

Fun Facts about The Little Apple® New Year's Eve Celebration and Ball Drop 2006-2007

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The Apple:

Designed by Phyllis Pease

Constructed by Bob's Plumbing (785-539-3155) and Thomas Sign (785-776-5700) in Manhattan, KS

- Made of aluminum "core" and over 3,000 2-square inch individually hand-cut Plexiglas pieces on the outside, while the stem and leaves are made of aluminum and glitter
- Construction took about 6 weeks
- Apple itself weighs about 175 lbs, but the 24 foot pole and hydraulic system weighs over 300 lbs
- Phyllis Pease (KSU Alum and Manhattan resident) designed the Apple and used almost a dozen real apples to find the perfect shape
- Phyllis Pease is a graphic artist whose artwork can be seen at multiple restaurants in the area such as Texas Star and So Long Saloon, as well as at The Kansas State Bank.

Ball Drop Podium, Button, and Activation Device:

Designed and constructed by Jason Borden

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- The Ball Drop Podium and Activation Device is a wooden structure designed and built in Manhattan
- Uses 111 glass pieces illuminated by two 250 watt halogen bulbs
- The apple design on three sides of the podium is reminiscent of the ball that will drop at the countdown, and coincides with Manhattan's Little Apple® identity
- Designer and builder, Jason Borden, is also the photographer who's photographs have become the most used images in marketing and publicity materials for the Little Apple® New Years Eve Celebration, which includes publication in the January issue of Family Circle Magazine

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