

SOME SIMPLE TIPS FOR MAKING BIG-ARSE, CHEAP, EASY AND LEGIBLE PROTEST SIGNS

(THAT YOU CAN STILL FIT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT)



1. Get a Simple Cardboard Box From Your Local Supermarket, or Your Shed.

Cool thing about this: big-ass pieces of cardboard, FREE, strong enough to wave above your head, but flexible enough that you can still fold it up and bring it to the raid in your backpack (nice and stealthy). Plus, its recycling, people: chuck it in a bin when you leave (or give it to a fellow Anon).

2. Split the Box Along the Glue-lines and Spread It Out Nice n Flat. Cut Off Any Extra Flaps Of Cardboard That You Won't Need.

Obviously, the bigger your box, the bigger your sign can be. Consider how you're going to fold it up though and keep in mind you'll need to hold it aloft somehow (either in front of your body, over your head or if you'd prefer 'sticks' to hold your sign up, consider cardboard tubing that can be folded into your bag too). Consider leaving a flap of cardboard attached that you can use as a handle (or make yourself a handle for the back of your sign, with sticky tape, cardboard and your own ingenuity). Note: You could probably paint your cardboard white before adding your message, but this might mess with your plans to fold the sign and bring it to the raid in your backpack if all the paint peels off when you fold it.

3. Construct Your Message On Your Computer And Print It Out. Make Your Message Succinct, On-Target, Powerful and Positive (No 'Hate' Or 'Honk' Signs & Steer Clear Of Celebrity Bashing or Obscure Memes). TAKE YOUR TIME: GET YOUR WORDING PERFECT

Photoshop or something similar would be best, but M\$ Word or even WordPad will suffice. All you need to do is print out BIG and LEGIBLE words, one word per page is often the way to go. Locate the longest word in your message, get that as BIG as you can on 1 A4 page (set the page to print Landscape, not Portrait, to get the most out of an A4 page) then set every other word to the same size. ALL CAPS. You only need to fit one word per page coz you can re-assemble the sentence on the cardboard with sticky tape. Do NOT get all fancy with your fonts: we need your sign to be READ-ABLE more than anything. Stick to heavy, bold, sans serif fonts like **ARIAL**, **VERDANA** or **IMPACT** (or heavy ass versions of **HELVETICA**, **FRUTIGER** etc if you've got them). Simple: if you can't read it from 20 metres away, then your sign is no good!

4. Stick Your Words To Your Sign, Using Super Wide, Clear Sticky Tape.

None of that 10mm wide scotch tape: go to Cheap as Chips and get a super big roll of mega-wide tape that's strong enough to hold Oprah to her seat at an all-you-can-eat buffet - this will ensure your words don't get blown away mid-raid and take the tape with you, for on-the-run repairs. Again: keep it legible!!! Consider an alternative message on the REVERSE side of your sign too. Leave plenty of 'white paper space' around your words, for maximum contrast and readability.

5. Add Any Special Bits: Like Handles, Poles, Flyer Pouches etc (Whaddya Think I Meant? Glitter!?)

If you can add handles to your sign, it could make your raid a lot more comfortable. Consider a flap of cardboard behind your sign, you can grip with one-hand and use the other to flyer people. Perhaps grip-holes on each side would be better for your sign. If you want to use poles to hold your sign up, remember that cops may consider giant poles a weapon (and they're awfully hard to get in and out of the raid without observation) - cardboard tubes might be a goer.

Some Other Stuff...

MAKE A SIMPLE POUCH ON THE BACK OF YOUR SIGN TO HOLD YOUR FLYERS/HAND-OUTS

Using some extra cardboard, make a little pouch on the back of your sign that can hold ready-to-go, folded flyers that you can distribute with your one free-hand. How else you gonna distribute flyers dude?

TIME TO GO HOME: SO WHAT NOW?

When the raid is finished, and you're ready to go home, you can either fold-up and keep the sign for another raid - or bin it on your way out. If you leave early, give your sign to fellow Anons that are still raiding.

SO YOU ARE GOOD AT THIS? GOT SOME SPARE TIME?

Well why not make a bunch of signs and hand out the extras to your fellow Anons at the next raid huh?