

## SQUARE COLUMN LANTERN



### Need:

- Sheet of heavy-duty paper or “cardstock”. At least 12”x12” or 11”x14”.
- Glue (Elmers is fine)
- Scissors
- Thin bendable wire or string for the handle (green gardening wire works well)
- Battery-operated tea light
- Toilet paper or paper towel roll (to make a base to hold the tea light)

### Helpful but not necessary:

- Hole punch or awl

### PAPER CHOICES:

There are beautiful decorative papers out there at most art supply stores. If you choose to use a decorative paper – pick one that is sturdy but has some transparency to it, so that light can get through easily.

Plain cardstock paper works well too, but should be used with cut-out designs since cardstock is sturdy but not very transparent.

Please note: It is suggested that you read the directions all the way through before starting. And these are just basic instructions. Feel free to use your imagination and come up with your own unique creation!

### TO MAKE THE LANTERN:

- 1) Make a ¼ inch fold along one edge



- 2) Bring far edge of paper to this folded line & make a crease.



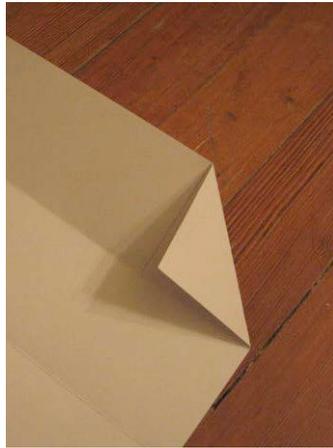
- 3) Fold in half again and take this newly folded edge and bring it up to the first folded (1/4 inch) line and make another crease.



- 4) Open up the piece of paper. You should now have 4 long, vertical areas of equal size, and the long skinny 1/4 fold on one side.
- 5) Make a 1/2 inch crease across the top of the paper and fold. This will reinforce the top edge of your lantern where the handle will be.



- 6) This series of folds in step 6 will make the bottom of your lantern the correct square size and shape once the flaps are cut in the step 7. Take the bottom corner edge (opposite the long skinny folded edge) and bend it over so that the edge lines up with the crease nearest to it. Make a mark along the top edge of the corner. Unfold the corner.



Use the mark as the site for the next fold line, and make an even fold along the bottom.



- 7) Using the original 4 vertical creases as guides, make 4 cuts up from the bottom of the paper up to this fold. These 4 large flaps will fold up and be glued together to form the base of the lantern later. (You can tear or cut off the skinny little  $\frac{1}{4}$ " side piece.)



## DECORATION OPTIONS:

Option A) Before you glue lantern together cut designs into the paper. You can cut along the folds if you like. Remember to keep the cut-out areas small so that the lantern maintains its structural integrity.



Option B) Draw or paint on the paper. You may also do a combination of cutting & drawing!

8) Now, spread a thin layer of glue along the long  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch edge of your paper and join the two long edges.



9) Glue the four bottom flaps to make the bottom of the lantern.



## TEA LIGHT BASE:

Cut 1 inch off a toilet paper or paper towel roll. Make 6 small ½ 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.



## HANDLE:

Use a hole puncher (or - with adult supervision - something sharp) to make a small hole on both sides of the lantern near the top. Thread the wire or cord through the holes.

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.

FYI: If you do end up using a votive candle in your lantern – place the candle in its base. Then use a long fireplace match to light your candle. The opening of a lantern constructed with 12”x12” paper is TOO NARROW for you to stick your hand into while you are holding a short match.

Also, if you choose to use a votive candle in your lantern, you will want to use a stick or pole (1 ½ foot) to hold your lantern so that your hand does not get burned when you hold the lantern. Just secure the lantern handle to the end of pole with duct tape. Double wrap the end of the pole with the tape to make it less sharp too!

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We look forward to seeing you at the parade!  
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