

Easy Lanterns for Indoors or Outdoors

Simple to make lanterns to help make the most of the balmy summer evenings. The glass jars can double up as matching vases.
What you will need:

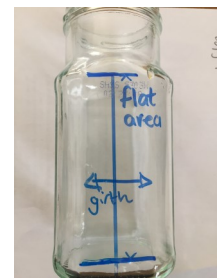
- **Jam/chutney jar or similar** - well washed out
- **Gift wrap, tissue paper or fine fabric**
- **Battery operated tea lights** (available in most diy/craft stores)
- **Sellotape** (double sided is even better)
- **Ruler, fabric measuring tape, pencil/pen and scissors**
- **Ribbon or string** if required to be a hanging lantern



Step 1 Gather the ingredients

Step 1 Have all items required to hand. If making a collection of lanterns, measure all the jars that you would like to cover with paper. Ensure that a tealight will fit inside any smaller jars before decorating!

Step 2 I chose the flattest area of the jar for simplicity. Measure the height of the area of the jar and also the girth around its middle.



Step 2 Measure the jar

Step 3 Mark these measurements onto the paper. Draw and cut out the resulting rectangular shape(s). Be careful of choosing heavily patterned paper as the pattern might not 'match up'.



Step 3 Cut to size



Step 4 Roll the paper



Step 4 Secure paper tightly

Step 4 Using double sided tape, secure paper firmly to jar trying to have patterns match up if possible.

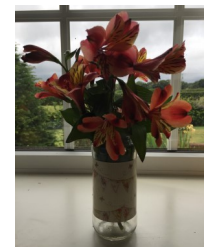
Step 5 If required, tie ribbon/string/fine wire around the neck of the jar and secure tightly to make a loop from which to hang the lantern. Place a battery operated tea light inside the jar, sit back, enjoy the natural light fade and your lantern come to life!



Step 5 Make a looped hanger

Step 6 Lanterns and vases make lovely individual gifts.....

A decorated vase with fresh picked blooms in summer or with holly and berries for Christmas time.....



Step 6 Get gifting!