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glitz (glīts) *Informal*

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n.
Ostentatious showiness; flashiness: "a garish barrage of show-biz glitz" (Peter G. Davis).

tr.v. **glitized**, **glitz-ing**, **glitz-es**

To invest with an ostentatiously showy quality: "have started to glitz up their shows with filmed backdrops" (Bill Barol).

[Back-formation from *glitzy*, flashy, showy, probably from German *glitzern*, to glitter, from Middle High German *glitzen*, to shine, from Old High German *glīzan*; see **ghel**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

glitz *i·ness n.*

glitz *y adj.*

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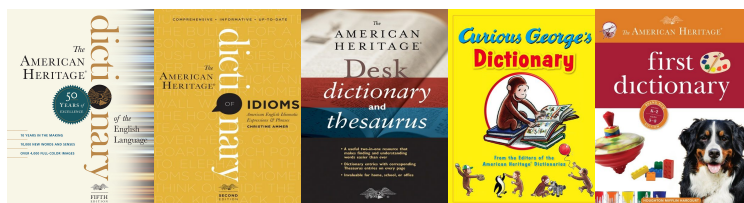
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