

Wednesday 30 October 2013:

How to make your own specimen jars



The Hunarian museum's Halloween workshop; 'pickling' a witch's finger, a mummy's eyeball and a full set of a vampire's teeth!

You will need:

Plasticine, colours of your choice. / Needle. / Thread. / Glass Jars. / Water.

How to make your own specimen jar:

1. First you will need to make something out of plasticine that will fit into your glass jar. It could be something scary or something that you are fond of.
2. Next you will need to fill your jar up with cold water.
3. Thread the cotton through the needle so you can pierce it through your object. Once you have done that you take your object into the water. The two bits of thread on either side need to be hanging out of the jar when you have screwed the lid on.
4. Now you have finished your stupendous or spooky specimen jar that is ready for display!





The kids' guide to places to see & things to do

I did my specimen jars (see pictures) at the Huntarian museum because they had a Halloween workshop. In my jars I 'pickled' a witch's finger, a mummy's eyeball and a full set of a vampire's teeth!

At the Huntarian museum, in the Royal College of Surgeons in London you can find John Hunter's specimen jars. John Hunter lived between 1718-83 and he was interested in human and animal anatomy.

The museum is in a big awesome building. I like it and there are lots of things to do and to see. You can get quite squeamish but at the same time it's exciting. If you are in London I would recommend you to go there and try out a workshop. If you go online and search for 'medical museums' you can find the nearest one to where you are. Other interesting medical museums in the UK and abroad are:

Leeds

Thackray Medical Museum
<http://www.thackraymedicalmuseum.co.uk>

Edinburgh

The Surgeon's Hall Museums
<http://www.museum.rcsed.ac.uk>

Paris

Musée Fragonard
<http://musee.vet-alfort.fr>

By Hackney Wow Cub Alma Harrison, age 9

Hunterian Museum – The Royal College of Surgeons

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