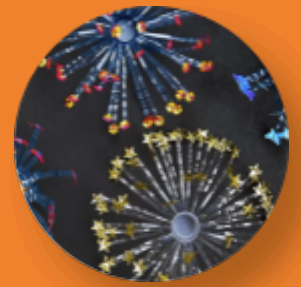


Water Bottle Fireworks

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WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

This recycled craft turns ordinary plastic bottles into dazzling, illuminated “fireworks.” It enhances fine motor skills, creativity, and sensory engagement. Plus, it’s eco-friendly—reusing materials and providing a simple science/art experience

TIME

- **15–20 minutes** for assembly and decorating

MATERIALS

- Clean, empty **plastic water bottle** (500 ml works well)
- **Metallic confetti** or sequins
- Metallic star shaped stickers
- **LED balloon lights** (small battery-powered light that fits in bottle cap)
- **Scissors** (adult supervision)
- **Hot glue** (low-temperature) or glue tape
- **Optional:** paper cut-outs of different shapes, ribbon, paint for additional decoration



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prep the bottle

- Peel off any labels and trim off the top 2" of the bottle.

2. Create firework strands

- Make vertical cuts about $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch wide all around the top (cap end), creating "fringe."

3. Fluff & shape

- Bend and fan out the cut strips to resemble fireworks bursting.

4. Decorate strand ends

- Secure a dot of hot glue or glue tape to a piece of confetti/sequin
- Attach it to the end of each plastic strip
- Alternatively, you can add star shaped stickers to the ends, to create star fireworks
 - i. You can also combine different decorations in the same firework!

5. Insert LED light

- Drop LED balloon light into the cap area to illuminate from within.

6. Enjoy & display

- Turn lights off, switch on the LED, and watch the bottle sparkle like a glowing firework!

7. Repeat

- Make as many additional "fireworks" as you want. Be creative and experiment with different designs to see which one you like best!

RESOURCES

- <https://onelittleproject.com/water-bottle-fireworks-craft/>

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SUPPORTS NEEDED

- **Visual step-by-step guide** with photos/models
- **One-on-one help** for cutting and gluing steps
- **Pre-cut strands or pre-attached confetti** for simpler prep
- **Sensory accommodations:** gloves if materials feel rough
- **Safety supervision** for scissors and hot glue
- **Verbal prompts:** “Now fluff the strands,” “Add confetti to each tip”
- **Praise and encouragement** during each step
- **Clean-up support:** ensure scissors/glue stored safely and workspace tidied

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

- An example of LED balloon lights you can buy can be found here:
<https://www.amazon.com/chzk-Multicolor-Christmas-Halloween-Decoration/dp>