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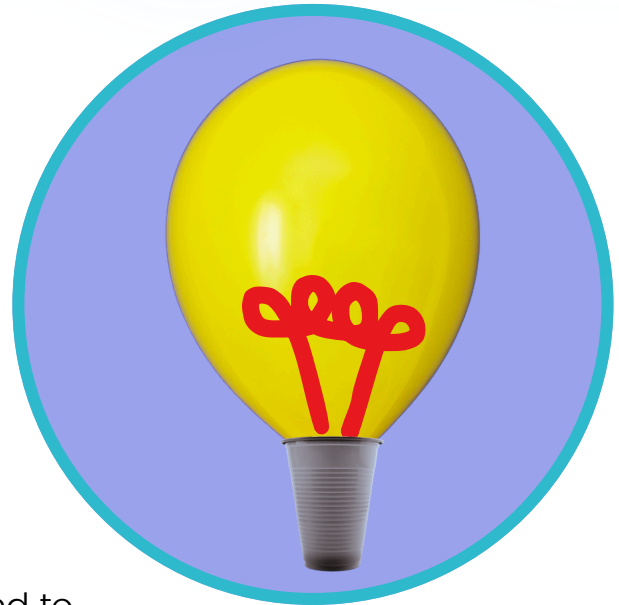
»»» Balloon Lightbulbs

SUPPLIES

- Yellow Balloons
- Grey or Silver Cups
- Permanent Marker
- Glue dots
- Rocks, sand, or other material to add weight to the cup

DIRECTIONS

- Set out your cups. Add some rocks or sand to weight the cup so that it is sturdy.
- Inflate each balloon and tie off.
- Add glue dots to the interior rim of the cup.
- Keeping the balloon straight vertically, press the bottom of the balloon into the cup so that it adheres to the glue dots. Hold it for a full minute to secure it.
- Using the permanent marker, draw a filament onto the balloon. Be creative with your design, or make them all the same. Your choice!



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Bucket Spotlights

SUPPLIES

- 4 black buckets (or coffee cans painted black)
- Bright plastic tablecloths (yellow, green, blue, red/hot pink)
- hot glue
- clear packing tape, as needed
- 4 remote-controlled puck lights
- Optional: 4 strands fairy lights



DIRECTIONS

- Unfold the tablecloth and stretch it out.
- Take hot glue and spread it on the inside of the bucket about 2 inches from the opening.
- Carefully so you don't burn yourself, take one end of the tablecloth and begin attaching the width of the tablecloth to the glue in the bucket, scrunching the tablecloth as you go.
- When you are finished, the full length of the tablecloth should be extending from the bucket. If the tablecloth isn't secure, add clear packing tape to better secure the tablecloth to the inside of the bucket.
- Attach a self-adhesive, remote-controlled puck light to the inside of the bucket.
- Optional, use the clear packing tape to attach one end of a strand of fairy lights to the inside of the bucket. Allow the fairy light strand to hang down on the tablecloth.
- These will be attached high on a wall/ceiling to look like light spotlights shining down.

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»»» Foam Lightbulbs

SUPPLIES

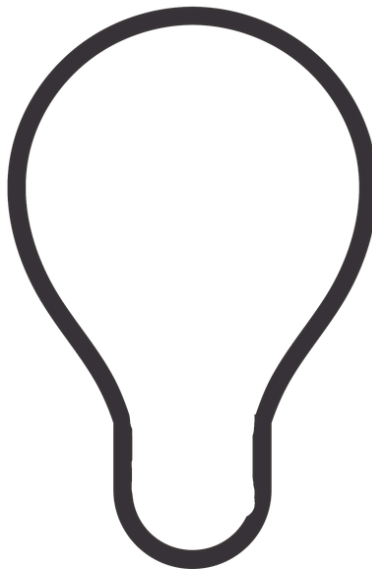
- Sheets of packing foam
- Pencil Sharpie
- Black yarn
- Liquid glue
- Template



DIRECTIONS

- Trace the template onto the foam sheet. You'll fit more if you flip and alternate how you trace.
- Cut out the lightbulb
- Color the bottom piece of the bulb with your sharpie
- Add liquid glue in a fun filament design.
- Place the yarn onto the glue and cut to length.
- Be creative with the filaments. They can be simple or complex...up to you.

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>>> Giant Lightbulbs

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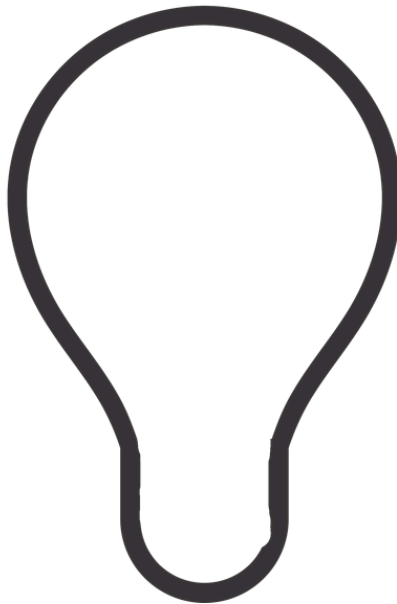
- White Poster Board
- Pencil and Sharpie
- Acrylic or watercolor paint (2 colors)
- Thick black marker
- 1 lightbulb template



DIRECTIONS

- Trace the template onto each Poster Board.
- Paint the light bulb with contrasting colors, being sure to leave the bottom section blank.
- Draw a filament into the center. It's ok if they are all the same or different!
- Trace the filament lines and the bottom "screw" section with thick black marker
- Cut out the light bulb

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Giant Lite Brite



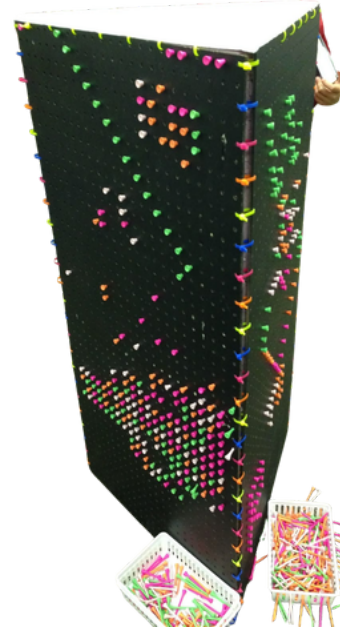
SUPPLIES

- 3 black Peg boards (or paint them black)
- Black or multicolored zip ties
- Neon golf tees
- Black paint (if needed)

Note: pictures were taken from Pinterest , but links to the original sources were not provided

DIRECTIONS

- Paint the pegboard black, if it's not already that color. Allow to dry completely
- Stand the 3 pegboards vertically to create a triangle.
- Secure the sides of the pegboards together with zip ties so that it is free standing. Make sure the Lite Brite is sturdy and will not topple over. Reinforce with additional zip ties as needed.
- Cut off extra length of zip ties.
- Slide neon golf tees into the holes of the board to make designs.
- (Director will determine if this is an interactive Lite Brite for children to change designs or if the designs will be added for decoration only)



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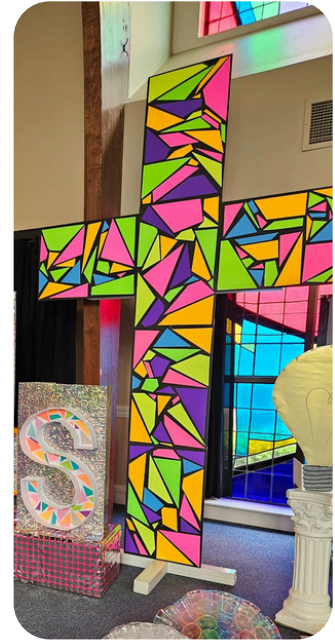
Giant Neon Cross




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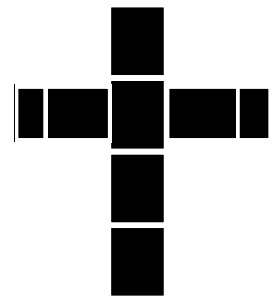
- 7 black poster boards
- Neon colored paper
- Duck tape
- Glue
- Scissors

Thanks to Kelly Navarro Carey in the Imagination Station Facebook Group for sharing a photo of the creation that she and her team made!



DIRECTIONS

- Cut one posterboard in half 
- Cut geometric shapes out of the neon-colored paper. Lay them out like a mosaic on each of the posterboards. Make sure that some black is still showing around each of the shapes. Once they are positioned to your liking, glue the colored shapes to the posterboard.
- Lay 4 of the posterboards end to end and tape them together on the back side with duct tape. Make sure to keep them perfectly straight and run the tape across the entire end where 2 posterboards connect.
- Tape a 1 full and ½ posterboard to each side of the cross to form the transept.
- Note: The cross can be attached to a wall at the church. The cross in the picture above was attached to a wooden cross on a stand in order to keep it upright.



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Hand-held Class Signs

SUPPLIES

- Cardstock Print outs of Class Names and Class Grades/Ages
- Paint Stirrers/sticks
- Bright paint & brush
- Packing tape
- Glue stick
- Stapler



DIRECTIONS

- Paint the paint stirrers in bright colors (they can all be the same color or you can use different colors for different classes)
- Lay the Class Sign face down on the table.
- Lay the paint stick so that it is vertically centered on the sign. The paint stick should extend about 4 inches into the sign, leaving 8 inches below the sign.
- Use 2 small strips of packing tape to secure the paint stick to the sign.
- Roll a glue stick along all 4 edges of the sign and then criss-cross the glue stick a few times across the rest of the sign.
- Quickly line up the back of the grade/age sign so that it adheres to the class sign, forming a 2-sided sign with the paint stick sandwiched between the two signs.
- If needed, use the stapler on the 4 corners and on either side of the paint stick to further secure it.

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Jesus Light Boxes

SUPPLIES

- 5 Dollar Tree balloon boxes (available on Amazon if Dollar Tree is out)
- Colored cellophane or gel sheets (5 different bright colors)
- Remote-controlled puck lights
- Tape
- Glue

DIRECTIONS

- Assemble a balloon box, leaving the top open.
- Cut 5 squares of cellophane or gel sheets so that they are a little wider than the opening on each side of the box.
- Place the cellophane/gel sheet on the inside of the box so that it completely covers the “window” and tape it securely.
- Repeat with all 5 “windows” (including the top).
- Cut out the letters to spell “JESUS” (a file is available for this if you prefer to simply print and cut).
- Carefully center the letter in the window and glue it to the outside of the window.
- Place a remote-controlled puck light inside the box and then close up the box completely.
- Make 5 of these boxes to spell the name, “JESUS.”



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»»» Kaleidoscope Wall

SUPPLIES

- Embroidery Hoops
- Colored cellophane
- Fishing line or thin string



DIRECTIONS

- Separate the inside and outside hoop.
- Lay 3 insides in a row. Vary the sizes.
- Tie a string between each set, linking 3 hoops in a row, about 4 inches apart.
- Now, let's add color. You have 2 options here:
- Either - Trace your larger circle onto the cellophane, making it at least ½ inch larger on all sides.
- OR secure the square in the hoop and you'll cut off all the excess cellophane at the end.
- Tighten the screw on the hoop so that it is secure.
- Cut about 8-inch sections of fishing line or string.
- Make each string of circles diverse in size and color. Each string should have 3 circles total.

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Light Boxes

SUPPLIES

- 4 Dollar Tree balloon boxes (available on Amazon if Dollar Tree is out)
- Colored tissue paper (4 different bright colors)
- Remote-controlled puck lights
- Tape

Thanks to Brittany Vallejo in the Imagination Station Facebook Group for sharing a photo of her creation!



DIRECTIONS

- Assemble a balloon box, leaving the top open.
- Cut 5 squares of tissue paper so that they are a little wider than the opening on each side of the box.
- Place the tissue paper on the inside of the box so that it completely covers the “window” and tape it securely.
- Repeat with all 5 “windows” (including the top)
- Place a remote-controlled puck light inside the box and then close up the box completely.
- Make 4 of these boxes so they can be stacked like the picture.

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Lite Brite Signs

SUPPLIES

- Large sheet of cardboard
- Black spray paint
- Neon circle stickers (preferably 1 inch)

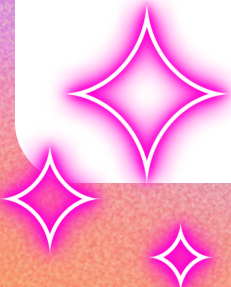


DIRECTIONS

- Paint the cardboard black and let it dry completely
- Use the neon circle stickers to form letters and simple images that mimic a Lite Brite
- You can copy one of the 3 examples above or get creative to make a design of your own.

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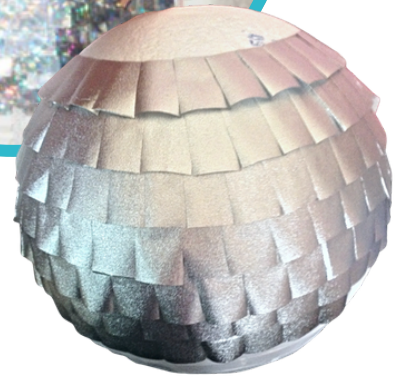
»»» Mirror Balls

SUPPLIES

- paper lanterns
- holographic bird repellent tape
- glue dots
- scissors
- 18"-24" ribbon

DIRECTIONS

- Cut the bird repellent tape into 20 2-foot lengths.
- Cut slits every 1 1/2-2 inches along one of the long edges of each ribbon to create a fringed edge.
- Expand your lanterns.
- Beginning at the bottom, wrap one fringed ribbon around the lantern and hold in place with glue dots. Be sure to overlap the ends, then trim the excess.
- Place the next strip, overlapping the last. The tighter you put the strips, the more it will reflect light.
- Attach a length of ribbon at the top for hanging.



Thanks to Gretasday for sharing this idea online. To follow her directions with photos, go to this link or use the QR Code:

<https://www.gretasday.com/diy-disco-ball-tutorial/>

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>>> Paper Chains

SUPPLIES

- Construction paper (bright colors)
- Scissors or paper cutter
- Stapler



DIRECTIONS

- Cut strips of paper about 1 inch wide and 6-8 inches long. Use many different bright colors.
- Take a strip and curl it into a circle. Use a stapler to secure the ends together. This forms the first link of your chain.
- Slide a new paper strip through the first loop, then curl and staple it into a circle. Repeat this process, alternating colors, until your chain is about 8 feet long.
- Gently place each paper chain into it's own paper or plastic bag. Avoid putting multiple paper chains in the same bag as they will likely become tangled.



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Shiny 3-D Stars

SUPPLIES

- 2 sparkly, shiny, or neon paper squares (print only needs to be on 1 side) — 8 ½ x 8 ½ or 12 x 12
- Glue gun
- Scissors
- Fishing line (for hanging star)
- Needle (for threading fishing line through star)



DIRECTIONS

- There is a fabulous video tutorial for making these stars.
- Please watch the video and make at least 8 stars to hang in a hallway or classroom.
- Keep the fishing line for each star about 18" long for easy hanging.

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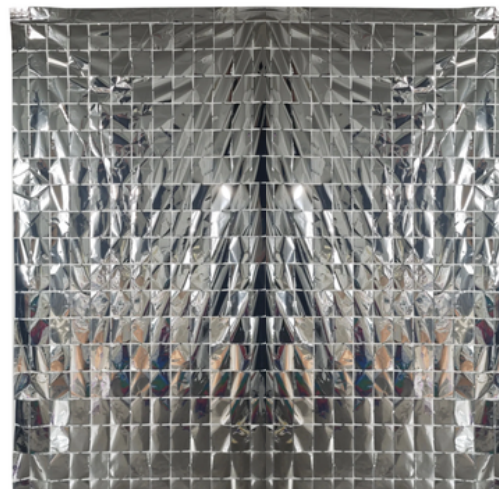
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Shiny Silver Backdrops

SUPPLIES

- Extra large sheets of cardboard (preferably 6' long)
- Emergency Blankets (silver)
- Clear packing tape
- Scissors
- Optional: spray adhesive or glue stick (for extra hold)



DIRECTIONS

- Lay the cardboard flat on the floor with the front side facing up.
- Carefully open the emergency blanket—it tears easily.
- Lay the blanket over the cardboard, shiny side facing out.
- Center it so there is a little extra hanging over all edges.
- Starting from the center, gently smooth the blanket outward with your hands.
- Working one side at a time (top edge, then bottom edge, then sides), fold the overlapping blanket over the cardboard and attach small pieces of tape to hold it.
- Once all sides have been taped, flip the cardboard over so you can see the backside.
- Fold corners neatly like wrapping a present and tape them down.
- Add strips of tape to make sure that everything is being held securely.
- If your cardboard is wider than one blanket, overlap a second blanket slightly (1–2 inches) and tape the seam on the back if possible.
- If you must tape on the front, keep it minimal and smooth, making sure that you are using clear tape.
- These will be used as backdrops along various walls.

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Sparkle Ball

SUPPLIES

- 50 9 oz plastic cups (flexible type, not the hard plastic type)
- Stapler
- Clothespins (about 20)
- Remote-controlled, Battery-operated string lights with white or clear wire (50 count)
- Drill



DIRECTIONS

- Drill center holes in the bottoms of all 50 clear plastic cups
- Arrange 12 cups rim-outward, and staple them together to form a ring
- Attach nine cups on top of the ring with clothespins. Then staple these cups to the cups already formed into a ring.
- Use clothespins to attach four cups to the top of the 9 to close the gap. Staple these to close up the half dome.
- Repeat the same steps with the remaining 25 cups to make a second half sphere.
- Add Lights to one of the half domes: String lights through the cup holes, beginning in the center and moving to the outer edge.
- Once the first half sphere has a light in every cup hole, then add the lights to the second half sphere. This time start around the outer edge and work toward the center. Tuck any remaining light string into the dome.
- Attach the two halves with clothespins with the lights entirely inside the sphere. Then staple the two half domes together securely to form one sphere.
- Thread a piece of ribbon (or fishing line) through 2 of the holes to allow easy hanging.

It is recommended to watch this video for a great visual demonstration on how to make these:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5YyUxbrMQc&t=32s>

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Stacked Neon Boxes

SUPPLIES

- Boxes (any shape and size)
- Black Kraft paper
- Tape
- Neon masking tape
- Neon colored paper
- Glue

Thanks to Shirline Burleson in the Imagination Station Facebook Group for sharing a photo of the creation that she and her sister-in-law made!



DIRECTIONS

- Tape the box closed.
- Wrap the entire box in black paper (as you would wrap a gift).
- Tape a strip of neon masking tape along the entirety of all 12 edges of the box.
- Now use your imagination to cut out a variety of shapes from the neon colored paper (be sure to use all the scraps too!).
- Glue these onto the 4 sides and top of the box.
- Repeat this process with multiple boxes so they can be stacked as part of the VBS decor.

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Stained Glass Boxes

SUPPLIES

- 3 Large moving boxes
- Yardstick or ruler
- Pencil
- Utility knife (box cutter)
- Extra scrap cardboard (for backing while cutting)
- Black paint (interior/latex works great)
- Paintbrush or small roller
- Colored cellophane wrap (variety of colors)
- Holographic tablecloth or emergency blanket (for inside lining)
- Black masking tape or duct tape
- Puck lights (tap or remote)

DIRECTIONS

- Use a yardstick to sketch a frame border on one side of the unassembled box (about 2"–3" wide).
- Inside the frame, draw random geometric shapes (triangles, trapezoids, etc.) to mimic stained glass.
- Place scrap cardboard behind the surface you're cutting (this makes it MUCH easier).
- Use a utility knife to carefully cut out the shapes, leaving the frame intact.
- Remove the cut-out sections so you're left with open "window" spaces.
- Paint all visible cardboard edges and frames black and let it dry completely (you may want 2 coats for a solid finish).
- Cut pieces of colored cellophane slightly larger than each opening. Tape or glue them to the inside of the box so they cover each shape. Mix colors randomly for a vibrant stained-glass effect.
- Line the solid interior sides of the box with holographic/mirror tablecloth or emergency blanket (this reflects light and makes the colors glow brighter).
- Place a remote-controlled puck light inside the box (depending on the size of the puck light, you may want more than one).
- Close and secure the box using black masking tape.
- Stack multiple boxes for a tower effect.



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Stained Art Window



SUPPLIES

- Black posterboard and cardstock (various sizes) or photo mattes painted black
- Gel sheets (cut to various sizes of rectangles and squares)
- Yard or meter stick
- Scissors
- Tacky glue
- Stapler



DIRECTIONS

- Cut one-inch strips of the posterboard and cardstock.
- Take an gel sheet in the size that you want, and then select 4 black strips and cut 2 of them slightly longer than the length and the other 2 slightly longer than the width of the gel sheet.
- Place some small droplets of glue along the edges of the gel sheet and adhere the black strips like a frame around it. As needed, staple the 4 corners to better secure it.
- Continue making framed squares and rectangles of various sizes with multiple colors of gel sheets.
- Once you have at least 20 framed sheets made, overlap them in a random pattern and attach them together with glue. Depending on the size, this final step can be done at the church.
- This will be hung from a ceiling with shower clips and fishing line. Puck lights will be attached to the wall behind it so that the light shines through the gel sheets.

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Tablecloth Wall Decor

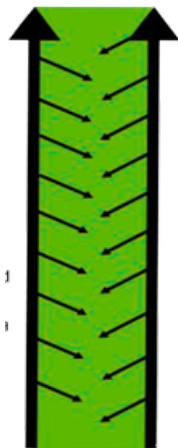
SUPPLIES

- Tablecloths (many bright colors)
- Scissors (nice, sharp ones!)



DIRECTIONS

- Here's a video that shows how to cut the tablecloths:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_FoLIYP79s&t=191s
- Partially unfold the plastic tablecloth until it is long and thin (there should still be 4 layers).
- Slice up the right and left side of the folded tablecloth to separate the layers (but leave them stacked as is).
- Make diagonal cuts from the edge toward the center, alternating sides (see the diagram). Be careful not to cut all the way to another cut.
- You can leave the tablecloths stacked and gently roll them to bring to the church. We will open them when we are ready to hang them for decor.



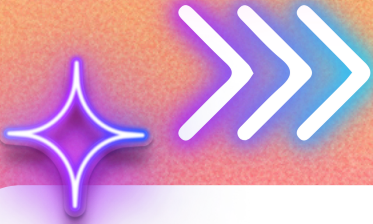
Helpful video



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