

# My Hand Drawn Black Light Batman 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bat-Signal Cover

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When I sat down and thought about what to do for the 4 round Bat-Signal stamps, it brought up the question, “What would The Joker do for these?” And then the answer hit me like The Joker’s hammer on my head. The Joker would find some way to make them glow with chemicals to get Batman’s attention. I couldn’t do that because it’d be dangerous. However, I did find a way to make them glow with a black light. So here’s the story of how I designed one of those covers to do just that.

I started by taking a drinking glass and drew a circle in the left corner of the envelope as far up as possible. Then I drew the bat that matched the one on the stamp in the middle of that circle. I followed that up by using a ruler to draw 3 diagonal lines, one from the top down, one from the bottom down, and one from the middle down. Next, I used a NEON YELLOW and BLACK marker to color in the Modern Age Bat-Signal.

After coloring in the Bat-Signal, which took an hour to do right, I put the cool looking 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Batman Bat-Signal stamps on the envelopes. Because it was past the deadline for me to send them in myself, I gave them to my Uncle Bill who passed them on to a stamp and cachet collecting friend to send in for me. That took place around Christmas time 2014, after which I received them back on March 21, 2015. They looked AWESOME! The next day I scanned this BATTASTIC Bat-Signal black light cover into my computer so that I could submit it, along with this article, for publication in “Ries’ Pieces”.