

# How to illuminate the small end of an optical cable



## Overview

To build a homemade fiber optic lamp, gather fiber optic cables, a light source like LED or small bulb, and a base or holder. Carefully strip the cable ends and insert them into your chosen base, securing them in place. I didn't have a great way to attach the end of the optical fiber to the LED itself. I've got a HAT board with five status LEDs I'd like to get somehow extended to the front panel of my system, so that I can read its status without opening the enclosure. The five white rectangles you can see on the picture near the bottom edge of the board are the LEDs: The almost obvious solution. Optical fiber can be used for transmitting light from a source to a remote location for illumination as well as communications. In fact, fibers are made to not only transmit light but to glow along the fiber itself, so it resembles a neon light tube. org), an amateur scientist and Rolex Award winner, was named by Discover magazine as one of the "50 Best Brains in Science. " His books have sold more than 7 million copies.



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What is the best method to attach fiber optic strand to an

Ideally you would use a small drop, and just barely stick the fiber in, then coat the

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What type of light source do I need to illuminate the fiber

When you direct one end of a fiber optic filament towards a light source, the other end glows. So the question is: Which light source should you use? The answer:

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This can be alleviated by illuminating the fiber from both ends by using two illuminators or looping the fiber back around to the same illuminator, or using

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SE fiber is typically lit with high-intensity halogen bulbs due to the sheer amount of photons required to light up the fiber appreciably during the day. At night you can get away with a

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If you need an intense small spot, free of any artifact, insert a clad rod between the fiber face and the lens. This is a neat trick to create a beautiful,

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The Beginners Guide to Fiber Optics: Fiber optics! Fiber optics! Admittedly, I'm a little obsessed with fiber optics, and for good reason. They are a durable, versatile,

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### Illuminating Fiber Optics

Question on general feasibility: I've had the idea that I would like to use end glow fiber optic cable to essentially create a seven segment display. I would drill pin holes in a material (ie wood or

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I'm making this up as I go along, but how about drilling a small hole in the end of the LED's plastic housing and glueing the end of the fibre into the hole using a resin that's as good a

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