“May the 4th Be With You” Light-Up Card

What you’ll need...

» 1 “May the Fourth” template printed on card stock
» 1 LED bulb
» 1 Button battery*

*Dangerous if ingested!

» 1 Drinking straw*
» Office tape
» Double-sided tape
» Ruler (optional)
» Art supplies (optional)

You may also use this technique on a blank card and draw your own design around the lightsaber. The “May the Fourth” template includes one version with a saber handle and one without.

1. Two tiny dots are printed just above the handle of the saber. Poke a hole at each point. I used a bent paper clip.

2. Thread the wires of the LED bulb through the holes.

3. On the back of the card, slip the battery between the wires. The longer wire goes on the “back” of the battery (positive side). Tape the long wire to the battery with office tape. Use your thumbnail to secure the tape firmly.

*White translucent straws work *MUCH* better than the opaque green one shown below. The image above shows a translucent white straw.

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4. Gently bend the bulb wires so the battery lies as flat as possible on the card, positive side up. It is easiest to adjust from both sides of the card until it looks right.

5. Tape the short wire to the card with office tape. This will provide just enough insulation so that the light will not go on until you press the lightsaber handle. Once you have adjusted the wires to achieve the “on switch effect,” loosely tape the whole battery down to the card to keep it in place.

6. Cut the straw in half, or about 4½ inches long. Cut a small notch on one end to accommodate the wires, as shown.

7. Test-fit the straw over the bulb. If you are satisfied, remove the straw and put a piece of double-sided tape on the notched side. Carefully put the straw back on the bulb, and press to secure.