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Light it up

Duke Manufacturing shows how you can use lighting as décor in a serving system

With energy efficiency and long-lasting glow of LED bulbs, lighting has quickly become one of the trendiest ways to enhance the décor of an establishment, giving it a signature ambiance. For years, many high-end serving lines have incorporated lighting to show off their décor, but now lighting is being used as the décor itself.

HERE ARE FOUR WAYS TO USE LIGHTING IN YOUR NEXT SERVING LINE:

1. Light up the surface

Lighting from below a surface can give a cool effect for the patronage of your establishment. Picture stepping up to a bar that is lit from beneath the surface, not only does it showcase your serving counter as the centerpiece of the room, but it also adds to the ambiance of the room and can direct new clientele to the bar or buffet's location. This type of lighting works best with materials such as 3Form.

2. Display a custom logo or message

If your operations require customers to order in one area and pick up in another, this option could work for your next project! Lighting is created by cutting the design or working into a Corian top and



filling the design with colored resin for non-lit areas and a clear resin for lit areas. LED lights are installed from underneath the clear resin and the bulbs are controlled by an app that allows the operator to choose the desired color or color-changing pattern to display.

3. Backlit décor panels

Sometimes a gorgeous graphic and a bit of light from behind it are all you need. Backlighting is simplistic and cost-effective when budgets are tight. 3-Form panels offer a variety of choices for graphics and LED lighting is placed behind those graphics, calling attention to them in an elegant way.

4. Light up the trayslide

If you're looking for a unique twist to your tray slide, consider adding lighting

to accent it. In this example, the tray slide utilizes LED lighting that allows the user to change patterns and colors by use of a controller. The tray slide here combines color and pattern variations to create a flashing water flow effect when in use.

Final tip:

LEDs don't like heat. Their efficiency and lifespan decrease when in contact with direct sources of prolonged heat. So, if you've got an area where heat will constantly come in contact with the bulb, don't be surprised if you end up changing that lightbulb a little sooner than anticipated. ■

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