The Ghost-Bones Build Guide

Print the exact shopping list and build sturdy, wind-proof yard props.

Gathering all your hidden bones before you start decorating makes the installation incredibly smooth. Planning these underlying structural supports translates directly into a cohesive, stable yard layout.



Key Prop Measurements

54 inches
galvanized tomato cage height

2 legs
rebar anchors inside each gravestone

6 inches
hidden clay pot diameter

1:1
school glue to water ratio

20 lb
clear fishing line test weight

Grade 50
cheesecloth weave density

Stop pumpkin sliding

Place a small square of textured rubber shelf liner directly between the clay pot and the pumpkin base to completely prevent any dangerous shifting.

Assembling the Yard Display

1. **Map the layout** Stage supplies on the lawn and position heavier foundational pieces before hanging anything overhead.
2. **Anchor the gravestones** Drive metal stakes into damp soil near outer edges; slide foam headstones directly over them.
3. **Frame the ghosts** Invert wire cages, push top prongs deeply into soil, and drape with the stiffening mixture.
4. **Suspend tree spirits** Tie monofilament high above walkways, adding a metal fishing swivel to prevent wind tangles.

Typical Yard Shopping List

- [ ] Four heavy-gauge galvanized tomato cages
- [ ] Eight half-inch diameter rebar stakes
- [ ] Six unglazed terracotta garden pots
- [ ] One spool clear monofilament fishing line
- [ ] Two gallons washable PVA liquid school glue
- [ ] Four packages tight-weave cotton cheesecloth

Installation & Weather Checks

- Wait for slightly damp soil to create a tight vacuum seal.
- Hammer three landscape pins over bottom cage wires in loose sand.
- Select flat-bottomed heirloom pumpkins for base layers to maximize contact.
- Tug stakes behind foam gravestones to ensure they remain tight.
- Verify fishing line knots are not slipping down the tree branches.

Rebar Sizing Guide

Find your row: **Gravestone Height**

Gravestone Height	Your pick	Why
Up to 12 inches	12-inch stake	Bury 4 inches, leave 8 exposed
12 to 18 inches	18-inch stake	Bury 6 inches, leave 12 exposed
18 to 24 inches	24-inch stake	Bury 8 inches, leave 16 exposed
24 to 30 inches	30-inch stake	Bury 10 inches, leave 20 exposed
30 to 36 inches	36-inch stake	Bury 12 inches, leave 24 exposed
Over 36 inches	48-inch stake	Bury 16 inches, leave 32 exposed

Yard Layout Notes

Enjoy a stress-free Halloween with a spooky display that survives unpredictable October weather!