

# CARTON CRAFT ACTIVITY

# LANTERN



**Let's repurpose a half-gallon carton into a beautiful, glowing lantern!**  
**You can make a table top lantern or one that hangs.**

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

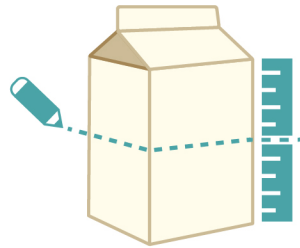
- ☐ Standard half-gallon sized paper milk or juice carton
- ☐ Permanent marker or pen
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Ruler
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ Acrylic or craft paint
- ☐ Paint brushes
- ☐ Colored tissue paper
- ☐ Hole punch
- ☐ String
- ☐ Electric Tea Lights (NOT real flames)

## INSTRUCTIONS:

**For this project, you will only need the bottom half of your carton. You can measure halfway up if you'd like, but it does not have to be exact.**

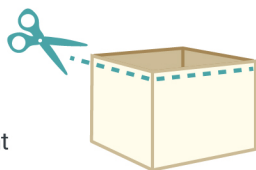
### STEP 1

Using a ruler and pen or permanent marker, draw a horizontal line half way up your carton that goes all the way around the four sides of your carton.



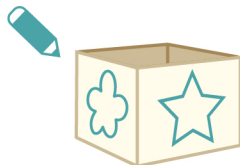
### STEP 2

Using your scissors, cut on the line, all the way around your carton so that you have two halves, the top and the bottom. You will only be using the bottom half. Set the top half to the side to use for a different project or to recycle.



### STEP 3

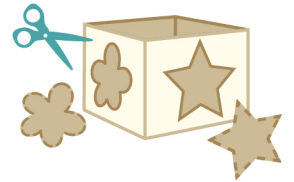
Use your pen or permanent marker to draw designs on all four sides of your lantern. Simple designs will be



the easiest to cut out later, such as big flowers, hearts, stars, suns and moons, abstract and geometric shapes. Get creative, but not too tiny.

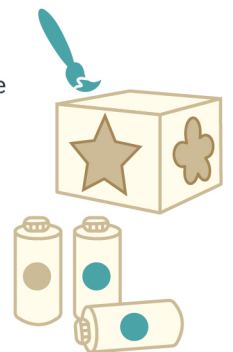
### STEP 4

Carefully cut out each of your designs on the sides of your lantern. This way the light can shine through the sides of your lantern. (Be sure to ask an adult for help if you need it)



### STEP 5

Once your designs are cut out, it's time to paint the outside of your lantern with any color of your choosing. If you turn it upside down, you can paint all four sides and the bottom. This way, the bottom will also look nice if you decide to hang your lantern.



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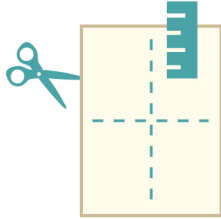
Once your lantern is dry, grab your tissue paper and pick a color that contrasts nicely with your paint color. For example, don't use purple if your lantern is painted purple; maybe use pink or yellow.

(Be sure to ask a parent or teacher for help if you need it!)



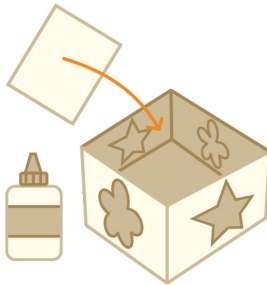
### STEP 7

Cut four rectangles out of your tissue paper that will fit inside the sides of your lantern. You can use the ruler to measure for this part, or you can lay your lantern down on its side on the tissue paper and trace four times.



### STEP 8

Glue the tissue paper INSIDE on EACH of the four walls of your lantern.



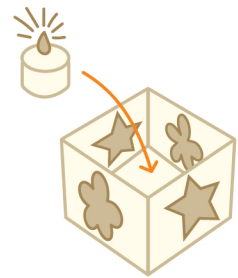
### STEP 9

If you want the lantern to hang, you can use the hole punch to make a hole toward the top of two parallel sides of the carton. Then thread your string through both holes and tie at the top, making a triangle shape with the bottom of the triangle going through the two holes you punched in the lantern. Skip this step if you want it to sit on a table.



### STEP 10

Add your electric tea light, and your lantern is complete!



### BONUS POINTS:

Make more than one lantern and give it to a friend or family member!

Share how cartons can be repurposed into an eco-friendly, fun craft like this lantern.

