

PAPER LANTERN INSTRUCTIONS

You will need: wire (#16 or #18 for frame, #20 or #22 for connectors)
 tissue paper
 glue
 tea-candle
 duct tape (optional)
 gluestick or Elmer's

Tools required: pliers
 wire cutters
 scissors
 glue gun (optional)

The lantern is made of a wire frame and a tissue paper covering. Hot glue or duct tape holds the frame together. Glue stick or Elmer's is used for the tissue paper covering and decorations.

1. Bend wire to form a shape such as a circle, star, moon. Repeat to make a second or third form as needed.
2. Connect forms using thinner wire in several locations.
3. Push two wires through base of candle and secure to form.

Use hot glue or duct tape to make connections and cover all sharp ends.

4. Cut tissue paper to the shape of each surface of your form leaving about one inch of overlap all the way round.
5. Glue edge of tissue paper, fold over frame, and press into place.
6. Repeat for all surfaces (front, back, and side panels) except for immediately above and below the candle.

DO NOT COVER FRAME ABOVE OR BELOW THE CANDLE.

If you attempt to get really creative by making fish, turtles or other creatures, decorative pieces can be added by cutting and pasting more tissue paper e.g. eyes, fish scales, bird feathers.

This is not as easy as it looks, and nobody makes a perfect looking lantern the first time.

However, it will be almost dark when they are lit so nobody will notice glue splotches, rips and tears, or oddball shapes. **HAVE FUN.**

