

MILK CARTON LANTERN



NEEDS:

- Milk carton
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Elmer's glue or Glue Stick
- Tissue Paper
- Markers
- Hole punch
- Wire or String
- Battery-operated candle
- Toilet paper/paper towel roll (to make base for battery-operated candle)
- Optional: Construction paper

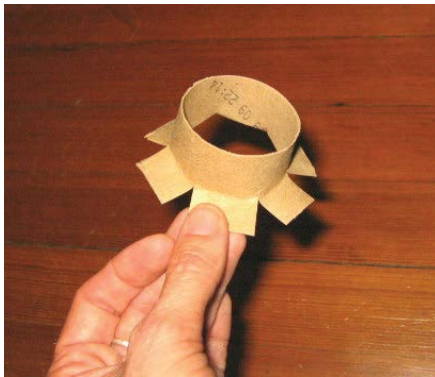
1. Open up your milk carton completely at the top. Clean, rinse, and dry the carton.
2. Using scissors or a pencil point, poke a small hole into each side of the carton, then use scissors to cut a window opening into each side.
3. Lay the milk carton on its side. Trace the side of the carton onto a piece of tissue paper. Do this 4 times, one for each side of the carton. Cut out these 4 rectangles. You now have your 4 pieces of tissue paper to draw on. These pieces of paper will eventually be glued onto the sides of the cartons over the window openings you cut out earlier. The tissue paper rectangles can be all one color, or all different!



4. Think about the image you want to be illuminated through the window openings. It can be an abstract design, or something realistic. Your choice!
5. After you have completed your drawings, you can start gluing the tissue to the carton. Spread the glue around the window opening, making sure to go to the edges too. Carefully place your first drawing onto one side. Continue gluing the other drawings onto the carton until all 4 are on.



6. You will be able to see the logos & words that were on the carton through the tissue paper. This may or may not bother you. If it does bother you, simply tear or cut smaller pieces of tissue paper and glue them over the see-through parts. Or, you may use thicker construction paper to cover the parts you want to hide.
7. The paper on your lantern will be somewhat fragile until the glue dries, so be careful!
8. Take the hole punch and make a hole in the middle of 2 opposite sides at the top of the open carton. Tie the string or attach the wire for your lantern handle.
9. Battery-operated candle base: Cut 1 inch off a toilet paper or paper towel roll. Make 6 small 1/2 inch long cuts along one end. Bend these flaps outward. Glue the base to the inside bottom of the lantern. Let dry. Battery-operated candle (safest) or votive candle will fit in nicely.



For the ***InLight Richmond Community Lantern Parade***, we are recommending that participants use battery-operated tea lights in their lanterns for safety reasons. They are available at Target, most drugstores, Michaels and A. C. Moore Art Supply Stores, Bed, Bath & Beyond, etc. **HOWEVER**, if you have trouble locating a battery-operated candle, bring your homemade lantern down to the parade, and we can provide you with one.

For more information about ***InLight Richmond*** please visit www.1708gallery.org/inlight.

We look forward to seeing you at the parade!

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