

Greek Columns

With "Every Reader Is a Star!" Podium

Supplies*:

- (2) 4' cardboard concrete column form tubes¹ (found at local hardware store)
- Hacksaw
- 12' white corrugated plastic roofing panel² (found at local hardware store)
- Tin snips
- Staple gun and staples
- Gold duct tape
- Utility knife
- 4' x 8' sheet of white foam board (found at local hardware store)
- Red, black, and gray paint
- Paintbrushes
- Scissors
- White roll paper
- Pencil
- Black marker
- Metallic stars (various sizes)
- Tacky glue
- Glitter glue
- Fishing line and paper clips (for hanging)
- (3) Plastic stools



¹Cardboard concrete column form tubes



²Corrugated plastic roofing panel



Directions:

1. Using a hacksaw, cut a 12" ring from the top of the cardboard tube to create two pieces. Repeat on the second tube.
2. Using tin snips, cut the 12' white corrugated plastic in half to create two 6' tall pieces.
3. With a staple gun and duct tape, attach the piece of corrugated plastic around the outside of the large piece of cardboard tube. Make sure the bottom edge of the tube is lined up with the bottom edge of the corrugated plastic. Then, attach the cardboard tube ring to the top edge of the white plastic, making sure the top edges are aligned. Set aside.
4. Using the utility knife, cut the stepped podium shape from the white foam board. From the foam scraps, cut two scroll shapes (use photo as a guide) and two squares large enough to cover the top of each column. (For safety purposes, we recommend wearing leather gloves when using the utility knife. Never leave the utility knife where children can pick it up.)

5. Glue the scroll shapes to the bottom edge of the squares and embellish with paint as shown in the photo to make the columns caps. Once dry, attach them to the column tops using duct tape.
6. From the white paper roll, cut two strips of paper that are long enough to cover the bottom of the podium. Outline with a pencil and black marker "All-Star Reader Awards" to one strip and "Every Reader Is a Star!" to the other as shown in the photo. Paint in and let dry.
7. Embellish the podium shape and paper roll banner with gold duct tape, metallic stars, and glitter glue.
8. Create easel backs from left over foam board and attach to the podium with duct tape to make it stand.
9. Place the columns on each side of the podium
10. Center and hang the "All-Star Reader Awards" banner from the ceiling over the columns and podium with fishing line and paperclips.
11. Place three small step stools behind the podium for students to stand on as shown in the photo.

*Remember, these are only suggestions. These props should be fun and creative, so use whatever supplies you have on-hand for substitutions.