

DIY Graffiti Background Guide

Build and paint a photorealistic street art backdrop for epic party photos.

Create an unforgettable photo booth with this foolproof layering technique. Build, trace, and paint a stunning faux brick wall that will genuinely blow your guests away.

● Key Setup Measurements

4x8 ft

Faux brick panel base size

48 hours

Acclimate panels to local humidity

6-8 inches

Distance for crisp drop shadows

3 thin coats

Neon application to prevent running

8 ft & 4 ft

2x4 cuts for frame legs

45 degrees

Lighting angle for texture pop

6 feet

Distance for camera tripod X

Keep Your Paint Receipts

Always purchase at least two cans of your primary neon color. Unopened backup cans can easily be returned to the hardware store once your photo booth is finished.



● 4-Step Graffiti Layering Guide

- 1 Projector traced text** Cast design and trace with a fine-tip acrylic paint pen to lock in the exact scale.
- 2 Matte black lowlights** Spray down and right to build a deep, crisp drop shadow behind the main word.
- 3 Neon spray highlights** Fill letters, concentrating on borders to blend, and add crisp gloss white reflections.
- 4 Overlapping drip tags** Add smaller stylized signatures in corners, pressing heavily to create authentic running paint drips.

● Match Your Event Vibe

Find your row: **Your planned party theme**

Your planned party theme	Your pick	Why
90s Grunge	Dark slate, green, purple	Moody underground nostalgia
Pastel Pop	Soft mint and peach	Light, playful daytime celebration
Monochrome Urban	Red brick, black, white	Authentic, high-contrast city aesthetic
Glam Punk	Matte black, gold, silver	Edgy, luxurious photo backdrop
Retro Arcade	Fluorescent cyan and yellow	Intense glowing 80s energy

● Before You Build & Paint

- Verify your truck bed allows laying delicate faux brick panels completely flat.
- Inspect 2x4 boards to reject any bowed, twisted, or knotted lumber.
- Set up outdoors or in a wide-open garage with a heavy-duty fan.
- Use a bubble level on your projector lens to ensure horizontal text.

● Spray Paint & Supply List

- ☐ White bonding primer to seal raw panel texture
- ☐ Matte black spray paint for deep lowlight shadows
- ☐ Neon pink spray paint for glowing letter fills
- ☐ Gloss white spray paint for crisp highlight accents
- ☐ Clear matte acrylic sealer for two protective coats
- ☐ Fine-tip acrylic paint pen in yellow or gray
- ☐ Mineral spirits to soak and clean clogged caps
- ☐ 2.5-inch wood screws and black drywall screws

● Mural Planning Notes

Have an amazing party, and enjoy the epic photos against your custom street art!