

Luminary Festival 2024

Lantern Making – Easy ideas to try at home!



1. Easy Fall Lanterns

- Colored paper treat bags
 - Acrylic paint
 - 2 oz misting bottle
 - Sand
 - Tea lights
- Collect leaves from various trees and arrange on bags.
 - Put tsp of paint in mister, add water and mist bags.
 - Remove leaves, let dry.
 - Fill bottom of bags with sand to avoid blowing over.
 - Place candles in the bags for a luminous glow.

2. Melted Crayon Lantern

- White or light-colored paper bags
 - Wax crayons
 - Disposable knife or pencil sharpener
 - Iron (or blow dryer)
 - Wax paper
 - Votives
 - Hole punch (optional)
- Press down hard with the crayons as you scribble across the bag.
 - Use the knife or sharpener to make little shavings. Let the shavings randomly fall on to the bag.
 - Layer wax paper on top of the shavings. Heat with an iron on low temperature for about 10 seconds.
 - Lift up the paper and let wax dry. Insert a votive.
 - Optional: Make a few scattered holes with a hole punch.



3. Paper Mache Lantern

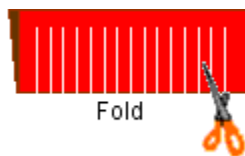
- Balloons
- Copy paper and tissue paper
- Glue – or flour & salt
- Optional: string, yarn, pressed flowers

- Inflate balloon to desired size.
- Make paste of 1C water/1C flour/2 tsp salt or 2C water/1C white glue
- Tear copy paper into strips, dip into paste and slide through your fingers to remove excess paste
- Overlap strips on balloon in various directions, leaving the top of the balloon open
- Let base layer dry and repeat with layers of tissue paper, and if wanted end with string
- Hang, and when dry, pop balloon. If desired, add string, dried flowers or other décor.
- Punch holes along edge and tie string through them and attached to a stick for carrying.



4. Paper Lanterns

- Coloured paper
- Scissors
- Glue, tape or a stapler



- Fold a rectangular piece of paper in half, making a long, thin rectangle.
 - Make a series of cuts (about a dozen or more) along the fold line. Don't cut all the way to the edge of the paper.
 - Unfold the paper. Glue or staple the short edges of the paper together.
 - Cut a strip of paper 6 inches long and ½ inch wide. Glue or staple strip across one end of the lantern to make the handle.
- Optional: Make a number of lanterns and string them along a length of yarn.

5. Dollar store paper lanterns with construction paper and buttons glued on or covered in sparkles/coloured floral beads/ glitter glue.



6. Lace Mason Jars

- Old glass jars
 - Modge podge
 - Epsom salt
 - Lace
- Using old glass jars, thickly layer Modge Podge then roll in epsom salt.
 - Add some modge podge to the rim and sprinkle on some extra salt. Leave to dry for a few hours.
 - Remove gently with paintbrush any excess from the jars then spray with a spray sealer leave to dry for 20 mins then spray and repeat for another two coats.
 - Modge Podge strips of lace to a masonry jar instead of tissue paper. Add ribbons for a handle.



7. Jars painted in Henna style design with puffy paint or wet glue covered in sparkles. Can use tea-lights or glow sticks inside this design.

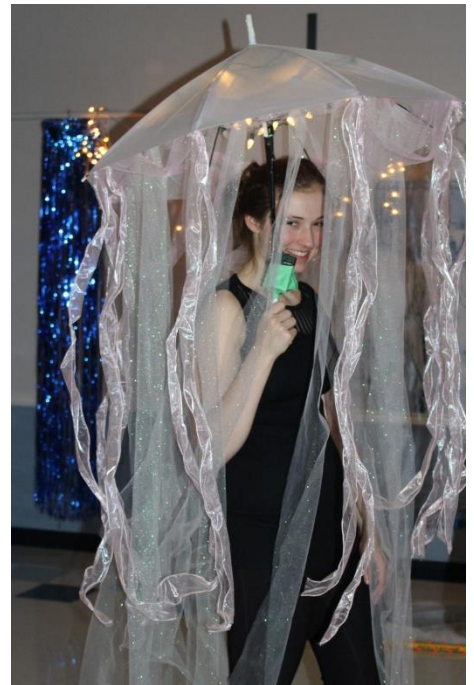
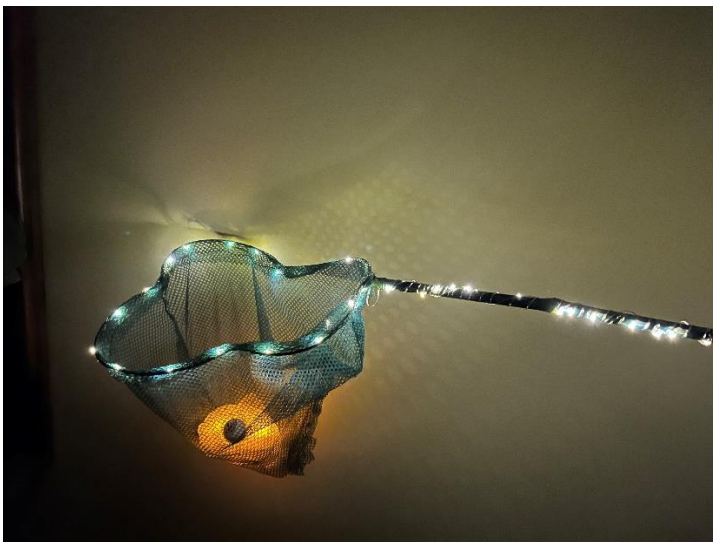


8. **Recycled soda can lantern**, pretty simple as long as you're good with an exacto-knife. Spray-paint to finish.

9. **Strips of paper, felt and fabric all joined together at the top and the bottom with push pins.**

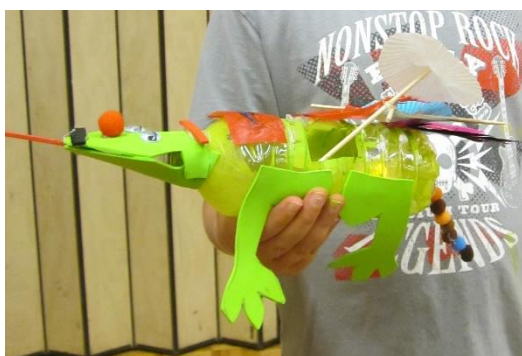
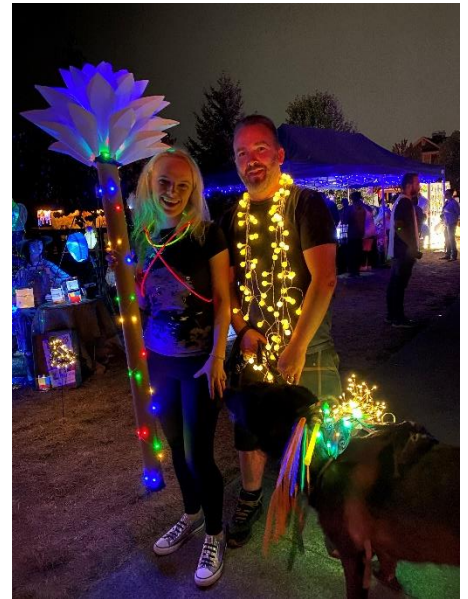


10. **Make a lantern out of every day items!** Just illuminate with any battery operated light and add any decoration you like!





11. **Illuminate yourself** with battery operated string lights, puck lights, glow sticks, EL wire...
12. **Plastic Easter egg bugs** - Put a glow stick or tea light inside and decorate.
13. **Decorated mason jar bugs**
14. **Tin can luminaries** – Poke holes into used tin cans.
15. **Turn a gift bag into a lantern**
16. **Turn a beverage bottle into a lantern**



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