

How to make a lantern



You will need

- ★ Recycled plastic drinks bottles
- ★ Felt tip pen
- ★ Scissors (grown-up use only)
- ★ Multi-coloured tissue paper
- ★ 3 parts PVA glue mixed with 1 part warm water
- ★ Paintbrush (for glue application)
- ★ Ribbon or string
- ★ Glue stick or sticky tape
- ★ Mini torch or LED light
- ★ Decorations e.g. stickers, feathers, pens

Introduction

Recycle a plastic drinks bottle into a colourful glowing lantern.

Instructions

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Using a marker pen, draw a line all the way around the middle of the plastic bottle. Ask a grown-up to cut along this line. The bottom part of the bottle will become your lantern. The top can be recycled.

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Rip up the tissue paper into small squares.

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Use a brush to paste the PVA glue and water mix all over the outside of the bottle, spreading it thinly.

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While the glue is still wet, stick the torn up tissue paper to the bottle, covering the whole of the outside.

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Once the bottle is covered in tissue paper, paint over it with another coat of the glue paste. Leave to dry.

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To make the handle, attached each end of a piece of ribbon or string to the inside of the bottle using sticky tape or a glue stick. If you wish, stick decorations to the outside of the lantern.

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Turn on your torch or LED light and place it inside your lantern to make it glow.