

Visual EffectsTutorials

TUTORIALS

Makeup Effects

Foam latex and mold making (Lars Carlsson) - step by step tutorial with images

Making false teeth (Lars Carlsson) - step by step with images

For more makeup effects and techniques check out Lars Carlsson makeup FX site

More blood recipes

Teeth & Fangs (tips & tutorials from Scream Website)

Life Casting (tutorial from the Scream website)

Prosthetics (latex face mask tips & tutorials from Scream Website)

Blood, scabs, scars & other kitchen recipes (tips & tutorials from Scream Website)

Blood Recipes

Making fake eyes (a step by step photo article from the FX21 site in Sweden)

Dragonbytes (Halloween makeup ideas (step by steps to make bulletholes, wounds, etc))

Monstermakers Latex Mask Making (Basic overview of the steps you need to do to make a latex maskstep by step with photos (they also have a more detailed book for sale, which you can download fairly cheaply or get a printed version))

FXSupply Guide to Latex Mask Making (another overview, similar to above)

Blood and bullets for no budget films (good guide to creating gunshot hits, not just make-up but a physical exploding bloodpack design is here)

Claymation, Stopmotion and Traditional Animation
Claymation - a step by step guide (GREAT site!!!)
Claymation - the No Budget SFX website guide
Animation World - secrets of stopmotion
Animation World - Foam puppet fabrication explained

Stopmotion Animation site - has all the info and links you could need on this artform

Physical Effects

More Sugar Glass Recipes

Making Fog machine Smoke Hug The Ground - gives it a more dry-ice foggy appearance rather than the usual smoke look

Misc tips for using Fog/smoke machines

Weather FX

Gunshot Hits

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Costumes, Wigs, Puppets & Props

Costume Links - A HUGE list of costume links (to guides to doing specific people, period and character costumes to accessories such as wigs, and also makeup. Some links are to basic sites but some are more pro, ...a good place to start if planning some costumes)

A Milliners Approach To Maskmaking - a students guide to mask making

Wig Making - great professional little guide, but man, its time consuming!

Animatronics

Animatronics - good site that takes you through the construction of a basic animatronic puppet

The Yoda Project - talking animatronic head design

Animatronics, Robots, SPFX - huge links page, but a lot of the links are old and don't work anymore unfortunately

2D Computer Visual Effects

Keying

Bluescreening - the not so ancient art, a page with a good run down on the process (will write my own tutorial soon)

Chromakeying with 4:1:1 DV Footage (Douglas Spotted Eagle, off Creative Cow site)

Shooting for Chromakeying - Great article on Chroma keying, if youre looking at doing some bluescreen or greenscreen work, READ this!!! (by Barend Onneweer, off Creative Cow site)

After Effects

AE Freemart - the place to go for tips techniques and free plugins for After Effects

Creative Cow - After Effects General Tutorials

Creative Cow - After Effects v5.5 Tutorials

Time Remapping - more of the above (Bryan Preston, Creative Cow site)

Procedural Matte Creation - this covers using procedural techniques of combining a couple of different chromakey filters to produce a good composite matte (After Effects based, but theory is good for use in other software. From Creative Cow site by Barend Onneweer).

Morphing in After Effects (Chris Zwar, Creative Cow site)

Colourgrading in After Effects (Barend Onneweer, Creative Cow site)

Panning & Zooming in After Effects (Matt Dallows, Creative Cow Site)

Morphing & Warping

Morphing explanation

Morphing in After Effects (Chris Zwar, Creative Cow site)

3D Computer Visual Effects

3D Cheap and nasty HDRI rendering techniques - simple way to add realism to your 3D render