

MAY THE FOURTH LIGHTSABER ACTIVITY

WORLD WAR II & STAR WARS

It is rumored that George Lucas drew inspiration for the Galactic Empire from looking at the rise of the Nazi regime during World War II. There are many parallels that fans have drawn over the years between Star Wars characters and world leaders, the ranks between the US Army and the Grand Army of the Republic, and even costumes and weapons seen throughout the franchise. The ever-popular lightsaber, powered by Kyber Crystals and used as protection from enemies, might have been modeled after Japanese swords, or maybe specifically the Shin Guntō, used in combat during WWII.

MATERIALS NEEDED

Flashlight with Batteries installed , Large Bubble Wand, Electrical Tape (or duct tape), Epoxy or Super Glue

HOW TO MAKE A HOMEMADE LIGHTSABER?

1. Empty the bubble wand and save the bubble solution for later. Wipe down the empty container and ensure that it is completely dry.
2. Place the handle of the bubble wand aside; we will not be needing it for this activity.
3. Take the open bubble wand end and align it with the top of the flashlight. You will want them centered to each other.
4. Line the open end of the bubble wand with a layer of superglue and secure it to the top of the flashlight.
5. Be careful when you are using super glue! You don't want to get it on your skin, and you can always ask for help from an adult if needed.
6. Press the flashlight and bubble wand together for 30 seconds for the glue to dry.
7. Then let the lightsaber rest for 5 minutes for the glue to completely set.
8. Cover the connection point between the bubble wand and flashlight with electrical tape and feel free to decorate your lightsaber and personalize it!



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