DIY Handheld Lantern Instructions

Materials
- Plastic Bottle
- pipe cleaner or string
- school glue
- led candle or puck light
- tissue paper (assorted colors)

Tools
- paint brush
- scissors
- hole punch

(1) Select & Prepare a Container
2 Liter soda bottle works well. Remove any labels, cut off narrow top opening, and wash and dry bottle.

(2) Prepare Glue
Mix glue with water (approximate ratio 10 parts glue to 1 part water). Should not be drippy.

(3) Create a Tissue Base
Select a color (or colors) for a tissue base to cover your bottle. Cut enough squares (approximately 2" x 2", needn't be perfect) to cover the bottle twice. Working in sections, apply a thin coat of glue mix and tap tissue on top. Overlap tissue slightly. Once bottle is covered apply another layer of tissue. Work gently to keep the tissue from tearing. You can "stabilize" the bottle by holding one hand inside. It is optional to cover the bottom of the bottle.

(4) Create & Apply your Design
This can be anything that delights you! A geometric pattern using bright colors or a single color, something abstract, or a more literal interpretation of "winter bloom" with flowers, plants, birds, or butterflies. The color of your base will impact how your design comes across. Cut tissue (with clean dry hands) to create your design. If helpful, you can sketch on tissue with pencil before cutting. Apply design by gently tapping pieces onto wet base, then applying a thin, final layer of glue mix. Let this dry completely before moving on to the final step.

(5) Optional Handle & Light
If you'd like a small carrying handle, you can punch two holes in the top of your soda bottle and use string or a pipe cleaner to create a simple handle. Light the lantern with an LED tea light or an LED puck light for a brighter effect.

Voila! Enjoy!