

Do-It-Yourself Dark Booth

Dimensions: 6ft x 2ft x 2ft - should allow for wheelchair to be rolled inside.

Purpose: Get rid of visual background “clutter” and encourages a child to visually focus on task

Materials:

- 3/4 in. x 10 ft. PVC Class 200 Plain-End Pipe
(Home Depot Model # 57570)
x4



- DURA 3/4 in. x 3/4 in. x 1/2 in. Schedule 40 PVC Reducer Side Outlet 90-Degree Elbow
(Home Depot Model # C414-101)
x8



- DURA 1/2 in. x 3/4 in. Schedule 40 PVC Reducing Female Adapter
(Home Depot Model # U435-074)
x8

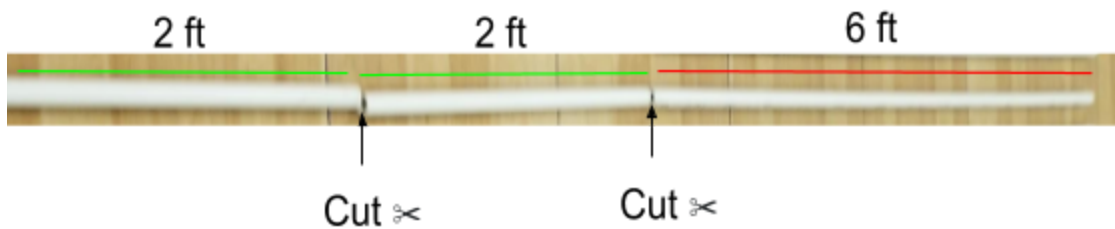


- Solaris Semi-Opaque Black Media Back Tab Curtain 54 x 84
(This is **optional** you can use any dark fabric but you will need to spend time figure out how to put in on to the box.)
(Home Depot Model # 1622299)
x2



Assembly Instructions:

1. Cut each 10 ft PVC Pipe



2. Connect each PVC Reducing Female Adapter to each PVC Reducer Side Outlet 90-Degree Elbow



3. Connect the PVC Pipes to PVC Reducer Side Outlet 90-Degree Elbow

4. Slide in the outward Curtain on top
(Optional step, if you have other materials then this will NOT apply)

Finished example

Purpose and Ideas for Dark Booth:

- Purpose: Child can sit in a chair or in a wheelchair with shoulders just inside the booth, the dark booth allows all the visual distractions (colorful pictures, walls, toys, etc) around a child to be eliminated and encourages them to look at and focus on what is right in front of them to work on building their visual attention skills.
- Hide and go seek: Hang bright, lighted toys from top and encourage child to find object and reach out and grasp, hit, play with it - parent moves toy/object and child is asked to visually find it and reach out and grab it if able.
- iPad: lighted toys and activities can further enhance a child's ability to visually attend to an activity, so if a child is very distractible it may be useful to work on fine-motor and attention activities using the iPad with the dark booth to help get rid of distractions in the room (see CVI App Handout for ideas on visually stimulating iPad Apps).
- Other devices: any device may be propped inside the back of the booth so the child can only see the black background/sides to promote their ability to visually focus on the task.
- Glow-in-the-dark: glow in the dark bracelets encourages use of vision and movement.