



FERNY CROFTS
Scout Activity Centre

FRIGHT NIGHT

MAKE YOUR OWN...

SPOOKY LANTERNS

Ideas and instructions to make a range of fun spooky lanterns. Bring them along to the Ferny Crofts Fright Night to light your way through the Haunted Forest Trail!





MILK BOTTLE GHOSTS

YOU WILL NEED :

- An empty milk bottle
- White water-based paint
- A battery tea light or glow stick
- Black marker pen/paint

METHOD :

1. Make sure the inside of the bottle is completely clean and dry.
2. Paint the outside of the bottle white to give it more of a ghostly effect.
3. Use a black marker pen or black paint to create a spooky face for your lantern.
4. Place a light inside the bottle and watch it glow! You might want to glue or tape the light inside the bottle to keep it from moving around.
5. You can hold your lantern by the bottle handle.

CHARACTER CUPS

YOU WILL NEED :

- Clear or coloured plastic cups
- Stiff card or cardboard box
- Googly eyes, tissue paper, PVA glue etc for decoration
- Marker pens
- Tape
- Battery tea lights
- Stick, pole or cardboard tube to hold it up

METHOD :

1. Decorate your cup however you see fit to create your spooky character, using paint, tissue paper and PVA.
2. Draw around the outline of the wider end of the cup on a piece of card and cut it out. This will make the base for your tea light.
3. Glue or tape the battery tea light in the middle of the card and fix the bottom of the card to the top of the stick or whatever it is you are using to hold the cup lantern up.
4. Once this glue has set then place the cup over the card and tea light. Glue or tape the cup to the card to hold it all together... but remember to turn the light on first!



PAPER LANTERNS

YOU WILL NEED :

- Coloured card
- Marker pen/pencil
- Glue/sellotape
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Googly eyes, tissue paper etc for decoration
- Glow sticks



METHOD :

You can make big lanterns out of a whole A4 sheet, or cut the A4 sheet in half to make smaller ones.

1. With your sheet of paper in landscape orientation, draw a face for your lantern, as you can see above in the examples. You can also use pieces of card, googly eyes etc.
2. Fold your sheet of paper in half along the longest axis.
3. Now, with the folded edge facing you, cut slits all along the length of the folded piece of paper about 1cm apart. Make the slits finish about 4cm from the non-folded edge. Avoid any decorations such as googly eyes you have stuck on.
4. Open the piece of paper out and roll it into a lantern shape - secure each short edge together with a stapler to form a cylinder, sellotape can also be used to secure it even more.
5. Using another scrap of paper or card, cut a 2-3cm wide length of paper to make the handle, and stick this to the top of the lantern. You can decide how long to make this.
6. You can hang a glow stick from the centre of the handle on a piece of string to create your glowing lantern.



JAM JAR LANTERNS

YOU WILL NEED :

- Jam jars
- Tissue paper or bandages
- PVA Glue
- Black Card
- Googly eyes etc for decoration
- Battery tea lights
- Glue and tape
- Thin metal wire / florist wire
- Scissors



METHOD :

1. Using the black card, draw and then cut out the shapes that you will need to decorate your lantern with.
2. Decorate your jam jar with the materials you have, using some of the pictures on this page for inspiration. You can use tissue paper and PVA, or bandages to create a mummy design.
3. Glue your decoration such as googly eyes and card shapes onto the jar
4. Use tape or glue to secure the battery tea light inside. You can also use a glow stick.
5. On the lid, an adult should drill or poke two holes in either side, thread some florist wire through each hole and tie each end off so that it won't come back through. This will make a handle for your lantern.
6. Screw the lid back on and voila!



OTHER IDEAS...

These are just a few other designs you could try...

