

## TISSUE PAPER ON PLASTIC BOTTLE OR GLASS JAR

### NEEDS:

- Plastic 2 Liter bottle OR Glass Jar/container
- Scissors
- Elmer's Glue for the Glue mixture ( $\frac{1}{2}$  glue +  $\frac{1}{2}$  water mix – a 1 to 1 ratio)
- Tissue Paper
- Soft Bristle brush
- Hole-punch
- Wire or String for handle
- Battery-operated candle
- Stick for handle
- Scotch tape
- Toilet paper/paper towel roll (to make base for battery operated candle)



1. If you are using a plastic bottle – first remove the cone-shaped top portion of the bottle by poking a hole in the plastic using an Exacto Knife or the tip of the scissors. Young children should not poke the plastic. Let an adult do this for them. Then cut off the top portion with scissors. You now have a nice wide opening for your lantern. Make sure the bottle is clean & dry.
2. If you are using a glass jar, just make sure it is clean & dry.
3. Tear or cut your tissue paper into the sizes you will need for your design. You can use cut OR torn pieces of tissue paper or mix torn & cut pieces together. Your design can be abstract or you can try to re-create something. It may help if you think of this as a kind of paper mosaic or stained glass.
4. In a small bowl or cup, make the glue mixture. Use equal amounts of glue & water. Stir well.
5. Brush some of the glue mixture onto the bottle or jar. Place your tissue paper piece onto the bottle/jar and paint over the paper again with the glue mixture. Brush on more glue, place more tissue paper, paint more of the glue mixture over the paper. Repeat, repeat, repeat...



6. Slowly you will cover the entire bottle/jar. You can layer pieces if you want too.
7. After the glue mixture dries, you can use a hole-punch to make 2 holes for your handle. Punch 2 holes on opposite sides of the top of the lantern. Use 12" of string or wire and loop it through the holes and twist or tie it so it is secure.



8. You can just use the handle or you may attach a short stick (15 inches or so) to the wire or string handle using tape.
9. Insert the battery-operated candle. You can tape the candle down, too (on the bottom) to secure the battery-operated candle so it doesn't rattle around in the bottom of your lantern.

**Battery-operated candle base:** Cut 1 inch off a toilet paper or paper towel roll. Make 6 small 1/2 inch long cuts along one end. Bend these flaps outward. Glue the base to the inside bottom of the lantern. Let dry. Battery operated candle (safest) or votive candle will fit in nicely.



You are ready for the parade!

For the ***InLight Richmond Community Lantern Parade***, we are recommending that participants use battery-operated tea lights in their lanterns for safety reasons. They are available at Target, most drugstores, Michaels and A.C. Moore Art Supply Stores, Bed, Bath & Beyond, etc. HOWEVER, if you have trouble locating a battery-operated candle, bring your homemade lantern down to the parade, and we can provide you with one.

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We look forward to seeing you at the parade!

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