

Make Your Own Lantern for.....

“LIGHT UP LANGHOLM THIS CHRISTMAS”

CHRISTMAS TREE LANTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Materials you will need:

Willow rods (supplied)
Tissue paper (supplied)
Masking tape (supplied)
Garden Cane (supplied)
PVA glue (supplied)
Wire (supplied)
Battery tea light (supplied)

Not supplied:

Scissors
Sponge or large brush
Plastic bowl or old plate



There are enough materials in your pack to make one Christmas Tree lantern. You will need to supply some basic items but if you can't get them then let us know and we'll do our best to help.

These are the willow rods you will need:

- 6 x 20 cm – for the top triangles
- 6 x 25 cm – for the middle triangles
- 6 x 30 cm – for the bottom triangles
- 2 x 45 cm – for the middle support
- 16 x 10 cm – for the uprights

There is also some spare willow in your pack in case anything breaks.

Once you've made your lantern – take a picture and post to the Centre Stage Facebook page.

Keep your lantern in a safe place as in December there will be something special for you to show your lantern.

Please tell your friends who may wish to make a lantern and if you need any help get in touch with me via Centre Stage Facebook page.

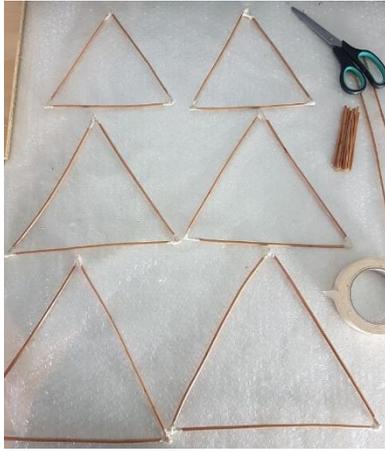
Steph MacKenzie

**CENTRE
STAGE
THEATRE**

Thanks to

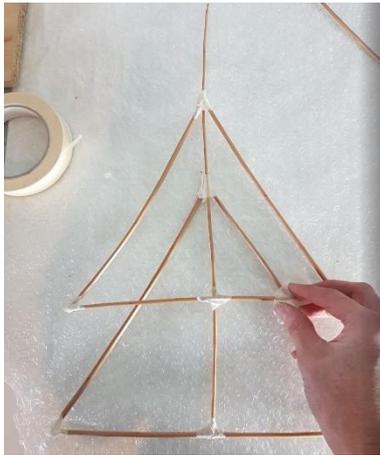


**DAVID STEVENSON
TRUST**

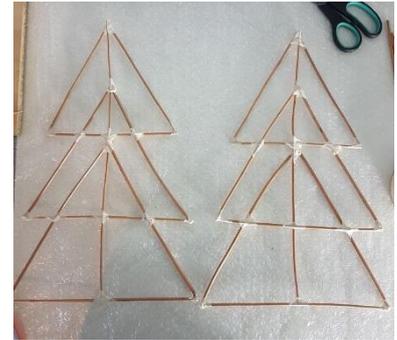


Building your Lantern

1. Use the 20 cm willow rods to make two triangles for the top part of the tree. Use a piece of masking tape to fix the willow rods together at the corners.
2. Use the 25 cm willow rods to make two triangles for the middle of the tree.
3. Use the 30 cm willow rods to make two more triangles for the bottom of the tree – you should have six triangles altogether.



4. Starting with the bottom triangles, lay the triangles out on top of the two long middle support willows, so they are overlapping.
5. Tape each one in turn at each join until you have three triangles attached to each support, forming two tree shapes.



Tip – try and make sure that your tree shapes are roughly the same



6. Start attaching the 10 cm uprights to each join on the first Christmas tree.
7. Stick an extra upright 2 or 3 cms away from the middle at the bottom as shown in the picture – you will need this to attach a light to later.

Tip – if your willow gets a bit too thin, you can stick two pieces together to make it stronger.

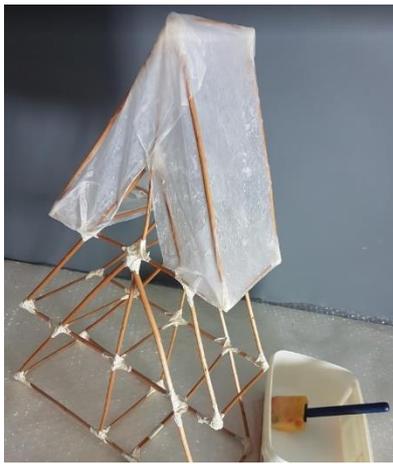


8. Using the tape for each join, attach the second Christmas Tree to the top of the uprights. This bit is fiddly – don't worry if it looks a bit wonky or messy 😊
9. Use the wire to make a loop at the top of the lantern – wrap it around a few times and then secure it with tape to make sure that there are no sharp ends sticking out. You need this for hanging the lantern up later.

Covering your lantern with tissue

Before you start:

- Covering the lantern can get messy so make sure you put a protective cover on the table and wear clothes that you don't mind getting gluey...
- You will need to water down your PVA glue – mix one part glue to two parts water.
- You might have different types of tissue paper – use the strong white tissue paper to cover the lantern first, it stays strong even when it's wet and you can add any colours or decoration afterwards. You cannot use the coloured tissue to cover the lantern initially, it will tear.
- Cut or tear your white tissue into pieces to cover the lantern – the pieces should be large enough to stretch across the frame. It can be used in strips, squares or sheets.



1. Use your sponge or brush to start applying the glue to the tissue paper. You need to cover the whole sheet and then wipe off or squeeze out as much glue as you can – it shouldn't be dripping.
2. Stretch the tissue paper over your lantern frame and smooth out the creases.
3. Carry on stretching your pieces of tissue paper until the frame is covered with two layers of tissue paper.



4. **Remember** to leave a hole in the base next to where the light will go – large enough to get your hand in.
5. You can decorate your lantern however you choose. You can use the coloured tissue paper to brighten it up and add patterns or pictures. If you leave your lantern to dry you can use paint, pens, silhouettes cut out from thick paper and any other craft materials to decorate your lantern. Let your imagination go wild 😊



6. Lastly, when your lantern has dried, you will need to stick the tea light to the frame inside your lantern, onto the extra upright you added earlier. Use some strong tape and remember that you will still need to be able to turn the light on and off.