

Custom BIG LEBOWSKI Mods That I Hope to See Made

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1. Lit doobie w/glowing LED cherry

As I suggested in a prior TBL thread, I think a great way to represent the marijuana element from the movie would be to have a lit jay perched next to the White Russian cocktail. The cherry would ideally be dimly glowing from an LED bulb. Below is an early prototype photo of Aurich's subsequent "Dude Doobie" mod. I'm not sure where progress stands on this, but hopefully it's not too far from fruition as this is a "must" mod in my book.



2. TBL specific pinblades

Although the playfield artwork is incredible in itself, bare interior cabinet sidewalls no longer cut it for me and while often a nice effect, mirror blades won't do the theme enough justice. I'd prefer to see a setting from the film, if possible, that complements the playfield and game features. But what artwork to use? ...

A panoramic view of LA such as this nighttime version?



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Perhaps the lanes from the Hollywood Star Lanes bowling alley featured in the film?



Or (and one that I'm partial to), how about a simple representation of neon decor typically found on the interior side walls of many classic bowling alleys such as this example:



3. Miniature bowling balls in the Brunswick ball return

A bowling ball return should have bowling balls in it. Enough said. Below is a previously posted photo of the game's ball return with some of Geert's custom made balls in it. In addition to looking great, customized versions would provide a nice opportunity to personalize your game!



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4. Target decals

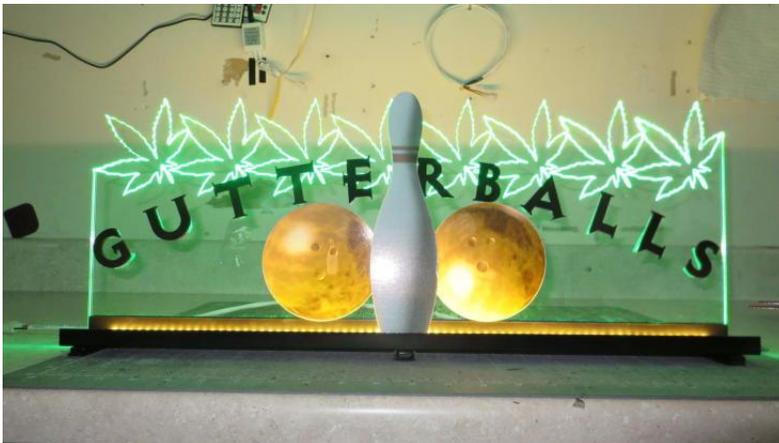
While TBL's various stand-up targets are colorful, they are blank, plastic, and consequently a bit boring looking such as these White Russian targets:



No need to get complicated, but an appropriate decal to complement each target's associated insert would add some more interest to them!

5. TBL themed topper

I'm normally not a huge topper guy, but here's a previously posted prototype topper from Laseriffic that I'd be proud to add to my game:



AND, my understanding from Joe is that he may actually end up offering more than one option for a Big Lebowski topper!

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6. Bowling ball launch button

Dutch Pinball's original prototype games included the stylish marbled patterned bowling ball launch button shown below:



Unfortunately, it supposedly didn't hold up under the wear and tear of prolonged gameplay and DP replaced it with the standard generic yellow "ball launch" button currently found on the game. Surely, with the many ingenious high-tech pinball mods being made today, someone can produce an affordable bowling ball shaped launch button mod that can take abuse and still ask for more! Here's hoping anyway.

7. TBL speaker acrylics

Along with lights, I like to install themed acrylics in my games' speakers. There are numerous design possibilities that could look good, but one that I think would be particularly cool would be a solid colored silhouette of the Dude in his zen rug pose as shown in the photo below.



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8. Sub-playfield bowling lane banners/decor

How about some decorations (as shown in the movie scene below) to the lower bowling area to add some extra custom details to it? A miniature official Hollywood Star Lanes clock like the one in the left side of the photo would be especially cool!



9. Jackie Treehorn doodle spinners

I'll be the first to admit that the game's current spinner artwork (bowling pin chorus girl legs) isn't bad, but that design is elsewhere on the playfield and Jackie Treehorn's contribution to the film deserves to be recognized too. And what symbolizes the Jackie Treehorn character – a man "who deals in publishing and social advocacy" - better than his infamous doodle? This should be an option for those gameowners that opt for an adult humor version.

