

FIG at Home

PAPER LANTERN

As winter approaches, bring a little light into the darkness.

MATERIALS

- Balloon
- Paintbrush
- Tissue paper
- White glue
- Water
- Bowls
- Colorful leaves
- Yarn or string
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Tea light or LED light
- Matches

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using a paintbrush, make a mixture of half white glue and half water.
2. Tear tissue paper into manageable pieces, but not too small.
3. Inflate a balloon and place it in a bowl to keep it steady.
4. Start layering the tissue onto the balloon using the glue mixture. Be sure to add several layers (about 8) and avoid any thin spots.
5. Begin to add in the leaves after a few layers.
6. Completely dry your creation overnight.
7. Pop the balloon and carefully remove it from the paper.
8. Trim the opening of the lantern.
9. Use a hole punch to make two holes on opposite sides of the opening.
10. Thread the yarn or string through the holes to create a handle.
11. Place a tea light inside and light it.
Optional: Use an LED light.



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