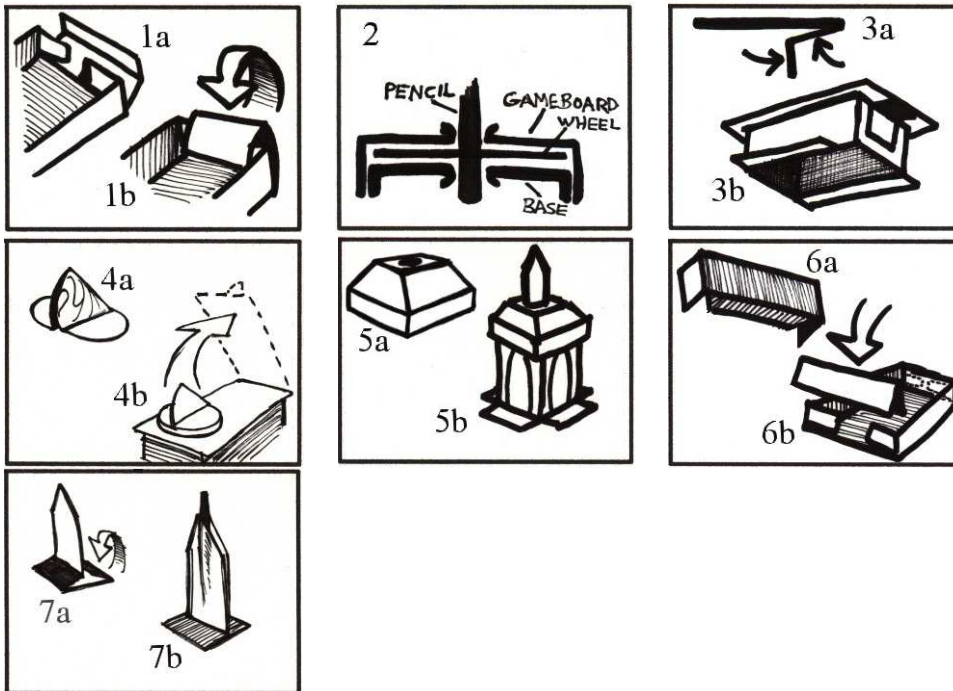


MIDNIGHT BANSHEES -ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS-



WHAT YOU'LL NEED: a poster board (any color), a pencil, 5 toothpicks, 4 pennies (or other coins), a pair of dice, Scissors, an X-acto knife, Elmers glue (or glue sticks), Scotch tape, and a ruler.

HELPFUL HINTS: This game requires several pieces to be glued to poster board so they'll be firm enough to use. The printed pages can be glued to the poster board easily with rubber cement, but glue sticks work well also. As with the other toys, all pages should be printed on card stock (80 pound seems to do well).

After the first 3 pages are glued to poster board, cut out the general area of the piece you're working on, so you won't have extra paper flopping around. Next carefully cut out the object itself (be careful not to cut off any of the tabs). Once the item is cut out, you'll want to fold everywhere that needs folding before taping or gluing anything. The fast easy way to make folds is to fold the paper over the edge of a ruler or other straight-edge. Once the shape is folded properly you may then tape or glue everything in place. Elmers glue works good if you smear a small area and let it set a moment to firm up before attaching things.

ASSEMBLY: We begin by gluing the following to the posterboard: page 1, page 2, and page 3. Once these pages are glued down, cut out the base piece on page 1. Don't cut off the black strips on either side, they're part of the piece. Cut along the four red lines to separate the blue tabs, and fold the blue tabs down. Next fold down the two rocky sides, folding between the red lines. Now fold down the two black strips on either side, and then fold down the two white strips. Flip the piece upside down and fold the blue tabs inward as shown in Figure 1a. Fold the black strips over the tabs as shown in Figure 1b, and glue the strips down. Flip the piece back upright and cut the X in the middle. To cut the x, first cut one line all the way across. Then cut the other line in two cuts, both from the outside in towards the center. This way nothing should rip or tear. After the X is cut, poke the pencil through the center from the TOP, so the four sides of the cut fold DOWNWARD. It's important that the little triangular tabs point down so they don't interfere with the spinner wheel.

Next we cut out the spinner wheel on page 2. It's helpful here to go slowly and try to get a very smooth curve, cutting away all of the white on the outside of the wheel. After the wheel's cut out,

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cut the X in the center just like we did before, cutting one line first and then the other line with 2 cuts from the outside in towards the center. Poke the pencil up through this hole from the BACK of the wheel, so the little triangular tabs fold UPWARD. Then remove the pencil and cut off the four triangular tabs by cutting where they folded. Since this piece is glued to poster board, it's pretty thick, so you may need to carefully cut the folds on both sides (front and back) of the piece to remove them without ripping or tearing anything. Poke the pencil back through the center and be sure the wheel spins freely around the pencil. The hole should let the wheel spin freely but not be large enough to let the wheel wobble too much. Poke the pencil down into the base from the TOP, and slide the spinner down over the pencil so it rests on the base.

Now snip out the gameboard on page 3, and carefully cut out the four white spaces on the board. Cut the red X in the center the way we cut the others. Fold the two rocky sides down along the edge of the grass. Set the gameboard over the wheel and base, pressing it down over the pencil so the four triangles in the center of the gameboard poke UPWARD. Now position the rocky sides of the gameboard upright against the blank white sides of the base, and glue or tape the two pieces together, keeping the bottom edge of the rocky gameboard sides lined up with the bottom edges of the blank sides. The gameboard should now be mounted on the base as shown in Figure 2, with a space of about an eighth of an inch between the base and the gameboard. The spinner should spin freely beneath the gameboard. Holding the pencil (eraser side down) to stabilize the board, you should be able to rest the side of your finger against the exposed edges of the wheel on either side of the gameboard and spin the wheel without spinning the whole gameboard. The spinner won't have to spin for very long at a time when playing the game, just long enough to move the vampires around a little. Anything over half a turn or so will be enough.

Now we're ready to start building our cemetery. We'll start with the four tombs and tomb lids on page 4. Cut out the four tombs, fold the black sides underneath, and glue the black sides flat to the back of the pieces (they'll line the inside when we're done). Fold the side with the X down, and fold the two narrow tabs up. Then fold down the sides (between the green marks), and glue the side with the X to the back of the side opposite, so you have a rectangular box with the two narrow tabs folded outwards on the bottom. Connect the tomb to the gameboard by gluing the narrow tabs directly over the cement strips shown on either side of the four tomb holes in the gameboard. When all four tombs are in place, cut out the four tomb lids. Fold the cement tab up and then fold the black tab down. Now with the piece upright, fold the black tab underneath and glue it to the underside of the lid as shown in Figure 3a. The cement tab should hang straight down. Glue the tabs on each lid to the backs of each tomb as shown in Figure 3b so they work as hinges. The lids should open from the front of the tombs (the side where the red sidewalk squares are). To finish the tombs we'll add the sentinel sculptures. Cut out the four sentinels on page 5. Fold the half circles up and then fold the pieces down along the center (between the green lines). Glue the two sides of the creature together so the piece is shaped as in Figure 4a, and glue the piece down to a penny. Once these are dry, glue the sentinels to the front of the lids. When everything's dry you should be able to use the sentinels as handles to lift the lids, and the penny will give the lid some weight so it stays closed until you want to look inside the tomb.

To construct the crypt in the center, begin by cutting out the crypt piece on page 5. Cut between the four bottom tabs (along the red lines), and fold the four tabs up. Then fold down the blank side (between the green lines) and fold down the four sides with doors (between the red and green lines). Glue the blank side to the back of the opposite side so you have a rectangular box with the four tabs at the bottom folded outward. Connect the crypt to the gameboard by gluing the four tabs directly over the square cement frame shown in the center of the gameboard. Now snip out the crypt lid and carefully cut out the white circle in the center. Fold the blue tabs and black strips down. Next fold down the four edge panels (between the green lines and between the tops of the blue tabs) and then fold down the four sides. We're constructing a shape like the one shown in Figure 5a. Fold the blue tabs inward behind the edge panels of the other two sides, as shown in Figure 1a, and fold the black strips over the blue tabs as shown in Figure 1b. Glue the black strips

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down. Now set the piece in place over the crypt. It should slide down over the pencil and cover the top of the crypt as shown in Figure 5b. Don't glue it down (it should be able to tilt in case the pencil is tilted when being used). The pencil should now be sharpened or whittled until it's about five inches long. Rub the point on paper until it's dull (because we don't want to impale anyone). Then paint the pencil grey if you wish, and put it back into position through the gameboard. It's now a crypt spire, which you can hold to steady the gameboard when you spin the wheel.

Next we'll build the vault, which is used to store the tokens used in this game (as well as the dice and player pieces if you wish). Begin by cutting out the vault piece. Cut along the four red lines to separate the blue tabs, and bend the blue tabs down. Bend down the black tabs and then fold down all four vault sides. Set the piece upright and position the blue tabs inward as shown in Figure 1a. Fold the black tabs over them and glue in place as shown in Figure 1b. Now cut out the vault lid and build it the same way, cutting along the four red lines, folding down the black strips and blue tabs, and then folding down all four edge panels. Fold the blue panels in as shown in Figure 1a, glue the black strips down over them as shown in 1b, and set the lid in place on the vault to be sure it fits (if you need to, you can slightly collapse the vault walls). To finish the vault, cut out the vault liner on page 6, fold the two sides upward along the green lines, and place the liner into the vault. Glue the two sides into place and the vault is finished.

Now that we have a vault to keep our tokens in, let's cut out the 20 skull tokens, the four wooden stake tokens, and the four voodoo doll tokens. Toss 'em all in the vault and we're ready to move on.

The stone work is finished in our cemetery and it's time to add the fence. Cut out the two long sections of fence on page 6 and fold them in half along the middle (between the rows of pointy spikes). Don't glue the folded sides together yet. Cut out the two shorter fence sections on page 7. Fold the black tabs down and the grassy tabs up. Then fold both pieces down the middle (between the rows of pointy spikes). Glue together the folded sides of the two shorter sections. From below, the pieces should now look like Figure 6a, with the black tabs and the grassy tabs folded back. Place the shorter two fence sections along the short sides of the gameboard, and connect the fence sections to the gameboard by gluing down the grassy tab, which should be turned inward. Next fold the two longer fence sections from page 6 down over the black tabs as shown in Figure 6b and glue in place. The bone shards in the center of the long sections should line up with the bone shards lying on the sidewalk (trim if needed). When the long sections are in place you may tape their bottom edges to the underside of the gameboard, being sure the tape lays flat on the underside so as not to interfere with spinning the wheel. The cemetery is now finished, and all we need are five playing pieces.

To build the player pieces, carefully cut them out. Fold the two sides of the player piece together and glue them flat. If you wish, you may glue a toothpick upright between the two sides to provide a short handle and to strengthen the piece (although they work fine with just paper). The toothpick must not extend lower than the panels with the characters on them. Also, the toothpick should be snipped off about a quarter inch above the top of the paper point on the piece. To be fancy the toothpick can be painted black with a marker. To make the bases on the player pieces, fold the end black tab down, fold the blue tab down, and then fold the inner black tab up. Next fold the three base sections into the form shown in Figure 7a and glue the black panels down to the back of the blue panel (which should be facing down). The player piece should stand up as shown in Figure 7b, and shouldn't fall over too easily.

Now find two dice and you'll have everything you need to play Midnight Banshees!
Read the playing instructions carefully, Grab a few friends to join in, and let the race begin!