

## Quilting Tips & Tuts #5 – DIY Lightbox Tip

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This is the fifth of our Quilting Tips & Tuts! It has also been posted on the Plano Quilters Guild Website under 'How To' on the Resources Tab for easy referral.

I do not remember where I saw this tip but I wanted to pass it along. I needed a large lightbox to teach our Junior Quilters how to do applique and loved this idea because it is easy to assemble, is portable, can be used by multiple students at one time, and can also be used to transport your supplies.

All you need are the following and you may already have them on hand:

- Plastic storage bin (15" x 24" 34 quart capacity)
- Linkable undercabinet florescent light (can be found at WalMart)
- Clear Acrylic Sheet Glass (18"x24" – found at Home Depot in the Window & Door area)



Set the bin on a table with access to an electrical outlet and remove the top.

Plug the florescent light in and place it inside.

Place the Acrylic Sheet on top – there should be room for the light cord on the side of the Acrylic Sheet.

Turn on the light and you're in business!

In a pinch, I've also used a window during the daytime to trace applique designs and heard of people using a glass top table and placing a light source underneath and ofcourse you can always purchase a commercial lightbox – but I love how simple and flexible this solution is.

Hope you enjoyed this tip!