diy Neon Wall Art

instructions

Doodle Hog MAKERS

MATERIALS:

1 PAPERBOARD UNICORN

6.5ft OF EL WIRE

4 MARKERS

1 BATTERY PACK
(batteries not included)

28 WIRE TIES

1 HOOK & LOOP FASTENER

1 RIBBON

1 SELF ADHESIVE WALL HOOK

WHAT YOU'LL NEED FROM HOME:

SCISSORS

2 AA BATTERIES

UNICORN kit

Follow these step-by-step instructions to design, wire and display your very own neon wall art! Enjoy its colorful beauty in light, and awesome pink illumination in the dark. A unicorn, rainbows, STEAM learning and more – this kit is pure magic!
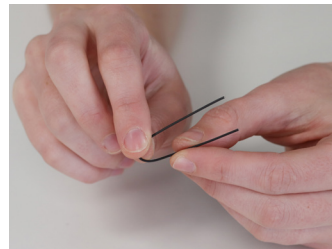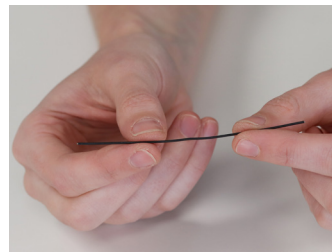
Give your room a GLOW up!

let's get started!

1 ADD SOME COLOR

Color in your unicorn however makes you the happiest. Let dry for 20+ minutes before threading to avoid smudges.

2 PREP FOR THREADING

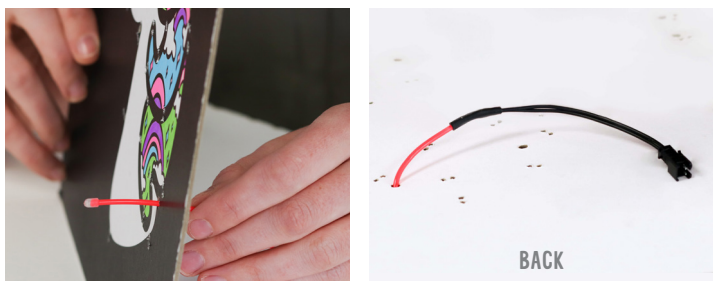Fold wire ties in half to form long U shapes, set aside.

Review the numbered threading guide – you'll follow this like a connect-the-dots puzzle to thread your EL wire. Larger (pink) holes will be where you thread the EL wire from back-to-front or front-to-back, the smaller (blue) pairs of holes are for wire ties – to secure the EL wire to the front of the board.

THREADING GUIDE

START HERE

| THREAD EL WIRE FROM BACK TO FRONT | THREAD EL WIRE FROM FRONT TO BACK | USE A WIRE TIE TO SECURE EL WIRE TO FRONT OF BOARD | THREAD RIBBON FROM BACK TO FRONT TO BACK AND TIE |

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3 — READY TO THREADY

Starting at hole 1 (near the bottom of the unicorn's mane), push the clear-capped end of your EL wire through your board from back-to-front. Pull the wire all the way through, leaving roughly an inch of pink wire showing above the black connecting end on the back side of your board (this will attach to the battery pack later).

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4 — TRACING, PLACING & TWISTING

Following the path from your threading guide, you'll now 'trace' the shape of your unicorn. The smaller pairs of holes are spots for securing your EL wire to the top of the board with black wire ties. Hold EL wire in place and slide the ends of a tie through the two holes, over top of the EL wire. Then cross and twist the ends of the tie on the back side of the board to secure tightly.
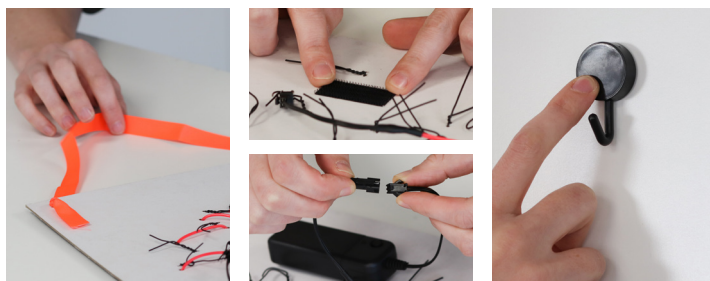

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5 — JUST KEEP THREADING...

Pay close attention to the guide for cues on where the EL wire needs to move from front-to-back and back-to-front.

Pull the EL wire tightly every time you move on to another hole. Continue until the end, hole 44, where you'll thread to the back one final time. You can use tape or the existing wire ties to secure the end of your EL wire to the back of the board.

NOTE: The back of your board will look a little wild when you're done, and that's okay! It will be hidden when you hang it up. But if you prefer things be orderly, the ties are easy to trim down with scissors.

6 — FINISHING TOUCHES

RIBBON: Push the ends of the ribbon through the holes in the top corners of your board, front-to-back. Tie knots on both sides, behind the board. The more tail you leave, the shorter your board will hang from the hook. Trim excess with scissors.

BATTERY PACK: Peel the backing off of the hook and loop fastener and stick the rough side to the back of your board, horizontally and centered, at least 1" above the bottom edge. Stick the soft side to the back of your battery pack.

Put 2 AA batteries from home into the battery pack, attach it to your EL wire, and fasten it to your board.

WALL HOOK: Once you've found a pefect spot for your neon sign, peel the backing off of the wall hook and stick it to your wall. Hold firmly for about 30 seconds and wait about an hour before hanging your work.

7 — LIGHT IT UP!

Hang up your art, press the button on the battery pack until you find your favorite setting, turn out the lights and watch your unicorn glow! Enjoy the awesomeness day or night, but don't forget to turn off the light to preserve battery life.

Ta-da!

You did it - great job! Now show it off:
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