

## Research on Blood Special Effects Techniques

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Videos and tutorials on techniques:

### - **How Fake Blood Is Made For Movies**

Source: Insider

One of the recipes uses corn syrup but if you only put in colour in with it, it would look too see through so you would need to add an opacifier to make it opaque. You would add red food colouring as a base and then add a little blue or black for depth. You can also add soap to the blood because it helps with the clean up especially if it is on clothes. This allows it to wash out.

### - **How to Make A Cheap Blood (Stabbed or Shot)**

Source: Squib

Things you need:

- Storage Bag with a zipper
- Some sort of string or fishing line
- Duck Tape
- Choice of fake blood
- Watch video for how to build

### - **The Greatest Blood Recipes**

If you want to make the blood runny you must add water into the mixture. If you add yellow food colouring the blood appears a few hours old especially good for someone's shirt or the wall. Add cocoa powder to thicken or darken the mixture. This mix is safe to put in an actors mouth. For a dark scabby look; Dark corn syrup base and some red food colouring. The dark corn syrup develops a thick skin on it when you leave it out, this is useful for creating a day old body look or scabbed over blood.

If you need the blood to cleaned and to not stain use dish soap as your base however this couldn't be used around the eyes or mouth of the performer but can be used for putting blood on the walls, floor, clothes or curtains.

Other Useful Sources

- How to create blood special effects (air compression tutorial)
- Let the right one in: Backstage Pass
- The Guardian / the recipe for realistic theatre gore (paragraph 4)

Next steps

Email the national theatre of Scotland on the information of how they did there blood scenes there as it is and extremely gory show with a lot go blood involved

And the same for the people who were involved in making the American psycho the musical .