

Paper Bag Lanterns

Tissue Paper Lantern

Materials:

- White paper bag
- Colourful tissue paper
- Glue sticks / PVA
- Electric tealight / glowstick
- Scissors



Method:

1. Tear or cut the tissue paper into small strips
2. Glue tissue paper over the front of the bag
3. Put tealight/glowstick inside the bag

You can make a regular pattern with the different colours or do something more abstract.

Window Lantern

Materials:

- White paper bag
- Colourful tissue paper
- Dark card
- Sticky backed plastic
- Electric tealight / glowstick
- Scissors
- Masking tape



Method:

1. Cut a window shape in the bag. Leave a border so that the bag holds its shape.
2. Cut a piece of sticky backed plastic 2 cm longer and wider than the window.
3. Cut shapes out of the dark card – such as the tree here.
4. Tear up the tissue paper into small pieces.
5. Use the masking tape to stick the plastic sticky side up to the table.

6. Create your design with the dark card shapes and tissue paper on the plastic. Keep a clear border around the edge for it to stick to the bag.
7. Stick the plastic over the window on your bag.
8. Put the tealight or glow stick into the bag.

Plastic Bottle Lantern

Materials:

- Clean, empty plastic bottle
- Colourful tissue paper
- Dark card
- Sticky backed plastic
- Electric tealight / glowstick
- Scissors
- Masking tape
- Ribbon
- Hole punch



Method:

1. Carefully cut the bottom section off your bottle. This will be your lantern. Be careful of sharp edges.
2. Put masking tape around the top edge to cover the cut edge.
3. Use the hole punch to punch one hole on opposite sides of the top rim. These will support your handle.
4. String a length of ribbon/string through the holes and tie them. This is your handle.

5. Cut a piece of sticky backed plastic long enough to wrap around the bottle – make sure it is 4 cm longer than the circumference of the bottle.
6. Use masking tape to stick the plastic (sticky side up) to your table.
7. Cut shapes out of the dark card and tear/cut up the tissue paper.
8. Use the tissue and card pieces to create the pattern on your plastic. Leave 2cm at each end of the plastic to stick it to the bottle.
9. Wrap the plastic around your bottle, put your tealight or glowstick inside your lantern.