

Learn how to make...

Tissue Paper Lanterns

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED:

BAMBOO, WILLOW or STRAIGHT STICKS about 1/4" in diameter:

- 3 EACH of 15" Lengths - (for Lantern)
- 3 EACH of 10" Lengths - (for Lantern)
- 2 EACH of 7-10" Lengths - (for Lantern)
- 1 EACH - 4' Length - (for Pole)

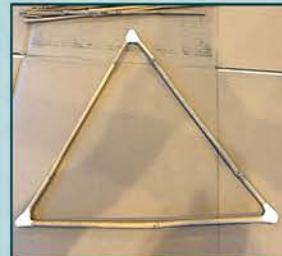
- Elmers Glue
- Zip Ties
- Puck light
- cardboard
- White Masking tape
- Wet Strength Tissue Paper
- Colored Tissue Paper

STEP 1: Build the Frame

- Using masking tape, join together three of the 10" lengths of willow into a triangle. (This will be the base of your lantern.)
- Then tape the three 15" lengths of willow to each corner of the triangle on one end, and all together into a point on the other (like a small tipi)
- Take the last two 7-10" lengths of willow and cut down to fit across the bottom of the triangle base, about 2" apart. Tape to the frame.



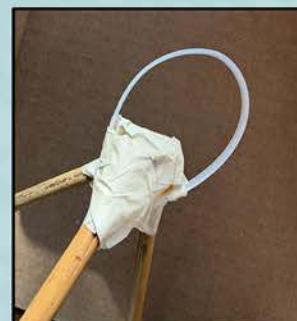
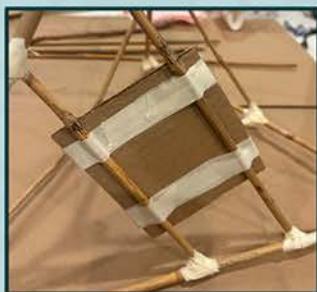
- Cut a square out of carboard (roughly 3x3in) and tape onto the middle of the two bottom cross beams.



HOT TIP!

If you have extra sticks you can create more supporting shapes around the sides of the frame!

- Lastly, create a loop with a large Zip Tie and fasten it to the top point of the lantern with two smaller zip ties. Secure with masking tape



STEP 2: Cover

- Mix some of the glue with water, and using a paintbrush gently apply to sheets of wet strength tissue paper and cover just the outside of the lantern.
- Make sure to leave the bottom open so you can install the puck light!



STEP 3: Decorate

- Once the wet-strength tissue paper dries, you can now cut out shapes from the colored tissue paper and plan how you want to decorate your lantern!
- Paint a thin layer of the glue mixture onto your colored tissue paper shapes and apply them to the lantern. Once on the lantern, you can brush the top with a thin bit of glue as well. Once finished, let dry.



HOT TIP!

A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY!
Don't go too heavy with glue
at this stage!



- Using two small zip ties tightly fix the top zip tie loop of the lantern to the end of the long Bamboo pole.
- Lastly, peel the paper off the sticky bottom of the puck light and attach onto the top of the cardboard platform inside the lantern.



Click on the light,
and glow away with your beautiful lantern!

Hooray... You DID IT!!!