



CREATIVE WORKSHOP

INSTRUCTIONS



LANTERN

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In many cultures, light is used as a decorative element. With this creative workshop, people of all ages can make their own lantern. Placed wherever you wish, it will diffuse a soft light in your living space this Holiday season as well as throughout the year.

In this booklet, you will find the procedure to follow. Then, it's your turn to shine. Whether in your cupboards or in the recycling bin, you will easily find most of the materials required to create magnificent lanterns. Let your imagination run wild!

YOU WILL NEED :

- 1 glass jar (Ex: Mason jar, jam, mustard, salsa or spaghetti sauce container, etc. Suggested size: 250ml)
- Battery-powered LED lights
- Self-adhesive elements (Ex : adhesive tape with patterns, stickers, self-adhesive film, self-adhesive beads, etc.)
- Other small objects of your choice (Ex : metal charms, beads, leather bits, etc.)
- 1 hot glue gun with a few glue sticks (optional)
- 1 frosted plastic sheet (optional)

PROCEDURE

1- PREPARE THE GLASS JAR

- Clean it well and dry it.

Tip: To remove any labels from a glass jar, submerge it in hot water for 15 minutes. Using a butter knife, scrape off the label and glue residue until you get a smooth surface.

2- DECORATE YOUR LANTERN

Get inspired by the models below to visualize your creation. Be imaginative!



- Take a tour of your home. You are likely to find a bunch of interesting materials such as buttons, scraps of fabric, an old belt, beads, old jewelry, small metal items, colorful packaging, etc. Everything (or almost) is allowed, so be creative!
- Glue your items on the jar
 - We recommend starting with the flat items and then adding the rest.
 - The self-adhesive items (beads, adhesive tapes) are easy to stick directly on the glass, wherever you want.
 - For other items, ideally use a hot glue gun. In some cases double-sided adhesive tape or liquid glue or glue sticks may also work.

Tip: Be careful not to overcrowd the entire surface of the glass jar, because the light will not be able to pass through.

3- LIGHT YOUR LANTERN

- To create depth, cut a frosted plastic sheet (or another similar material of your choice) in the form of a strip wide as the height of your jar and a little longer than its circumference. Roll up the strip and slip it inside your jar. It will unwind inside and take the shape of the jar.



- Now, all you need to do is turn on a LED light and slide it into the center of your jar.

Caution: Use only battery-powered, flameless LED lights. Candles could set your holder's decorative accessories on fire.

Happy creation!

To create is to breathe, to breathe is to live and to live is to share.

"Recycling is our way of life, creating is my passion, breathing is a gift of nature, help us to breathe better by taking care of the environment".

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