

Make Your Own Lantern for.....

“LIGHT UP LANGHOLM THIS CHRISTMAS”

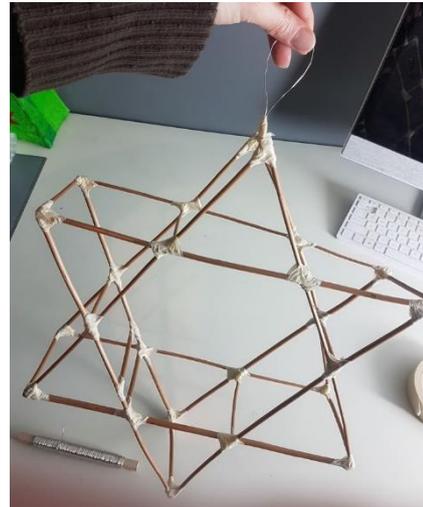
CHRISTMAS STAR LANTERN INSTRUCTIONS

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 six-pointed star 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:

- 12 x 30cm – for the triangles to make two stars
- 13 x 10cm – 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.

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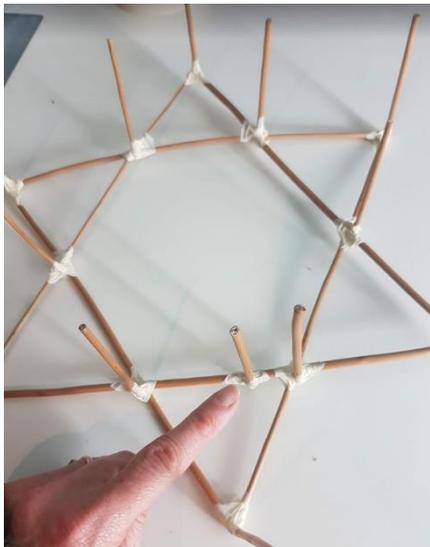
Building your Lantern



1. Use the 30cm willow rods to make four triangles. Use a piece of masking tape to fix the willow rods together at the corners.

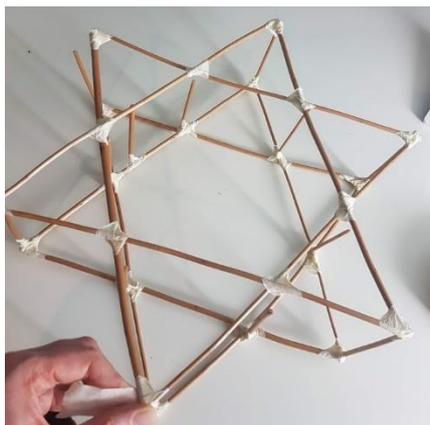


2. Arrange the triangles as two pairs so that each pair makes a six pointed star. Tape the triangles at each point where the willow crosses.

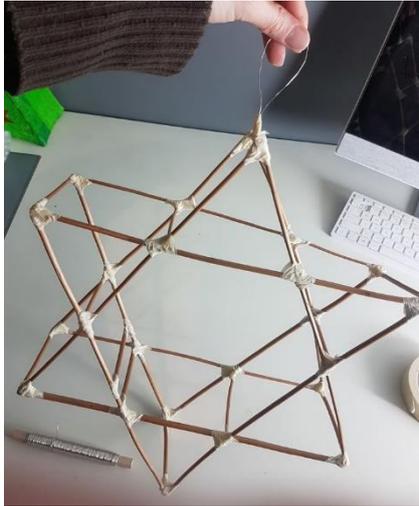


3. Take one of the stars and tape a 10cm willow 'upright' rod to each of the six points of the star and to all the the places where the willow crosses.

4. Tape an extra 10cm rod a couple of cms away from one of the inside uprights, as shown in the picture. This will be the bottom of the lantern and you'll need this to stick your light to later.



5. Tape the top star to the tops of each of the 13 upright willow rods. You should now have the frame of a star lantern.



6. Lastly, use the wire to make a loop at the top of the lantern – make sure it is at the opposite end to where you stuck the extra upright. Wrap the wire round 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.



The lantern shown here has five points – you might like to try this... the six pointed one is easier though 😊

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 willow rod you added earlier. Use some strong tape and remember that you will still need to be able to turn the light on and off.