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**HANGING LIGHT  
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# READY TO TRANSFORM YOUR YARD INTO YOUR OWN PRIVATE RETREAT?

**Made By Me™ kits are designed to empower you to complete a project with ease and confidence.**

To help you become the DIYer you are, we've equipped you with all the materials you need to hang your outdoor lights. We will guide you through each step with inspirational imagery and videos to make installing your outdoor lights, a project you'll proudly complete.

Get ready to tell your family and friends, this project was,

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# BEFORE WE GET STARTED,

here are the perfect places to hang bistro lights:



## Hang for Hangouts

Although a soothing fire can offer light, it can be enhanced with a string of lights surrounding the gathering space to illuminate the night. This also works perfectly for other central gathering places like hot tubs and patios.



## From Tree to Eave

Have lights meet in the center for a formation that opens up your space.



## Branch Out

Make your backyard shine after dark by hanging lights between a tree and your home for added functionality.



## Power Plant

Illuminate the greenery in your backyard while beautifying the base for your lights. Wooded posts in a planter make a great way to bring greenery into your yard and also provide an attachment point for lighting when one doesn't exist naturally.



## Meet in the Middle

Cross lights in the center of a space to provide overhead lighting for outdoor relaxing.



## Porch Light

Welcome guests and set the mood with light strings that mount to your home's structure.



# GUIDE ON HOW TO HANG YOUR LIGHTS

## Follow these simple steps to hang your outdoor lights:

### 1 Design your desired light configuration

Note: If you want a more relaxed look allow for generous slack in your measurements. If you are looking for a structured look, we would recommend a foot of slack per light strand.

### 2 Identify where to hang your outdoor lights

Note: If you don't have desirable touch-points, we recommend adding wood posts to have complete design control over your layout.

We recommend 10' or 12' pressure treated 4 x 4 posts. You can either install the posts directly into the ground. Depending on your location and frost level, we recommend installing the posts 2'-4' into the ground or barrel. Next step would be to mix and pour the cement and insert and support the posts while the cement is settling. The cement will dry quickly, so you will only need to hold the posts for a few minutes.

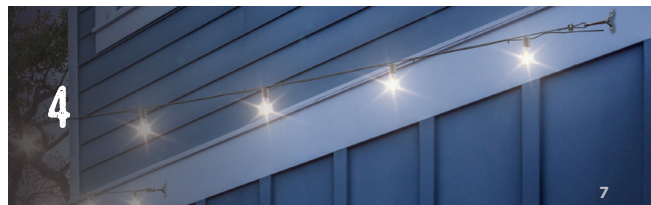
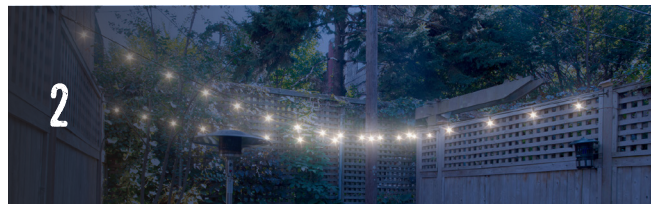
If you do not want to install into the ground, we recommend using a decorative barrel using concrete. The first step would be to mix and pour the cement into into the barrel. The barrel should be 1/2" - 3/4" full. Then insert and support the posts while the cement is settling. The cement will dry quickly, so you will only need to hold the posts for a few minutes. Use the drill to add a draining hole just above the concrete. After the concrete has completely dried, add a layer of small rocks to help with draining and top with potting soil and flowers.

### 3 Install your mounting hardware and wire.\*

For maintaining the optimal use of your lights without sagging, we recommend mounting the light strings with the included wire and mounting hardware.

### 4 Hang your lights!

Check your lights before hanging to ensure all bulbs are working properly. String lights between mounts, following the pattern you envisioned.



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