

Look into Infinity (and Beyond)

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Buy the plastic mirrors at Tap Plastics (4506 Florin Rd or 4538 Auburn Blvd). If you do not have a hole saw, have them cut the hole in one of the 12" x 12" mirrors. For optimum stability, use wide wooden planks for the bases. Saw a relatively wide groove into the middle of each plank and use cardboard strips as wedges to fine-tune the angle between the mirrors. In terms of the objects you need to place between the mirrors, secure an array of colorful trinkets that can be arranged to get interesting shapes and effects in the reflections. Try placing one object parallel to and midway between the faces of the mirrors. Lay others diagonally or closer to one mirror. Simple objects with two faces, such as playing cards, look cool because their front and back alternate through the reflections. Moving objects, such as balls that bounce or swing across the field of vision, add a more exciting element. Other ways to make the exhibit more interesting include breathing on one of the mirrors to create condensation and even tilting the mirrors to create bent "tunnels". This exhibit is not very large so it is not inherently going to draw in hordes of visitors. To account for this, attract adults and children alike by displaying enthusiasm at all times. Don't be shy! Beckon to passers-by in an energetic and inviting tone. Small children are especially attentive to visual stimuli, so decorate the backs of the mirrors without covering the hole and remember to incorporate plenty of color. For extra credit (not really), wear a Buzz Lightyear shirt and integrate his catchphrase into your presentation!