HIDDEN CEMETERY -ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS-



WHAT YOU'LL NEED: Scissors, an X-acto knife, Elmer's glue (or glue sticks), and a ruler or other straight-edge.

Begin by cutting out the base piece on page 1. Cut along the four red lines to separate the blue tabs, and fold the blue tabs down. Next fold down the black strips on either side and then fold down all four rocky sides. Flip the piece over and face the blue tabs inward as shown in Figure 1a. Fold the black strips over the blue tabs as shown in Figure 1b, and glue them down. Flip the base back over and there's our grim little plot of ground.

Now it's time to build the fence. Cut out the three fence sections on page 2 and the fence section on page 3. Start by folding the black tabs on the two long sections down, and fold the grassy tabs up. Next fold the long sections in half lengthwise (between the pointy spikes) and glue the two sides together. After the sides are glued together, cut away the white area at the top of the gates. The black tabs and the grassy tabs should now all be folded back, and from below the piece should resemble Figure 2a. Place the two long sections along the long edges of the base, with the grassy tabs inward, and glue the grassy tabs down to the base. The long fence sections may be slightly shorter that the base, so center them evenly along the edges. Next fold up the grassy sections on the two short fence sections. Then fold the sections in half lengthwise (between the pointy spikes), fold them over the black tabs of the long fence sections (as shown in Figure 2b), and glue them both in place (It's handy to glue down the grassy tabs first and then fold the short fence over the long fence tabs). To finish the fence you may now carefully cut downward between the two gates to separate them, and bend them both inwards slightly for that open inviting look. And now it's time to build some stone things.

Decide how many tombs you wish to include in your cemetery, and print out that many copies of page 3. Discard the extra fence sections. Cut out the tomb piece and carefully cut along the four red lines to separate the blue tabs. Fold the blue tabs down, fold the black tabs down, and then fold all four side sections down. Flip the piece over and position the blue tabs as shown in Figure 1a. Fold the black strips over the blue tabs as shown in Figure 1b and glue them down. Next cut out the tomb liner, fold the two sides up along the green lines, and glue the liner into place inside the tomb. Now cut out the tomb lid and cut along the four red lines to separate the blue tabs. We'll build the lid in the same way we built the tomb. Fold down the blue tabs and black strips, and then fold the four edge sections down. Flip it over, position the blue tabs as shown in Figure 1a,

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and fold the black strips over the blue tabs as shown in Figure 1b. Glue the black strips down. Now flip the lid back over and set it in place over the vault. It should fit nicely, but if it's a bit tight you can collapse the sides of the vault slightly to allow it to fit. Place the tomb on the cemetery lawn but don't glue it down just yet. We'll build headstones and trees first, and then decide where to glue all the pieces once they're all constructed.

Cut out as many tombstones as you wish from page 4, and cut out the same number of braces (printed along the right hand side and bottom of page 4). For each tombstone, fold down both blank squares at the bottom of the piece and then position them as shown if Figure 3a. Glue the backs of the two squares together. Next cut out a brace and fold the four tabs up. Fold the triangular sections along the middle and fold the backs of the two triangular sections together. You should now have a brace like the one shown in Figure 3b. Place the brace into position on the back of the tombstone, as shown in Figure 3c, and glue the four brace tabs down. The tombstone is now finished and may be placed on the cemetery lawn.

Cut out the trees and tree braces on page 5. To use the large trees, you simply glue the base of the tree to the back of the rear fence and it's done. If you're using card stock the trees should be firm enough to stand up and not flop around. The large trees can also be glued to the inside of the rear fence by first removing the black areas at the base of the tree. The two small trees are assembled just like the tombstones. Begin by folding down the green tab and then fold down the blank panel. Fold the piece into the position shown in Figure 3a, with the blank side down and the green side up. Glue the back of the green tab to the back of the blank panel. Next cut out a tree brace. Fold the black tabs and the grassy tabs up. Then fold the brace down the center and glue the blank sides of the two bark triangles together. You should have a brace shaped like the one shown in Figure 3b. Place it into position on the back of the tree as shown in Figure 3c, and glue the tabs down.

Now place the two small trees along with the finished tombstones and tombs on your cemetery lawn. Decide where you want everything to sit. Once you find a layout you like, glue all the pieces down. The cemetery is now finished, but we can still add coffins to place inside the tombs.

Page 6 includes two toe-pincher style coffins (one in pine and one in cherrywood) and one modern style casket in mahogany. The black shapes are coffin liners. TO BUILD THE TOE_PINCHERS: Cut out the coffin pieces. Cut the triangular black tabs along the sides marked in red to separate the sides. Next cut along the inside red line with an X-acto knife (this will be a slot to hold the tab that keeps the lid closed). Fold down the 6 black triangular tabs and the 5 black rectangular tabs. Now fold the tab below the lock (between the green marks) and fold down at the top of the lock (where it joins the lid). Fold the lid down where it joins the side section, fold down all six side panels and turn the piece over. Position the triangular tabs inside the side panels, as shown in Figure 1a, and glue them to the backs of the side panels to hold the sides in place. Now fold the black tabs over the triangular tabs as shown in Figure 1b, and glue all of the black tabs down. Cut out the toe-pincher liners. Fold the tab on the bottom piece up (between the green marks) and glue the bottom liner into place in the coffin. The lid liner is simply glued to the inside of the lid. Now fold the lid closed and insert the

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tab into the slot in the bottom edge. The lock should lay flat against the side of the coffin, and the tucked-in tab should keep the lid closed. You can now cut out one of the three 'occupants' on page 6 to place inside the coffin. Just cut out the shape and curve it around a pencil as shown in Figure 4. Lay it inside the coffin and if it lies there quietly then you've done everything ok so far.

TO BUILD THE MODERN STYLE CASKET: Begin by cutting out the casket. Cut along the four red lines to separate the sides. Fold all eight black panels down and then fold down all four side panels. Turn the piece over and position the small black tabs inward as shown in Figure 1a. Fold the large black tabs over them as shown in Figure 1b, and glue the large tabs down. Now fold down the last two black tabs so they cover the inside of either end and glue them down. Cut out the black square on page 6 and glue it down to cover the inside bottom panel of your casket. Cut out the lid, but do NOT cut between the blue marks. Fold down the four small black tabs, fold down the four edge panels, and then fold down the four side panels. Flip the piece over and position the black tabs behind the edge panels on either end, as shown in Figure 5a. Glue them into place and you should have a lid with an edge, as shown in Figure 5b. Cut out the lid liner on page 6 and glue it to the inside of the lid. The lid should now fit comfortably over the casket (if it's too snug you can collapse the coffin sides slightly to allow it to fit). Snip out a character and curve it over a pencil as shown in Figure 4 to give it some form. Place the character in the casket and close the lid.

Now we have coffins to fill the tombs in the cemetery, and each coffin has it's own interesting character inside. Of course you might also leave a coffin or two just lying around or leaning against the trees or fence. It's your cemetery, after all, and you don't have to bury anyone unless you want to.