The Two-Step Stoop Scare Checklist

Build, dye, and arrange a cohesive haunted porch for a narrow space.

Map out exact prop footprints to keep your walking path safely clear. Use this guide to gather heavy-duty materials, prep your shroud, and perfectly place every scare.



Key Display Specs

36 in
minimum clearance for main walkway

6 ft
overall tomato-cage phantom height

54 in
heavy-duty cages for skeleton

8
heavy-duty zip ties per phantom

12-lb test
clear line for flying ghost

22-gauge
dark wire for crow feet

1 cup
play sand per severed hand

5-7
real pumpkins around bottom step

Prevent tangled flying ghosts

Run the fishing line to a ceiling hook so the prop avoids the door frame. Tie a fisherman's clinch knot to safely secure the swinging weight!

One-Afternoon Tea-Dye Schedule

1. **Steep in hot water** Soak fabric for 45 minutes to create an uneven, organic antique stain.
2. **Rinse in cold water** Lock in the rich brown color to prevent bleeding onto your clean concrete porch.
3. **Wring and hang dry** Twist tightly and hang the material to encourage deep, permanent wrinkles to form.

Heavy-Duty Prop Shopping List

- [ ] Heavy-duty tomato cages and black electrical tape
- [ ] Foam pool noodles and strong duct tape
- [ ] Cheesecloth and dark safety pins for draping
- [ ] Clear fishing line and outdoor ceiling hook
- [ ] Dark floral wire and plastic railing crows
- [ ] Play sand, dense topsoil and Spanish moss
- [ ] Battery-operated LED spotlights with automatic timers

Stoop Placement Checks

- ◯ Measure the concrete pad to verify the main walking path remains clear.
- ◯ Push the phantom tightly against the brick siding to prevent tripping hazards.
- ◯ Check the door's hinge side to suspend the ghost for sudden movement.
- ◯ Check the ceiling material to choose a cup hook or adhesive hook.
- ◯ Check 1-inch metal spindles to anchor plastic crow feet with floral wire.
- ◯ Position uplights behind gourds and set the sensor to a 6-hour timer.

Cheesecloth Drying Times

Find your row: **Desired fabric texture**

Desired fabric texture	Your pick	Why
Deeply wrinkled	Hang twisted	Takes 4 hours
Smooth and stiff	Sun dry flat	Takes 2 hours
Frayed and soft	Machine dry	Fastest method for soft edges

Stoop Setup Notes

Enjoy watching your beautifully terrifying porch display come alive exactly as the sun sets!