

OILED PAPER LANTERN MATERIALS

Sheet of sturdy paper approx. 15" x 8" or 38cms x 20cms Strip of card/Bristol Board approx. 16" or 41cms x ³/₄" or 1.5cms Water-based markers, or permanent markers, a pencil, and ruler 2 small rags or pieces of paper towel Cooking oil Tray or table covering (eg. plastic, newsprint, aluminum foil) 1 piece of wire or string approx. 18" or 46cms 1 tea light, small battery light or glow stick Masking tape or clear tape, or white glue Stapler, or straight pins Scissors Hole punch (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS (For full video instructions go to https://www.shadowlandtheatre.ca/how-to-s)

1. Lay the paper wide side up and draw a horizontal line at 3" or 8cms from the bottom. Draw vertical lines about $1\frac{1}{4}$ " or 3cms wide, from the bottom to meet the horizontal line and cut with scissors. These tabs will form the base. Draw a line about $\frac{1}{2}$ " or 1.5cms on one side for overlap.

2. Colour the paper above the line with markers. Choose bright colours to get the best illumination. Decorate one side of the card strip to complement your lantern design, unless you are putting it inside.

3. Place your coloured paper onto a clean surface (tray, newsprint, plastic, foil). Put a small amount of oil on a rag or paper towel and rub well into the paper. Do NOT oil tabs. Turn the paper over and oil the reverse side. Check it is fully oiled by holding up and looking at both sides – if there are opaque or cloudy areas, rub in more oil. Once it is fully covered use the other rag or towel to wipe off any excess oil.

4. Roll the paper to make a cylinder with a small overlap, staple or pin to hold. Fold the bottom tabs into the centre, overlap them to form the base, tape on the underside and the inside to hold together. Alternatively, glue each tab and let dry.

5. Place the strip of card at the top of the cylinder, inside or out, staple, or pin it to form a solid edge.

6. Poke two small holes with a hole punch, or other tool, through the edge strip, on opposite sides.

To form the handle, put the ends of the wire or string through each hole and twist or tie to secure.

7. Place your tea light into the base of the lantern, used folded tape it if you want to be extra secure.

8. Light the tea light, hold up your beautiful lantern and admire the glow!

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