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Several people asked about the lights I used to illuminate our display cases at the Gem & Mineral Show.

All items were procured from Lowes and as far as I know are regularly in stock. Here are the Lowes SKU's and their descriptions of each.

• Style Selections 15-in Adjustable Brushed Steel LED Clip-On Desk Lamp with Metal Shade

Item #: 352725 | Model #: 17783-003 \$19.97

To get power to the lights and have something to clip them to, I put one of these on the back of each case:

•Mono-Systems, Inc. Gray 15-Amp 3-Wire Grounding Outlet

Item #: 480717 | Model #: WSC26 \$29.88

The key things being that it is less wide than the case (26" versus 30") and thin enough that the lamps could clip onto it.

I also lined the cases with this plastic material that provided some reflection and sparkle:

•DURALENS 7.85-sq ft Cracked Ice Ceiling Light Panel (Common: 24-in x 48-in; Actual: 47.75-in x 23.75-in)

Item #: 198521 | Model #: 1430084A \$10.47

I used white PVC inside quarter-round around the bottom of the case to hold the plastic in, and some double-sticky tape between the top edges and the sides of the cases. I will probably apply something more permanent before next year. It can be cut with a Lexan scoring blade.

I put two coats of MinWax PolyShades Pecan Gloss Oil-based Interior Stain (Item # 506310 | Model #: 214204444 \$7.97) on the outside and edges to rejuvenate them.

If you type those Item #'s into the Search box on www.lowes.com, it brings you to pictures of each item. Looking forward to seeing some other cases all lit up next year!

Jack