CD Bookends

Supplies: 22 CDs, candle, lighter, scissors, utility knife, superglue or hot glue

1. For the back of the bookend, one CD will need to be bent in half. Do this in a well-ventilated space. Light the candle, and slowly pass the CD over it on the line on which you want it to bend. As you pass the CD over the flame, put light pressure on both sides evenly. As it warms, it will begin to bend. You want the CD just touching the top of the flame of the candle. Once the CD is bent in a 90-degree angle, extinguish the candle and wipe the soot off the bottom of the CD.

2. For the cut pieces of the bookend that will make the various arches of the Kauffman Center, measure and cut the following:
   - 3 - ⅛ inch cut off the end of the CD
   - 3 - ⅜ inch cut off the end of the CD
   - 3 - ⅝ inch cut off the end of the CD
   - 3 - 1 inch cut off the end of the CD
   - 3 - 1 ¼ inch cut off the end of the CD
   - 3 - 1 ½ inch cut off the end of the CD

   Measure where you want to cut, then score the CD with a utility knife. Use heavy-duty scissors to cut the CDs.

3. Once you have each group of 3 CDs cut, glue the single CDs in each grouping together with the back (shiny side) of the CD facing out on each end.

4. Now, glue each grouping together. Start by gluing the largest group into the inside of the CD you bent with the candle flame. Continue until you have your very own miniature Kauffman Center! Use one of the extra pieces from the cut CDs to cover the hole in the middle of the CDs.

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