

DIY Marquee Sign

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Yo! I've been itching to make a marquee sign for a long time now, and this summer season is finally kicking me

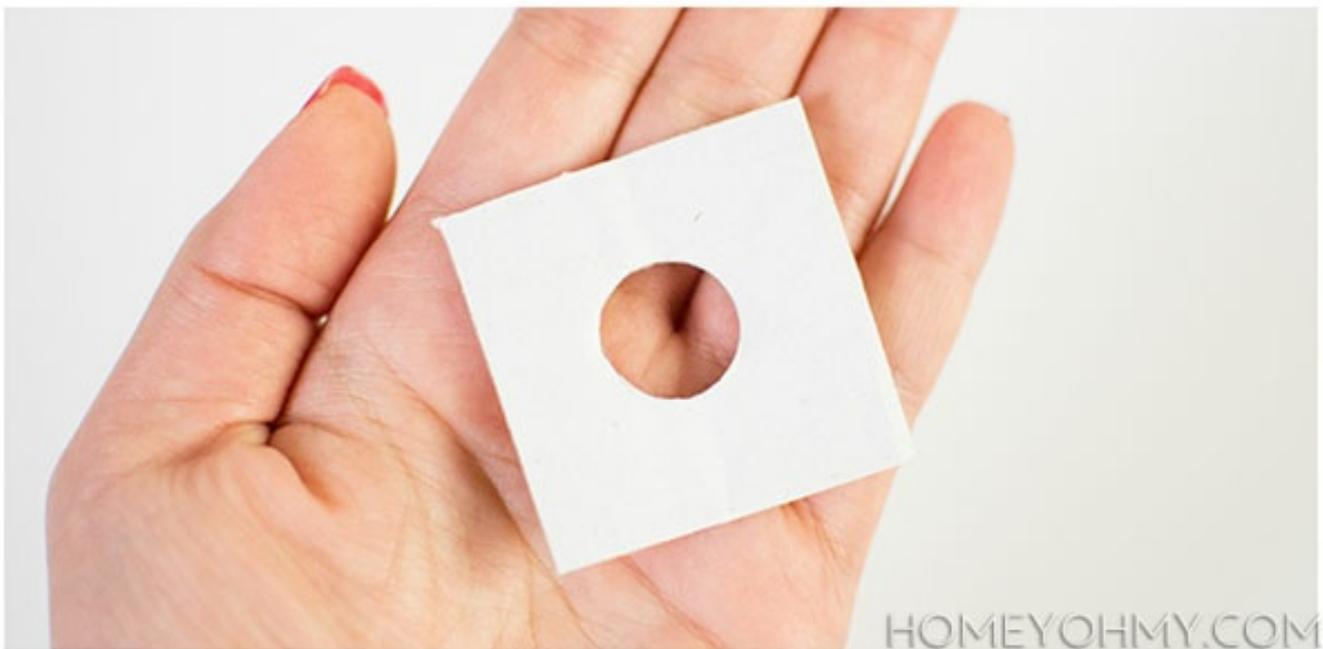
in the butt to do it since it makes a great summer decor piece. Now... there are a million and one marquee projects out there, and this one isn't anything new, but I still had to do it, especially with how simple I knew it was going to be. I imagined it going above a bar cart, which I still don't have (boo!), but for now I like it just hanging on the wall, and for potentially using it as party decor. Hey now!

Materials:

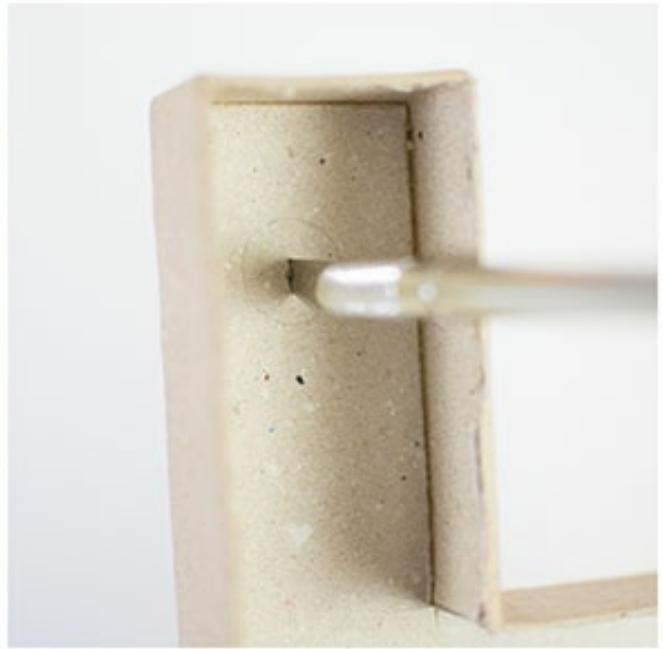
- cardboard letters (I got mine from JoAnn Fabrics)
- pencil
- X-Acto knife
- screw driver
- [string globe lights](#)



I started by cutting out one side of each of the cardboard letters with an X-Acto knife. This was pretty easy to do and was a fairly neat process.



In the string lights packaging, the light bulbs were sitting in a cardboard tray, and I figured the holes in them would make the perfect tool to trace perfectly sized openings onto the cardboard letters. So, I cut one of them out to use as a tracing guide.



I traced circles on the inside of the cardboard letters where I wanted the lightbulbs to go. Then, I used an X-Acto knife to cut a cross in the center of each circle, making sure the cuts went all the way to the edges of each circle. Flipping over the cardboard letters to the front side, I used a screwdriver to poke through and enlarge each hole. Finally, I inserted the lightbulbs in each hole and screwed on the backings, shoving the wires in place within the cardboard edges.



I thought about painting them, but decided I ~~was too lazy~~ liked the way the cardboard looked original and bare. What do you think?



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I did think about just doing one letter, or the widely beloved ampersand, but neither of those excited me more

than this one. I don't exactly remember how I thought of using this word, but it is one I use often, and I liked the playfulness of it. Seriously, it would work so well above a bar cart, right? In that case, I'd also add a "girl" marquee beneath it ;). That's something I say a lot, too! And not just a Ryan Gosling tribute.

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