



Darth Vader Card

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INTRODUCTION

Create your own light up Dark Lord of the Sith using LEDs and a straw! This light up Vader card only takes minutes to make and is activated by a paper switch.



TOOLS:

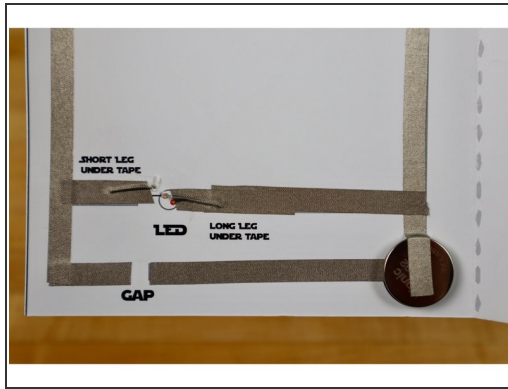
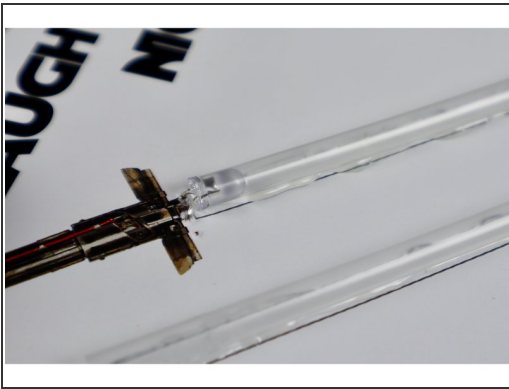
- [Scissors](#) (1)
- [Hot Glue Gun](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [Maker Tape](#) (1)
- [Straw](#) (1)
- [5mm Clear LED](#) (1)

Step 1 — Dealing with the Straws



- We bought these [clear straws off Amazon](#). You can also use colored straws, but if you do that be sure to only use WHITE LEDs so they'll shine through the straw better.
 - Most 5mm LEDs should fit into the straw just fine, though if you want the LED to go in all the way you'll need to cut a small slit in the end of the straw. (You don't need to do this, but it may be helpful if you're using colored straws.)
 - We used a thin line of hot glue to hold down the straw. We recommend slightly rolling the straw once it's down to help spread out the glue. When using a clear straw the glue reflects the light and gives it a fun look.
 - In general build this project in this order: Color or decorate your card, poke LED legs through the paper, add tape and battery, add the straw.
- ⚠ When using two LEDs you can run into problems. In general try and use combinations of Red, Green, and Yellow or use a combination of Blue and White otherwise you'll end up with one LED that isn't turning on. To get around this limitation throw a 100 ohm resistor onto your LEDs. If you're using two of the same color you'll also be ok.