

## Magical Santa Inky Light™

*Make a beautiful, glowing lamp and let your creativity shine!*

### Supplies Needed:

Glass construction block, 4½" square\*\*

String of 20 miniature lights\*\*

Double-sided adhesive tape sheet\*\* †

Cold laminate sheet\*\* †

8½" x 11" cardstock (1 sheet)

Markers or colored pencils

Scissors

Ruler & pencil

E-6000 glue\*\*

2" wide ribbon, fabric, or other material (18 in. length)

Sparkle ModPodge® & foam brush, optional\*\*

\*\*Available through Inky Antics

†Or Xyron® machine with laminate/adhesive cartridge

### Stamps Used:

0631L Fill Every Desire

0569F Holiday Background

### Stamp the cardstock panels:

1. On the top half of your sheet of cardstock, stamp the main image in black ink. (We've used 0631L Fill Every Desire for this project; be sure to check out the Inky Antics Fall '04 and Winter '04 Supplements for other designs that have been specially sized to work with the Inky Lights™. You can also create your own composition by stamping on a plain 3¾" square of cardstock.)
2. On the bottom half of the cardstock, measure out a 3¾" square area and stamp the 0569F Holiday Background repeatedly to make a seamless pattern. *Tip: Start in the lower corner and stamp the background from left to right (or vice versa if you're left-handed), and then "build" the pattern by rows as if you're stacking a brick wall.*
3. Color the Santa image and background pattern, and then cut out both pieces.

### Prepare the cardstock panels<sup>††</sup>:

1. Place the cardstock panels face down on the cold laminate film. Press to remove any air bubbles, and trim panels closely along outer edges.
2. Peel off the backing paper from one side of the double-sided adhesive tape sheet, and press it to the back of the cardstock panels. Trim again along outer edges so that you now have two panels, each with laminate on one side and adhesive tape on the other.

<sup>††</sup>If you're using a Xyron® machine, skip steps 1 & 2 in this section. Feed the cardstock panels through the machine, and then trim both panels closely along outer edges.

### Assemble your Inky Light™:

1. Make sure your glass block is wiped clean of dust or fingerprints. Lay the glass block flat on your work surface, with the opening pointed toward you. Peel off the second adhesive backing paper from one of the cardstock panels, and position it carefully over the center of the glass

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block face so that the glass will “frame” the image evenly. Do this slowly; once the tape adheres, it’s stuck for good! Press down the panel, especially along the edges.

2. Turn the glass block over, and repeat with the second card panel.
3. Take the string of lights and “feed” it into the opening of the glass block. When you get to the last bulb, push it inside the block and drape the remaining cord over the edge so the rest of it stays outside the lamp. Place a dime-sized dollop of E-6000 glue near the opening of the glass block, and press a portion of the cord into it. Let dry thoroughly before proceeding with the next step.

### Add the finishing touches:

1. Use ribbon, fabric, or other flexible materials (e.g., fun foam, felt, etc.) to cover the sides of the lamp. You’ll need a two-inch wide strip that is approximately 18” long. Wrap the strip completely around the lamp and overlap it at the bottom, where you can glue it down with the E-6000. Trim off any excess length after the glue has dried.
2. You can embellish the light with additional decorations, if you wish. (In our sample project, we used gold ribbon to cover the sides of the lamp and added a polka-dotted, gold-and-red ribbon over it, tying the ends into a bow on the top and finishing it off with a holiday pinecone sprig. Then we painted Sparkle Mod Podge on the glass borders to create a glittery “frame” for our images.) You’re done!

*Safety Warning: Do not leave light unattended. For indoor use only. Place lamp on a flat, non-flammable surface. Do not leave plugged in for extended periods of time or use near other sources of heat. The finished product is not intended as a toy and should not be handled by small children.*

