

How to...



FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

The world's most famous lantern festival is part of Chinese New Year celebrations.

WARNING!
Ask a grown-up for help with the scissors, and use LED lights, not candles, inside your lantern.



Lanterns give a coloured glow.

Make a summer lantern

What you need

- A glass jar
- A plastic bag
- Elastic band
- Tissue paper
- PVA glue
- A glue brush
- Scissors
- String
- A hole punch
- LED tea light

These homemade lanterns will give your garden, balcony or bedroom a cosy and colourful glow. Get creative by experimenting with different coloured tissue paper, patterns or a theme for your creations, such as animal lanterns or glowing ghosts. Ask your parents or carer in advance to collect and clean any old jam, coffee and pickle jars – and get ready to glow!

CRAFTING TIP

It's a good idea to keep some extra tissue paper when you've finished your lanterns. Then, if your lantern feels fragile or thin, simply glue on some extra layers of tissue and wait for them to dry.



1 Cover a jar with a plastic bag, pull it tight and tuck the ends inside the jar. Hold the plastic bag in place with an elastic band. Tear the tissue paper into strips.



2 Stand the jar upside down. Brush glue over the bag then stick on the tissue strips so they overlap. Add more glue and tissue to make about three layers. Leave to dry.



3 Remove the elastic band then pull the tissue off the jar with the bag attached. Carefully and slowly pull the bag away from inside the lantern, then leave to dry fully.



4 Trim the top of the lantern with scissors. To make a hanging lantern, punch holes near the top then thread with string. Place an LED tea light inside each lantern.

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