

Light the Night

Lantern crafts for kids

Five fun kids activities to decorate your
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How to make a cylinder paper lantern

Follow these easy steps and create your very own hanging cylinder lantern.

Recommended for kids under 6 years of age

What you'll need



2 sheets of A4 size paper



Scissors



Glue, Stapler or Tape



Coloured pencils, crayons, glitter and other crafts to decorate



An adult to help you

Lantern meaning

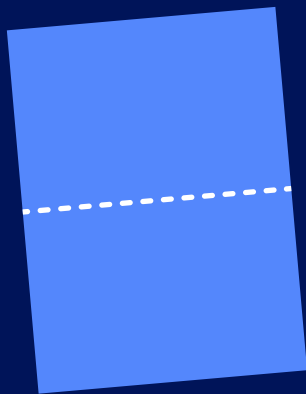
White to reflect
Gold to remember
Blue to support



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Fold

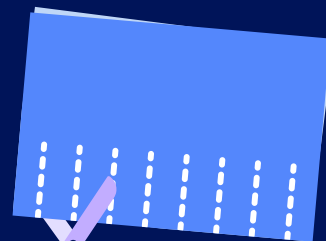


Take a piece of paper and fold it in half horizontally.

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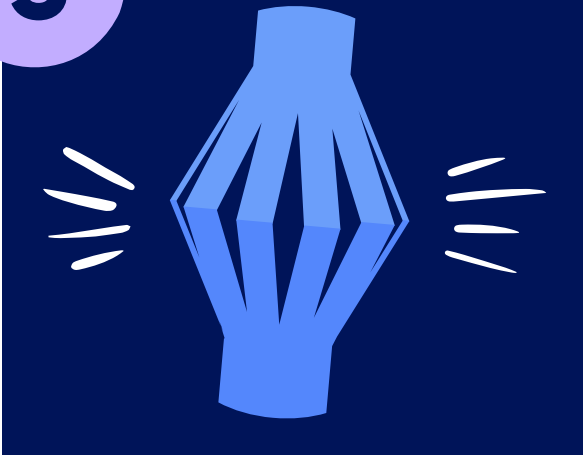


Cut



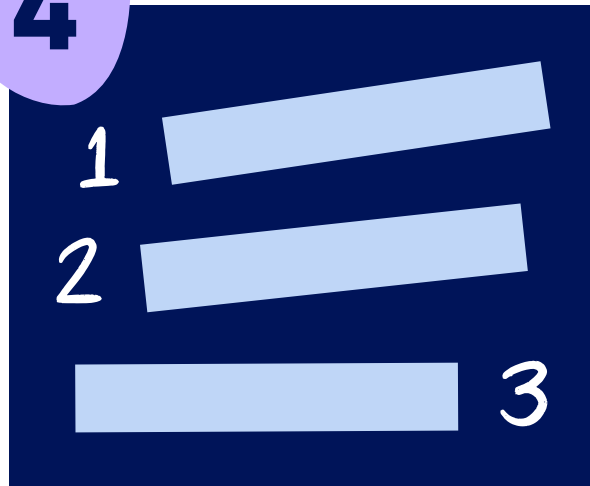
Cut along the folded edge of the paper. However, be sure not to cut all the way through!

3



Open the page, take the ends and connect them to make a cylinder shape. If using tape, be sure to connect the ends from the inside so it is not visible.

4



Cut three thin strips from your second piece of paper. One will be your handle, the remaining two will be your decoration banners.

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Attach the handle to the top of the lantern. Attach the banners at the top (near the handle) and at the base of your lantern.

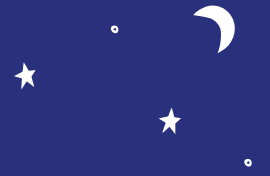
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Have fun decorating!



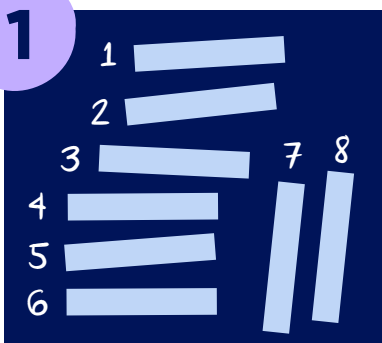
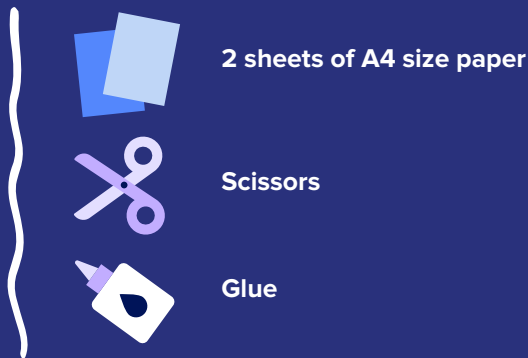
How to make a round paper lantern



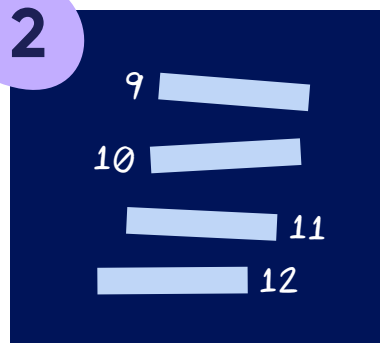
Follow these easy steps and create your very own round hanging lantern.

Recommended for kids 6+

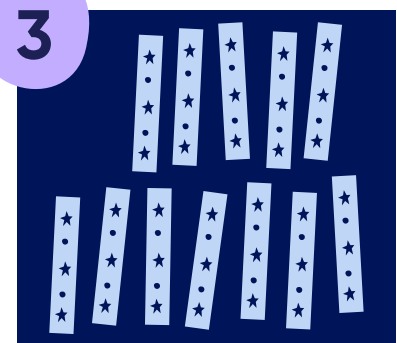
What you'll need



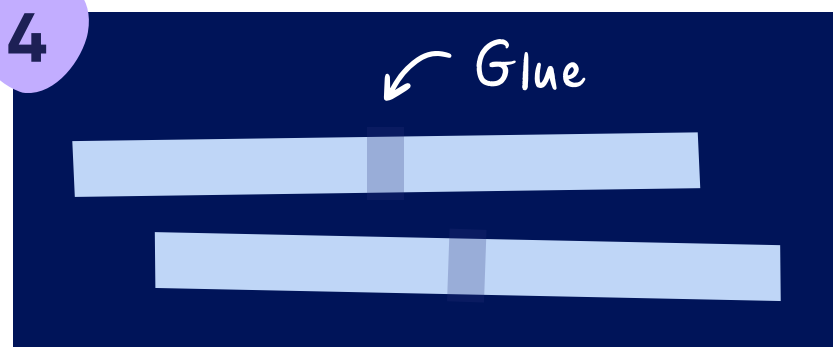
Cut one piece of paper into 8 equal strips



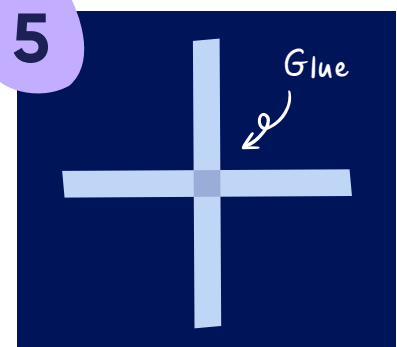
Cut 4 more strips (of the same size) from your second piece of paper



Decorate your 12 paper strips however you like!

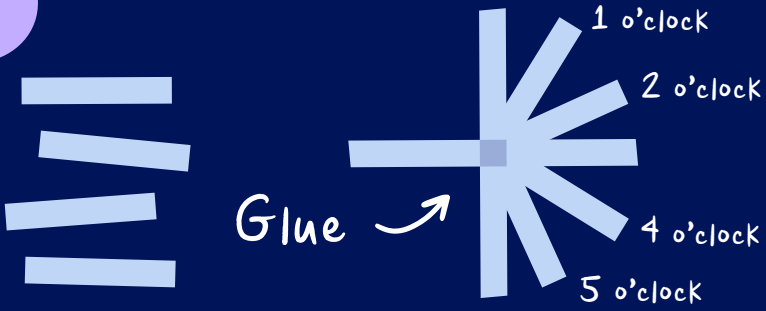


Take two paper strips and glue them together on one end to create a long strip. Take another two paper strips and repeat this step, so you have two long strips.



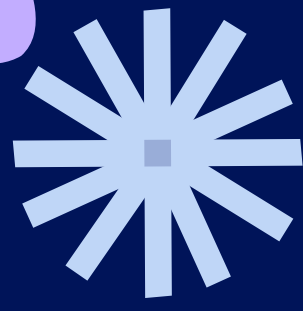
Position the 2 long strips into a cross and glue them together at the center.

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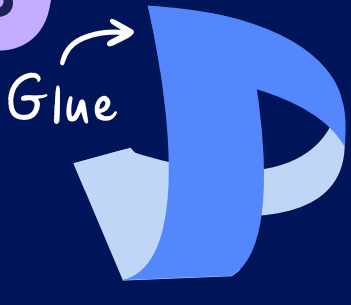
Take four of the eight short strips. Glue them from the middle at 1 o'clock, 2 o'clock, 4 o'clock and 5 o'clock positions on the cross.

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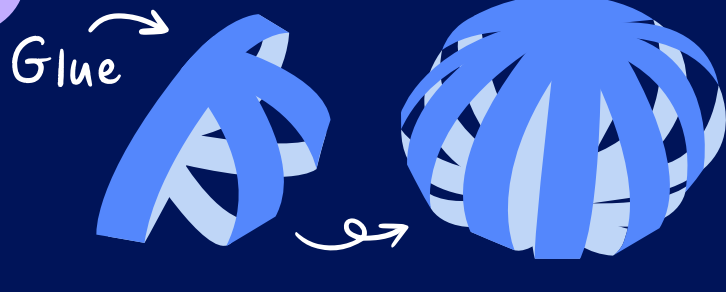
Glue the four remaining short strips at the 7 o'clock, 8 o'clock, 10 o'clock and 11 o'clock positions.

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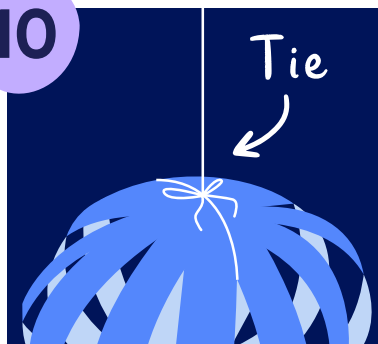
Lift the 1 o'clock strip and add glue to the top, then attached the 2 o'clock strip.

9



Work your way from one adjacent paper strip to the next as shown in Steps 7 & 8 until you've gathered all the paper strips. This will give you a round shape. Let it dry for 15 mins.

10



Loop your string around the top of your round lantern and tie in place.

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Hang your lantern at home proudly on display!



Get colouring!

Colour-in your very own lanterns.



How to make mini lanterns

Get crafty and add your own decorations to these sweet mini lanterns.

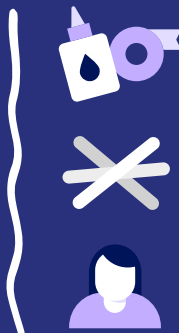
What you'll need



Printer

Coloured pencils, crayons, glitter and other crafts to decorate

Scissors

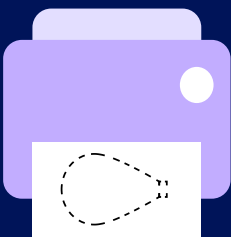


Glue or tape

Paddle pop sticks

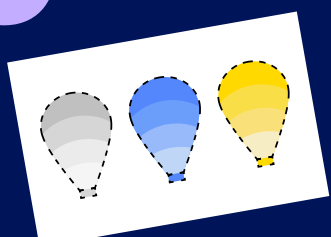
An adult to help you

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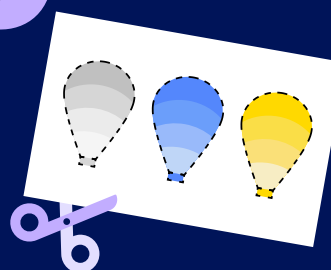
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Decorate the lantern shapes however you like!

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Cut out the lantern shapes (be sure to ask an adult to help you with this step).

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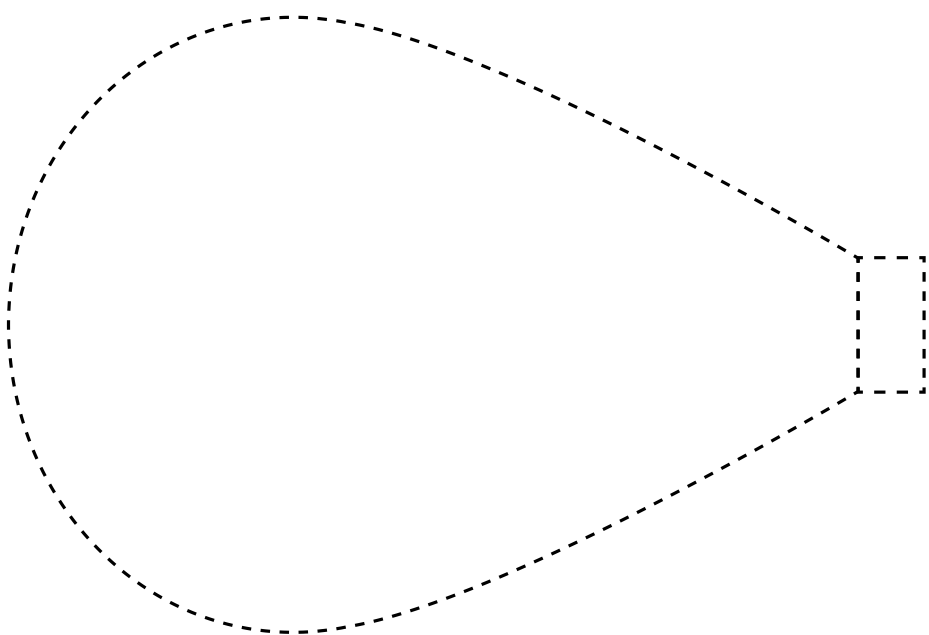
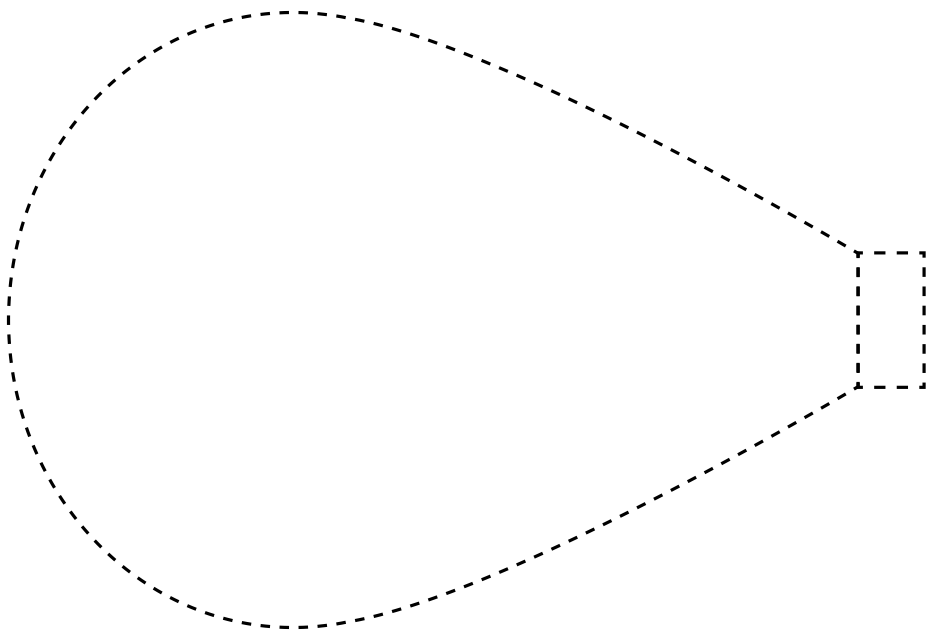
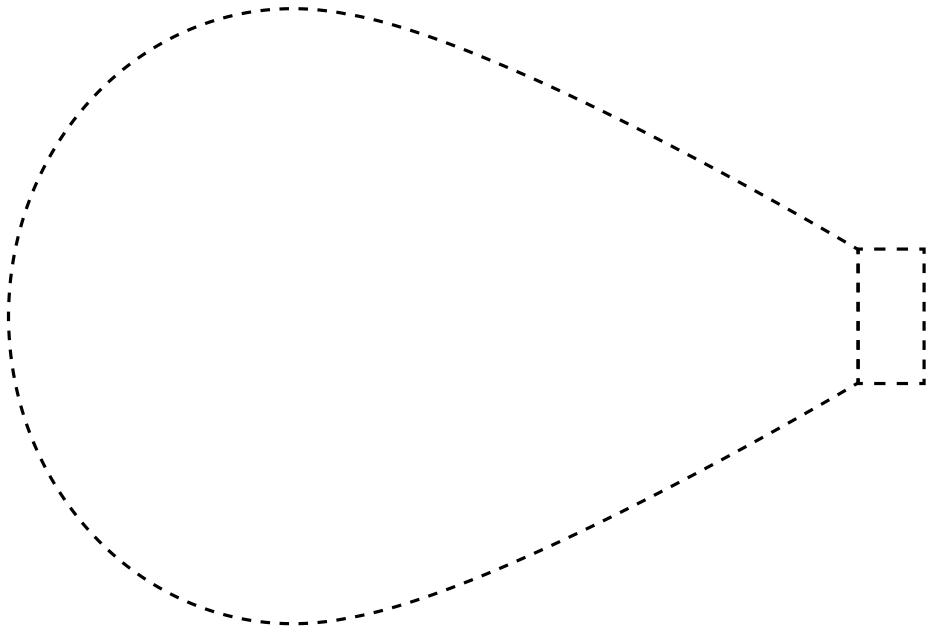
Take one lantern shape and attach it to the top of the paddle pop stick with glue or tape.

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Repeat step 4 for your remaining lantern shapes.





Make your own lantern badge

Here are the tools you need to create your very own lantern badge.

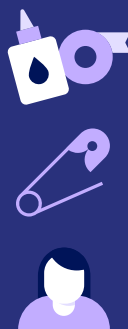
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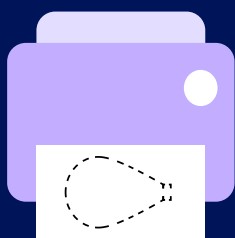


Glue or tape

Safety pin

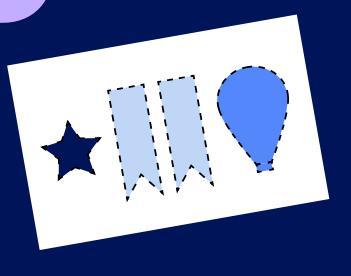
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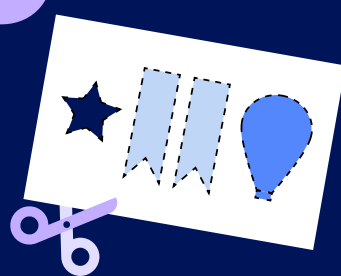
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Decorate the badge templates however you like!

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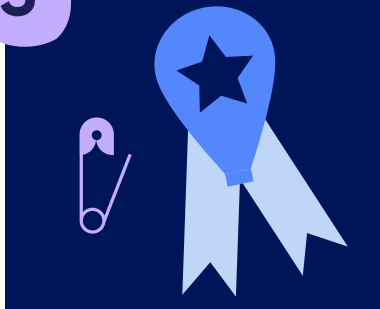
Cut out the lantern and ribbon template that you've decorated (be sure to ask an adult to help you with this step).

4



Take your lantern and attach it to the end of your ribbon with glue or tape.

5



Ask an adult to help you wear your lantern badge by using the safety pin to attach your badge to your t-shirt!



