

Transform your Space ...

- **Fabric** is a great way to add drama and color to a space. It is inexpensive, comes in varying weights, stretches and takes light beautifully. You can create soft form by draping it. It can be hung in sails or stretched tight across a frame to create geometric shapes. You can also project pattern or video onto it.



- **Corrugated metal** is a great tool for achieving an “industrial” look.

It can be hung in sheets, cut into shapes or bent into columns and it reflects light. It is also available as corrugated fiberglass and PVC.

These materials come in a variety of colors, including clear. If you want a really edgy look, you can spray paint graffiti across it.

- **PVC pipe** and fittings are like the adult version of tinker toys. You can build dramatic structures, then easily pull them apart so they take up little storage space.
- The more expensive (but more structural) version of adult tinker toys is **Kee Klamp**. Kee Klamp manufactures a number of different fittings designed to connect steel pipe. You can create structures that are very strong, but easily disassembled and reconfigured. Plus, the steel pipe can be painted in virtually any color. (Kee Klamps come in varying colors, too.) Check out their website at www.keeklamp.com.
- **Patio umbrella stands** will hold 2” conduit perfectly. It is a great quick effect for creating street signs or light poles, and they come in a number of designs so that you can get the look you want.
- If you walk through the garden section of your HI store you will find **corrugated drain pipe**. It comes in black and has holes punched in it at regular intervals.

It looks very ‘techno’ and comes in short lengths, long coils, and has joining pieces similar to PVC. While it has no structural properties, it can be used to create a very mechanical or deconstructed look to a room. If you place tubular fluorescent fixtures inside of it you can get some really cool lighting effects.

- By converting from rows of chairs to **tables**, you can create a conversational, “coffee house” feel. Thirty-six inch tables will create interaction. Forty-two inch tends to create groups.



- **Chain link fence** around the production booth can create an industrial vibe while protecting equipment.

- Funky **stained glass** windows can be created from the clear plastic panels used to cover fluorescent light fixtures (diffusers). Create a random design using colored cello or theatrical gels. Black hot glue sticks can be used for outlines to hold in place. Suspend from the ceiling and light from behind or simply use it in a standard fluorescent light box.

Track lighting can also be used

- to create a more coffee house feel. Fixtures come in a wide variety. If budget is tight, choose standard fixtures with a few pendant lights added for color.

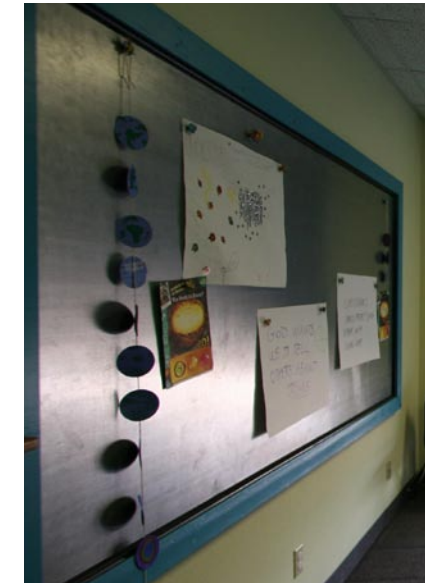


Bare copper is

- readily available at your local HI store and can be shaped by hand in smaller gauges. It is easily cut and joined together using wire ties, solder, or just hot glue. It already has a great looking finish and can be used to create very durable specialty items such as artwork, wire sculptures, etc.

- **Fixed lights** with gobos can project an image on the wall or floor and doesn’t require a dimming system.
- If you have a standard **acoustic tile ceiling** consider painting it black. You can also remove the acoustic tiles and simply paint the T-bar grid black. For a really edgy look leave open and place tiles painted to match your interior at random intervals. Experiment with wood laminates or plastic tiles.
- Put your **video projection** system to use for more than Powerpoint. Point the projector onto white fabric, styrene, or simply a white wall to project a digital backdrop.
- If you don’t currently have **sub-bass speakers** in your sound system, get some.
- Add color to your **stage lights** either in the form of color scrollers or lighting gels.

- Replace white boards and bulletin boards with **sheets of brushed metal or galvanized steel** mounted directly to the wall and framed with wood trim painted in a vibrant color. You can still use dry erase markers and can hang pictures and posters with magnets.



- Use **televisions** on stage to create eye candy. Place TV’s on their side or upside down.
- **Rip out the carpet and paint the concrete.** It is a difficult, messy job and you will have to wear a mask, but ripping up outdated carpet and painting the floor can produce dramatic results. And, once it is done, it is easy to repaint to get a different look later.
- Though **large-format printing** is expensive, it can be dramatic in theming your space. Call a reprographics company to get pricing on printing to canvas, styrene, poplin or even plexiglass. This can add huge visual impact to your space and the results are much more durable than posters printed to foamcore.

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