

MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER LAMP!

A simple cut-and-fold lantern craft

Name: _____ Date: _____



Your paper lamp can glow with a battery-operated LED tea light.

What You Will Make

You will turn one sheet of paper into a colorful lantern by folding, cutting, rolling, and decorating it.

SAFETY FIRST

Use only a battery-operated LED tea light. Never place a real candle, flame, or hot light bulb inside a paper lamp. Ask an adult for help with scissors or a stapler if needed.

MATERIALS

☐ 1 sheet of colored paper or cardstock	☐ Pencil and ruler
☐ Child-safe scissors	☐ Glue stick, tape, or stapler
☐ Markers, crayons, or stickers	☐ 1 thin paper strip for the handle
☐ Battery-operated LED tea light	☐ Optional: ribbon or string for hanging

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

1 Choose your paper color.	2 Pick your decorations.	3 Clear a flat workspace.
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MY LAMP DESIGN

Draw your planned colors or patterns here:	Quick Reflection My favorite part: _____ The trickiest part: _____ Next time I would: _____
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FOLLOW THE STEPS

Check each box as you finish.



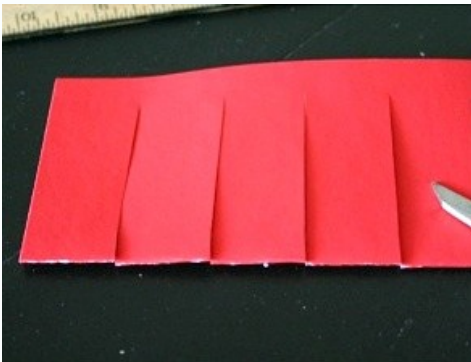
☐ 1. Prepare the paper

Cut a narrow strip from one short end and save it for the handle. Then fold the larger sheet in half lengthwise.



☐ 2. Fold it neatly

Press along the fold so you have a strong crease. Keep the open edges together.



☐ 3. Cut the slits

Starting at the folded edge, cut straight slits about 1 inch apart. Stop about 1 inch before the open edge so the paper stays connected.



☐ 4. Open and roll

Unfold the paper. Bring the two short ends together to make a cylinder. Tape, glue, or staple the seam.



☐ 5. Shape the lantern

Gently press the top and bottom toward each other. The cut strips will bow outward to make the lantern shape.



☐ 6. Add the handle + light

Attach the saved strip across the top as a handle. Decorate your lamp, then place a battery-operated LED tea light inside.

Visual reference photos adapted from TauniEverett.com and TheCraftTrain.com for this educational worksheet.

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