



Activity: Design & Install Switch Plates

Background:

Saving energy is as easy as flipping a switch! So why do so many of us leave the lights on when we're not in a room? Let's fix that problem by making eye catching switch plates.

Point Value:

8 points

Key Themes:



Energy
Conservation



Art

Procedure:

1. Print out at least one copy per student of the switch plate template provided.
2. Have students design switch plate cover with their own creative message about energy conservation. Print out one copy of pg. 2 for each student. They can cut out design when finished. See our included examples if they need a little inspiration.
3. Install switch plates around your school using double stick tape or glue sticks. Have students take home some designs to place around their house to remind everyone to save energy by turning off the lights!
4. Use pg. 4 if you'd like to save a little paper. You can even print on full page label so their designs stick directly to the switch.

Materials:

Provided by Museum:

- Switch plate examples and template

Provided by you and/or student:

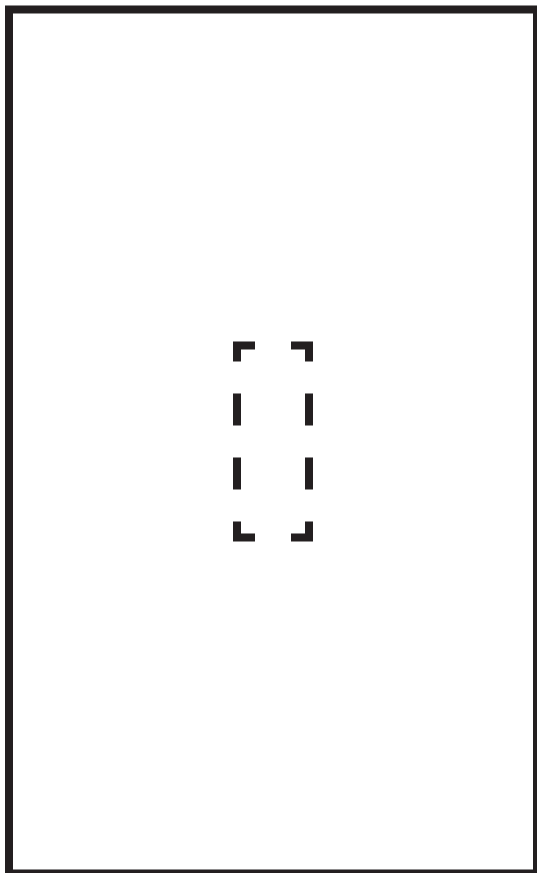
- Art supplies: markers, colored pencils, glitter—whatever you choose!

DESIGN YOUR OWN SWITCH PLATE

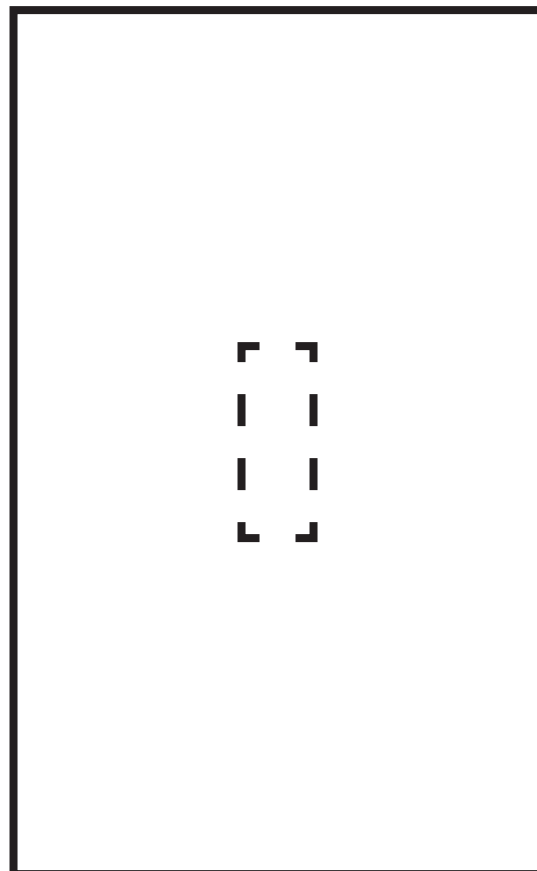
DIRECTIONS: Let's make sure people turn of the lights when they leave the room with some eye-catching and creative switch plates. Draft a slogan and cool design so people will need to look at the light switch before they walk out. Design at least one for school and home. Cut out when you're ready to install.



Design One: FOR SCHOOL



Design Two: FOR HOME



Need some inspiration?

Here are some examples:

