



# Decorating Ideas

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Every event needs a little bit of fluff, and it does not take much to make a gathering feel fun and inviting. Below are several simple and inexpensive ideas that can be adapted to your setting to make your time together special. You can mix or match them to enhance your event, and use them as a stage backdrop or as a photo op. Have fun and be creative. Please share your creations...we want to “see” you!

# Eyes

## DESCRIPTION

Creates a great way to bring the theme to life!

## SUPPLIES

- Pictures of participants' eyes
- Foam core board
- Double sided tape

## Eyes

### INSTRUCTIONS

Take pictures in advance of each participant's face. Use an app like Print to Size to crop out the eyes and make them a uniform size. Print these out and mount them to foam core board with double sided tape. You are creating a collage of eyes! (FYI, the Dollar Tree is the cheapest place that we have found foam core board for this sort of work.)

The foam core board can be glued together with a hot glue gun to create a large piece of art to use as a backdrop or photo op. It can be hung from the ceiling, a screen frame, or hung in the trees with fishing line at different heights. It will be fun for the group to spend time figuring out who they are seeing!

# Stars and Circles

## DESCRIPTION

Create a night sky to mimic the theme artwork from the [PYT website](#).

## SUPPLIES

- Blue, Silver, Gold Cardstock (available on Amazon)
- Traceable templates of a star shape, a moon shape, and a circle shape.
- Fishing line
- Double sided tape

## Stars and Circles

### INSTRUCTIONS

Create templates by printing or drawing the desired shapes and cutting them out. Trace stars, moons, and circles on the cardstock using the templates. You will want an even number of each shape/color to create a front and back. Cut out your shapes. Attach like items (same color/shape) back to back with double sided tape to a heavy weight fishing line. Leave space (maybe 6" or so) between each item. Hang these garlands from trees, the ceiling, or wherever else you like. For greater impact, you can group garlands together by hanging several strands on a narrow board/dowel and then putting that up in your space. (1"x2" boards are usually available in 6' and 8' lengths at lumber yards.)

# Pennants

## DESCRIPTION

Pennants/triangular flags that can be used not only as decoration, but as an opening activity to explore the theme.

## SUPPLIES

- Cardstock in blue, gold, silver, and/or theme related colors of your choosing
- Yarn or fishing line
- Markers
- Hole punch

## Pennants

### INSTRUCTIONS

This is a great activity for youth to create as they arrive. Before the gathering, cut out pennants/triangular flags. Punch two holes at the top (shortest side) of each one. Participants can write a saying, thought, prayer, or answer to a question of your choosing on their pennant. They can then string their pennant on the fishing line or yarn through the holes at the top. This will create a theme-colored garland that you can hang up to decorate your space.

# Pool Noodle Garland

## DESCRIPTION

Pool noodles to the rescue one more time!

## SUPPLIES

- Pool noodles (theme colored)
- Fishing line
- Old Styrofoam Christmas garland
- Needle (A long doll sculpture needle works well.)
- Electric knife (If you have one.)

## Pool Noodle Garland

### INSTRUCTIONS

Using an electric knife, cut the pool noodles into 1" thick circles. Remove the Styrofoam balls from the old Christmas Garland. Using a long doll sculpture needle, thread fishing line through the 1" thick pool noodle circles and Styrofoam balls in an alternating pattern to create a new garland. Hang the garland from the ceiling or use as a stage backdrop!

# Icons

## DESCRIPTION

Easy backdrop featuring the Triennium icons that can blow in the breeze.

## SUPPLIES

- Fishing line
- Blue plastic Solo plates
- Double sided tape
- Printed PYT Icons

## Icons

### INSTRUCTIONS

Download the [PYT Icons](#) available on the Triennium website. Print these out (probably one or two per page) and cut each into a circle. Use double sided tape to attach each icon to the center of a plate. When you are ready to hang the garland, put the fishing line BETWEEN the plates (with double sided tape) and then tape the plates back to back so you have a double sided garland. Simple, easy, and inexpensive!

# Plastic Tape Streamers

## DESCRIPTION

Plastic streamers and double sided tape make a cheap and easy decor idea.

## SUPPLIES

- Plastic streamers or Mylar Streamers (Amazon)
- Double sided tape
- Christmas lights (Dollar Tree)

## Plastic Tape Streamers

### INSTRUCTIONS

Attach the streamers to the ceiling OR a 1"x2" Board with streamers side by side. Hang short Christmas tree lights vertically spaced between the streamers for a little bit of a glitzy look! (You can always stock up on short strings of Dollar Tree Christmas lights - especially after Christmas when the prices drop.)



# Stars and Hoops

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## DESCRIPTION

This is a variation on the theme artwork from the [PYT website](#).

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## SUPPLIES

- Small hula hoops (Dollar Tree)
- OR Make your own hoops using Pex Pipe (from the hardware store) and short dowel rods (to hold the pipe together).
- Aluminum tape (available in the HVAC dept)
- OR Gold / Silver spray paint
- Fishing line
- Gold or Silver poster board to make cut out stars

## Stars and Hoops

### INSTRUCTIONS

You can use small hula hoops and wrap them in aluminum tape or spray paint them silver or gold. Hang large cut out stars in the center of the hoops using a fishing line. These are adaptable to your setting whether it be in trees or the ceiling or as the backdrop for the stage. This gives a big punch with minimal effort!