

**Be
Curious**

Make your own...

Celebration lantern



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You will need:

- A sheet of paper
- Scissors
- Decorating materials
- Glue or sticky tape
- An LED tea light (optional)

Instructions

1. Design

On a rectangular piece of paper draw or write things you'd like to celebrate – people, places, or moments that make you happy.



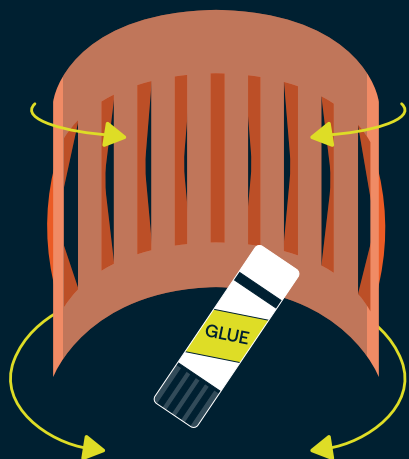
2. Fold

Fold your paper in half lengthways.

3. Cut

From the folded edge, draw lines towards the other side, stopping about three quarters of the way across. Keep the lines about 2 cm apart. Carefully cut along them.





4. Assemble

Unfold your paper, then roll it into a tube so the cuts run up and down.

Glue or tape the edges together to make your lantern shape.

5. Finishing touches

Using strips of paper, add a handle and rims around the top and bottom of your lantern.



6. Shed some light!

If you have one, pop in an LED tea light to make it glow!



Now try this!

Find out which holidays around the world celebrate light. Design a new lantern for each one, using colours or patterns that show what makes each celebration special.



Inspired by research

Light is more than just something that helps us see—it's full of meaning. People all over the world use light to celebrate, remember, and understand big ideas.

In Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism, the festival of Diwali is all about light. It celebrates Dharma—doing what's right. Zoroastrians honour fire and light as signs of truth and wisdom. In the Bible, God says “Let there be light!” at the very beginning. In Islam, light can mean Nur, a symbol of divine guidance and kindness, or Nar, fire that can be dangerous or tricky.

Light also connects to learning. The word Enlightenment means growing in knowledge—through science, reason, and even spiritual understanding.

Researchers study religion to explore how people make sense of the world. You could use light to help you make sense of big ideas like hope, trust, and change. It also helps us have conversations between different beliefs, showing how we can share ideas even when we all don't believe the same things.

By learning about light in religion, we discover new ways to understand each other—and the world around us.

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