Seven-Footer Sign Options

There are several options for how to make a sign for a Seven-Footer Spiral Wishing Well. Although we can have it done by our sign maker, we become the middle-man for communication and pricing, so it is usually better if you have it made locally.

If you can hang a sign from the ceiling, that is the best option for two important reasons: The shape and size is unlimited, and it is out of the reach of the children and adults tossing in the coins.

The two most popular sign options using the fiberglass rod are described below. You can use just about any kind of material, but we recommend 1/8 inch thick light weight Sentra PVC which most sign shops have on hand. You will want to keep your sign as light as possible since it is suspended on the fiberglass rod.

Option One – Arc Shape Under the Fiberglass Rod

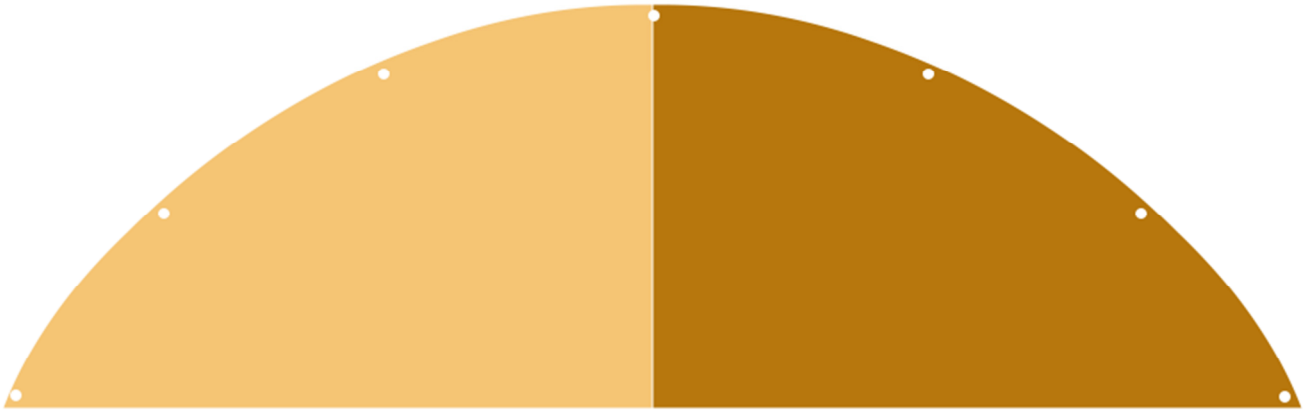
If you want the sign to be contained under the fiberglass rod like the one shown on https://www.spiralwishingwells.com/images/7-sign-close-up-with-lettering-large.jpg, follow these steps.

1) Connect and install the fiberglass rods into their respective holes in the opposite launch ramps which will cause it to form the arc shape. It might be a little bit uneven because of the variable flex in the rods, but you can have someone push on one side or the other to form a mostly uniform arc.

2) Get a large piece of flat cardboard and lay it up against the rod and either have someone hold it in place or clamp it in place.

3) With a felt tip pen, trace a line under the rod which will become the top-edge of the sign. All you need to do is trace one side such as in this next screenshot, and then have your sign maker use that piece to complete the other side. That is better than tracing the entire sign since the other side of the fiberglass rod might not be a perfect match to the first side. But if you make a cardboard template for half the sign and then flip that over to complete the other half, the other side of the arc will match. Then, when you zip-tie the complete sign to the rod, the rod will conform to the arc of the complete sign and be perfectly even.

To describe this a little more, the lighter image in the next illustration represents the piece of cardboard template that matches the above half sign. The darker image represents that same piece flipped over to make the other side of the sign.



You can drill as many holes for zip ties as you want. I suggest at least 7 evenly spaced as shown in the illustration.

Option Two – Making a Sign in Any Shape

You are not limited to the arc-shape of the fiberglass rod. You can make 2 matching signs any shape you want and "sandwich" the fiberglass rod. An example of this is on https://www.spiralwishingwells.com/images/7-blue-sparkle.jpg.

Some locations might want to make a sign shape that matches their theme such as an aircraft in an aircraft museum, an elephant in a zoo, or a whale in an aquarium. A cloud-shape is also popular for any location and adds a little more character than a plain oval.

The two signs can be glued or taped together, and secured to the fiberglass rod in a number of ways such as zip ties that feed through on both the top and bottom of the rod, or small screws that fit through both signs just above the rod so that the sign-assembly essentially rests on the rod. The screws can be tightened to keep the sign from moving.

This can be as sophisticated as you wish. Some customers have made spacers the thickness of the fiberglass rod so that the sign boards are evenly space all the way around. Others have put the top edges of the sign together and let it spread out over the sign rod with the bottom edges being apart.

If you want to ask more questions or run an idea past me for my input, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Please send us pictures of your sign when you have it completed.

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