

# TUBULAR

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To create my green light fixture, Tubular, I looked for things around the house that would more than likely end up in the trash. First, I found an extra hose that was left over from some repairs made on our water heater. This piece ended up being the basis for the rest of the light fixture. I then used some Christmas lights that had half the strand not working anymore. These were strung through the clear tube; next all I needed was something to make it into an actual fixture. I found a hollow metal pole from something my dad already made and some left-over closet shelving and went from there. As I messed around with these pieces I eventually got a light that looked futuristic and unique.

The elements and principles of design utilized in this piece help to make this unique fixture. Tubular has an organic feel and it gives off a space age aura with the recycled materials that were used. The asymmetry of the piece conveys a relaxed message, while the materials may be considered stark and rigid the loose asymmetrical design helps the light not seem so harsh. The straight lines used at the base of Tubular and the curves at the top of the piece offer up contrast that brings interest to the piece. By using simple materials, it allows the emphasis to be placed on the shape and lines of the fixture. The light that comes off the lamp also aids in the interest factor of the piece. The hose used has a mesh like material in it that casts somewhat of a shadow when the light is turned on. This light can add character to a room because the light and shadows create lines that dance all over the room and draw the viewers' eyes through the space.

By reusing extra materials that would eventually ended up in a land fill I helped to reduce waste. Each piece from this lamp could be reused for something again in the future if the lamp is no longer wanted. The hose piece could be used for a hose once again because there was no damage to the tube. The metal pipe piece that makes up the center stand of the lamp could be used for just about anything, it was originally cut to be a step on a ladder so, if that ladder ever needs repairs this part could easily be used again. The wood base could easily be used again, even as a new lamp base.

