

SCIENTIFIC EXPLORER

GROSS!  
A HACKED OFF  
FINGER!

OOZE  
AND DRIP  
WITH BLOOD

TURN  
DRINKS  
SOLID

MAKE YOUR OWN

# DISGUSTING GAGS AND PRANKS

12  
HILARIOUS  
PRANKS!

ITCHING  
POWDER  
MADE FROM  
SCRATCH

MAKE FOOD  
& DRINKS  
FOAM  
AND  
SPILL!

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**⚠ WARNING:**

This set contains chemicals that may be harmful if misused. Read cautions on individual containers carefully. Not to be used by children except under adult supervision.

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CHOKING HAZARD - Small parts.  
Not for children under 3 years.

Adult Supervision Required

POOF-Slinky

Have you ever wanted to pull an outrageously disgusting prank on an unsuspecting friend? Or maybe you've been the victim of a funny gag. Now you can create your own revolting tricks to tease your friends.

Whip up some repulsive fake vomit or some bloodcurdling fake blood. Spook your friends with a ghastly severed finger or a terrifying tarantula- all in the name of science!

Disgusting Gags and Pranks is an outrageous lab of laughs for the whole family!

## **CAUTION:**

- **Adult supervision is required for all activities. Carefully read through all the instructions with your adult ally before doing each activity. Discuss any safety concerns you may have.**
- **Keep all chemicals out of reach of small children and pets. Reseal each ingredient packet when you're finished with it.**
- **Clean your utensils and wash your hands with soap and warm water before and after doing the activities in this kit. Do not touch or rub eyes.**
- **Red coloring can stain. Be careful of getting it on clothes, furniture, or carpet. Use soapy water to clean off fake blood as soon as you're finished with it. Clean floors and surfaces immediately if you accidentally spill it.**
- **Stay safe and have fun!**

### **What's in your kit:**

- Citric acid, 1 oz (28 g)
- Sodium polyacrylate, 1 oz (28 g)
- Rose hip fibers, 0.1 oz (3 g)
- 2 trick dice
- 1 box for severed finger
- 10 cotton balls
- 1 fake spider
- Fishing line, 10 ft (3.04 m)
- 1 pipette
- 3 envelopes
- 2 rubber bands
- 1 large paper clip
- 1 metal washer
- Prankster mix, 1 oz (28 g)
- Glue, 1.25 fl oz (37 ml)
- 5 gelatin capsules
- 1 small plastic scoop
- 1 activity guide

### **What you need to get:**

- Corn Starch
- Small cup or glass
- Measuring spoons and cups
- Plastic wrap
- Water
- Plastic cup (not transparent)
- Paper and pencil
- Corn syrup
- Red food coloring
- Paper towels
- Baking soda
- Sugar bowl
- Mixing spoon
- Mixing bowl
- Index card or playing card
- Dollar bill
- Kitchen cabinet with door
- Set of regular dice
- Liquid soap

# ANNOYING ITCHING POWDER

**Adult supervision required.**

**WARNING:** Do not mix baking soda with citric acid and liquid in any closed container, including test tubes.

Did you know that an innocent rose flower can be used to make fiendishly itchy powder? Take a close look at your rose hip fibers (making sure none get into your eyes). Notice the tiny fibers. These fibers occur naturally inside rose hips, which are fruit-like seed pods that grow on certain varieties of roses after the flowers fall off. They irritate skin by causing tiny pricks.

## **What you need from your kit:**

- Rose hip fibers
- Small scoop
- Envelope

## **What you need to get:**

- A willing victim

1. Using the scoop, carefully sprinkle the itching powder wherever you want someone to scratch. Be creative but not cruel. Do not put the powder on or near sensitive skin, eyes, face, or mouth. Do not put it on clothes that are not washable. Stand by and watch the results!
2. You can store the rest of the itching powder in the envelope provided.
3. Tell your victim to wash the affected area with soap and water to remove the fibers. Some people may be allergic to many topical ingredients. Ask your victim before playing this prank on them.

## **Prankster Science**

Did you know there's science behind itching? A naturally occurring defense mechanism, itching lets your body know about potential harm- for example, a bug crawling on your skin. That bug irritates tiny nerves in your skin, causing lots of tiny pricks -just like your itching powder! Tiny receptors in your skin alert your brain of the irritant by instantly sending a message up your spinal cord into your brain. What do you do when you have an itch? You scratch. This is your body's natural way of getting rid of the irritant. But you may be doing more harm than good! The original irritant just bothered a few tiny nerves. Your fingernails scratching your skin irritates a lot more nerves!

# BLOODCURDLING FAKE BLOOD

- **Adult Supervision Required.**
- **Do not swallow.**
- **Red coloring can stain. Cover work area with plastic or perform activity outside.**

No prankster can resist using realistic fake blood for a gory gag. It's an essential for every prankster's bag of tricks.

**What you need from your kit:**

- Pipette
- Plastic scoop

**What you need to get:**

- Small cup or glass
- Spoon
- Measuring spoons
- Corn starch
- Plastic wrap
- Water
- Red Food Coloring
- Corn Syrup

1. Squeeze out 10 drops of red coloring and place them in the cup.
2. Add 1/2 teaspoon of corn starch and 1 teaspoon of water. Stir the ingredients to mix them well.
3. Add 1 tablespoon of corn syrup and stir to mix it in well. Add more red coloring until you have the perfect bloodcurdling color.
4. Tightly cover the cup with plastic wrap to keep the “blood” from drying out until you want to use it.
5. When you’re ready to fool someone, use the pipette like an eyedropper to make realistic drops of blood - running down your finger, down your forehead, out of your nose, or even your ears!

**Note:**

- Be sure to save some fake blood for the next activity.
- Fake Blood should wash off your skin with soap and water. But if the red coloring lightly stains your skin, try removing it with shaving cream and warm water.

**Prankster Science**

The red coloring gives your bloody concoction a realistic color. The corn starch makes the mixture cloudy like real blood. It also makes it thicker like real blood and helps it to stick to your skin.

# GHASTLY SEVERED FINGER

Imagine you’re out taking a walk. Something on the ground catches your eye. You look down, and to your absolute horror, it’s a bloody finger! Seizing the opportunity to freak out your friends, you put the finger in a box and take it home to show everyone. This is the tall tale you’ll tell as you present this prank to your friends and family!

**What you need from your kit:**

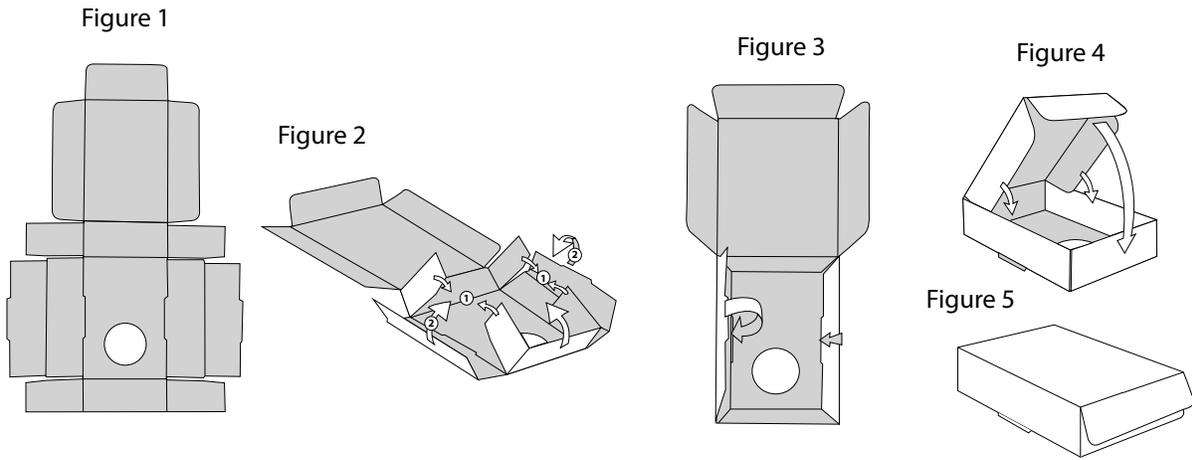
- Box for severed finger
- Cotton balls
- Pipette
- Fake blood from previous activity

**What you need to get:**

- An unsuspecting victim

**Part 1: Assembling the Box**

1. Lay the box out flat as it appears in Figure 1.
2. Lift up the flaps as shown in step 1 of Figure 2, and pull the sides of the box over the flaps as shown in step 2 of Figure 2.
3. As shown in Figure 3, tuck the tabs on the sides of the box into the slits on the bottom of the box.
4. To close the box, tuck the side flaps of the lid into the box and pull down the lid, leaving the front flap out, as shown in figure 4. The closed box should look like the one in Figure 5.



### Part 2: Rigging the Gag

1. With the lid open, hold the box in the palm of your hand so that it opens away from you. Insert your middle finger through the hole in the bottom and bend your finger back toward you until it is flat against the bottom of the box.
2. Stuff the box with cotton balls so that it looks like your finger is disconnected and laying in the box. Be sure to hide the hole in the bottom with cotton.
3. Use the pipette like an eyedropper to put fake blood on the end of your “severed” finger. Have fun making it look like it was actually cut off!
4. Close the lid to the box, hold your finger still, and get ready to freak someone out!

### Part 3: Showing it off

1. To pull off this disgusting prank, keep the box slightly tilted away from you so that no one can tell your finger is in the hole.
2. Walk up to your unsuspecting victim and say something like, “Look what I found out on the street!” Then open the lid with your other hand and display your disgusting disconnected finger. It looks so real, your victim just might scream!

# PRANKS POWDER

- **Adult supervision required.**
- **Do not swallow.**

For this prank, you will offer an unsuspecting victim a drink of water. Your friend watches as you fill a cup with water. But just as you hand it over, you “accidentally” spill it. Your friend freaks out, expecting to get wet. But, magically, there’s no water in the cup!

#### What you need from your kit:

- Pranks powder (sodium polyacrylate)

#### What you need to get:

- Plastic cup (not transparent)
- Measuring spoon
- An unsuspecting victim

1. Think ahead to how much water you'll pour in the cup. For every 1 cup of water, you should add about 2 teaspoons of sodium polyacrylate powder.
2. When no one is looking, prepare this prank by pouring the right amount of sodium polyacrylate into a cup that you can't see through.
3. Now offer your friend a drink of water. While your victim is watching, fill the cup with water. The pranks powder needs about 10 seconds to take effect, so engage in some conversation for distraction.
4. Glance into the cup to make sure the water has turned solid. Pretend to accidentally spill or throw the "water" on your victim. You'll both be amazed how the water has turned solid and no one gets wet!
5. You can also try this trick with your parents' coffee by following the same instructions as above. Just make sure they have access to a fresh cup of coffee to drink after your prank is over!

**Do not dispose of this down the drain. Dispose of in trash can.**

### **Prankster Science**

Pranks powder is actually a special kind of plastic called sodium polyacrylate. It's the same stuff they put inside baby diapers to keep them dry. What makes it so unique is that it can absorb up to 300 times its size in liquid! Its long chains of molecules can unravel and soak up gobs of water like a sponge. Now that's a thirsty plastic!

## **SUMMERTIME SNOW**

### **Adult supervision required.**

Fool your friends with realistic snow that never melts!

#### **What you need from your kit:**

- Pranks powder (sodium polyacrylate)

#### **What you need to get:**

- Cup or glass
- Water
- Measuring spoon
- Measuring cup

#### **Make It**

1. Measure 1/2 cup of water and pour it in the cup or glass.
2. Measure 2 teaspoons of sodium polyacrylate powder and add it to the water. Swirl the cup gently to mix it.
3. Wow! What's happening? The sodium polyacrylate absorbs the water and expands to make what looks like snow. Give it about a minute to finish absorbing the water.

#### **Melt it**

4. Salt is used to melt real snow. Do you think it will work with fake snow too? Try it!

**Do not dispose of this down the drain. Dispose of in trash can.**

# THE ALARMING ENVELOPE

Make your friends jump out of their skin with this set of startling pranks. The secret is in an ingenious little device made from a washer, a paper clip and a couple of rubber bands. Use this easy-to-build contraption for all sorts of frightening fun!

## What you need from your kit:

- 1 envelope
- 2 rubber bands
- Large paper clip
- Metal washer

## What you need to get:

- An unsuspecting victim

1. Bend the paper clip into a U shape with hooks on the two ends as shown in Figures 1 through 3.

Figure 1

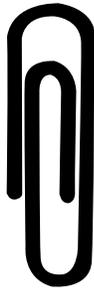


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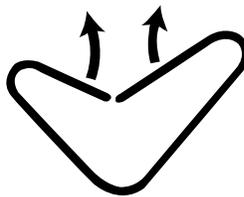
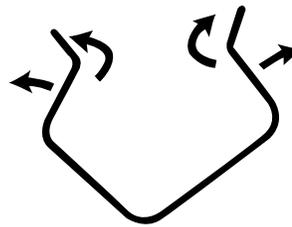
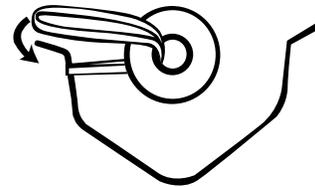


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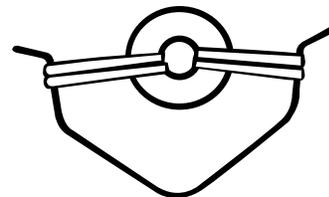
2. Loop a rubber band around one of the hooks, pass it through the hole in the washer, and loop it to the same hook again. See in Figure 4.

Figure 4



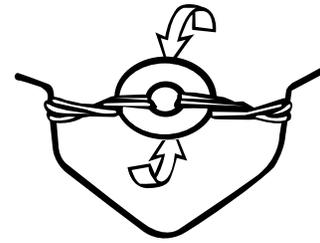
3. Do the same with the other rubber band and hook. The final contraption should look something like Figure 5.

Figure 5



4. To use, hold the paper clip frame with one hand and twist the washer with the other hand to wind up the rubber bands. See Figure 6.
5. While keeping the rubber bands twisted, insert the device into an envelope so that the natural stiffness of the paper keeps the washer from spinning. When someone attempts to open the envelope, the washer spins and makes a startling racket.

Figure 6



### Some possible ways to use it:

- **The Money Envelope.** Put a dollar bill (real or fake) inside the envelope, wind up the device, and slip it into the envelope under the bill. Try to let part of the bill stick out so someone can easily see it. Leave the envelope out in the open on a table or counter top. When some curious person comes by and spots the money, they can't resist trying to take it. But the blaring buzz from the envelope will make them think again!
- **The Mystery Message.** Write on an envelope "SECRET MESSAGE. DO NOT OPEN." Wind up the device and slip it in the envelope. Leave the envelope out in the open on a table or counter top. When some sneaky person comes by and spies the secret message, they can't resist opening it. Maybe the frightening noise from the envelope will teach them to mind their own business.
- **A Special Letter.** When no one is watching, wind up the device and slip it into the envelope. Hand it to your friend and say, "Here's a special letter for you." Stand back and watch your victim jump!

## TARANTULA TRICKERY

You'll freak out, gross out, or just plain terrify your unsuspecting victims with this realistic rubber spider.

### What you need from your kit:

- Fake spider

### What you need to get:

- Kitchen cabinet with door
- Index card or playing card
- Dollar bill
- A creative place to hide the spider
- An unsuspecting victim

### Possible Pranks

- **Spiders in the Closet!** Go into the kitchen and choose a cabinet with a door to set up this prank. Lean the spider up against the inside of the door. When an unsuspecting person comes along and opens the door to get something out of the cabinet, the spider falls out! Follow these tips to help you set up the prank:
  1. Open the door to the cabinet. With one hand, hold the index card or playing card vertically up against the edge of the cabinet, along the bottom edge, with a portion of the card extending above and a portion of it extending below the edge of the cabinet.
  2. Place the spider inside the cabinet and lean it up against the card.
  3. Still holding the card in place, carefully shut the cabinet door against the card. With the door shut, slip the card out by pulling it down. The spider is now leaning against the inside of the cabinet door, waiting to scare someone.

- **The Irresistible Bill.** Who can pass up a dollar bill lying on the ground? Money makes a great lure for all kinds of pranks. Lay the spider on the ground and cover it up with a dollar bill (real or fake) in an open place where someone will come by and claim this “lost” money. Unfortunately, the only prize they’ll claim is a good scare!
- **The Hiding Spider.** Think of another location to hide the spider where it might surprise the person who finds it. Be creative - the possibilities are endless!

## “INVISIBLE” WIRE GAGS

Rig up all sorts of practical jokes with your virtually invisible fishing line.

### What you need from your kit:

- Fishing line
- Fake Spider

### What you need to get:

- An unsuspecting victim

### Possible Pranks

- **Creepy Crawling Spider.** When your victim opens a door, a spider comes crawling out! To set this prank up, choose a door that will open towards your victim. Tie one end of the fishing line around the head of the spider. Tie the other end around the door knob on the opposite side of the door. Wrap the excess line around the door knob so that there’s about 8 feet coming off the door. Pull the spider away from the door until the line is taut, then set the spider down. Sit back and wait for your victim to open the door of surprise!
- **Spider in the Grass.** Tie one end of the fishing line around the spider. Take a dollar bill, bunch up the bill at one end and tie the line around it. Hide the spider under a bush out in the yard, and lay the connected dollar bill in the grass. Of course, someone will come along and try to take the “lost” bill, only to see a spider lunge at them from the bush!
- **“It’s a Ghost!”** Tie one end of the fishing line around an object on your victim’s desk. Tie the other end around their chair, and hide the rest of the line. When the chair is pulled out, the object will mysteriously move.

## TRICK DICE

Have you ever wished you could win every game you played? Now’s your chance to earn a perfect record with these trick dice - they always roll a 7 or 11! Use them to your advantage in all sorts of games. Here’s an idea to try out, but the possibilities are endless!

### What you need from your kit:

- Pair of trick dice

### What you need to get:

- Pair of regular dice
- Pen and paper to keep score
- Another player

1. You and your opponent each take a pair of dice. Make sure you take the trick pair, or else you'll be the victim of your own prank!
2. Take turns rolling your dice. Rolling a 5 or a 7 earns the player 5 points. Rolling an 11 earns 10 points. Keep track of your scores on a piece of paper.
3. The first player to get to 50 points wins. Your opponent will probably get a few points, but with your trick dice, you will certainly win every time!

### **Prankster Science**

One die is marked with 5's on every side. The other die is marked with 6's on two sides and 2's on four sides. So one die will always turn up 5 and the other will turn up 6 or 2. 5 plus 2 is 7. And 5 plus 6 is 11. **Seven** or **eleven**. It's that simple!

## **A SICK MESS**

Eww! This next activity is so disgusting you might get sick yourself! Mix up a batch of fake vomit to gross out all your friends.

### **What you need from your kit:**

- Prankster mix
- Glue

### **What you need to get:**

- An unsuspecting victim
- Plastic wrap
- Tablespoon

1. Lay out a piece of plastic wrap or wax paper.
2. Pour out a pool of approximately 1-3 tablespoons of white glue. You might want to smear it around with your finger to give yourself a puddle about 4 inches wide.
3. Scoop out 1 tablespoon of Prankster Mix, pour on the plastic wrap away from the glue, and crush slightly to break up the pieces. Be careful not to crush so much that you can't handle them.
4. Scoop out another 2 tablespoons of whole Prankster Mix (not crushed) and drop the pieces into the pool of glue. Don't be afraid to place the chunks randomly off center. In nature, something like this has no set design, so be gross and have fun!
5. Now add some of the crushed pieces for a realistic pre-chewed look to your vomit.
6. Once you are happy with the layout, very carefully drizzle some more white glue over the piles to "lock" down your arrangement.
7. Set your creation off to the side and allow to dry. Thicker sections will take longer than thinner, but once dry the glue should turn transparent.
8. When almost completely dry yet still flexible, carefully peel up your "shocking surprise" off the plastic wrap.
9. Now place your freakish fake in a corner or close to a wall rather than smack in the middle of the room. Since the glue is transparent, your crazy creation will blend nicely until it is discovered.

# FOAMING AT THE MOUTH

**Adult supervision required. Do not swallow.**

There's nothing more disgustingly delightful than fake blood oozing from the corners of your mouth. You can make a grown man faint with this next prank!

## **What you need from your kit:**

- Gelatin capsules
- Pipette
- Plastic scoop

## **What you need to get:**

- Baking soda
- A group of unsuspecting victims
- 1 small cup
- Paper towels
- Liquid soap
- Drinking water
- Red food coloring

1. Use the pipette to smear some of the red coloring on the inside bottom of a cup.
2. Add about 1 plastic scoopful of baking soda.
3. Draw a little water into the pipette and add a few drops into the cup. Mix. (Add more red coloring if necessary to get a realistic, dark blood red.) Add 1 drop of liquid soap.
4. Fill the pipette with the fake blood.
5. Open one of the gelatin capsules and very carefully fill the larger half. Close the capsule by fitting both sides together again.
6. Put the capsule in your mouth and stagger into a room of friends or family.
7. Fall on the ground and as you do, bite down hard on the gelatin capsule, until the liquid inside foams and oozes out of your mouth.
8. Everyone in the room will think you've been injured, so make sure to let them know you are okay when they run to call 911.
9. Rinse out mouth after activity.

**Do not swallow the gelatin capsule. Spit it out in the trash.**

# FOAMING SUGAR

- **Adult supervision required.**
- **Do not eat or drink.**

Freak out your friends with foaming sugar. Mistaking it for real sugar, your unsuspecting victim sprinkles this special concoction on cereal or in coffee, only to be surprised by a fizzing, foaming mess. Yuck!

## **What you need from your kit:**

- Citric acid

## **What you need to get:**

- Baking soda
- Sugar bowl
- Mixing bowl
- Mixing spoon

1. Measure 1 tablespoon of citric acid and 1 tablespoon of baking soda and put it in a mixing bowl. Stir the dry powders to mix them together.
2. Open up the sugar bowl and pour just enough of this mixture into the bowl to make a layer on top of the sugar. Don't stir it in. It'll fool your victim into thinking it's a normal bowl of sugar. Keep the remaining citric acid and baking soda mixture for more pranks.
3. Put the sugar bowl on the table for the next meal and watch what happens. You'll never forget the reaction!
4. After the fun, pour out the contents of the sugar bowl and replace it with fresh sugar to make sure no one actually eats the foaming sugar mixture.

### **Prankster Science**

When citric acid, an acid, and baking soda, a base, are mixed together in water, they react with each other and make bubbles of carbon dioxide gas - the same gas you breathe out when you exhale. It's called a chemical reaction.

