

RED FIRE ON A PLATTER:

Find an old desk top computer and remove the fan. Mount it so it blows air upward (did not want to say "blows up") on a platter (clearly it will have to be a bit thicker than a real platter. Next to the fan, mount an LED light (the brightest you can find) with a red gel taped across the bottom and a yellow gel taped across the top. Focus the light up at about a 60 degree angle. Get piece of a white silk. Cut it in a flame-ish shape (be creative here, make it a-symmetrical and not too stereotypical. then attach the bottom of the "flame" to the center of the fan. When the fan blows the silk stands up and dances like a flame... the red gel colors the bottom and the yellow gel colors the top.

As for power... if it's possible, hard wire the sucker... but if not, yank the computer battery along with the fan (be sure it's charged) or a Makita battery would also do the trick. Be sure you have the proper volt converters on the fan and the light.

I know this sounds like a huge deal and that it will take up an awful lot of space on what is supposed to be a platter... but with some creativity and plenty of trial and error... you can minimize the profile of all this gear..

In the old days we would just secure a few layers of cotton cloth to the platter and apply either Rosonol(sp) lighter fluid (the kind for Zippos not the kind for a barbecue) and light her up. If we needed it to burn a bit longer we'd use rubber cement instead of lighter fluid. But under the current legal atmosphere, I do not recommend either of the old methods.

FIRECRACKERS

I must confess I'm not familiar with this show, so I don't know the context on this one. Are the firecrackers in a steel bucket? Are they out in the open?

There is a way to do a series of electrical "squibs" that do not contain any pyro ingredients (yes I know that SQUIBS do contain pyrotechnic ingredients... but not THESE squibs). There are lots of sparks but no sound (to speak of) but I'm not sure that that would be right for what your doing and it may be a bit complicated to set up.