too simple, but yet it works well with outdoor props. Also, the drying of the soap can create interesting results on props.

Directions: Use as much Dish Soap as you want, depending on how much blood you need. I have used Palmolive in the past, but I have seen it done using even cheaper brands of Dish Soap. Pour Soap into a bowl and then add the Kool-Aid. The reason we choose the Red Berry is because it is a much more deep red color. Some have even added additional Food Colorings such as Red, Blue, Green, and yellow to tweak the finished color.



I hope these will help with your designs, and if you care to comment or if you have a better formula, please let me know Randy Goddard [anubiscrypt@yahoo.com](mailto:anubiscrypt@yahoo.com)