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# LANTERN MAKING HOW-TO



# BASIC BAMBOO LANTERN

START SIMPLE, AND YOU CAN'T GO WRONG...

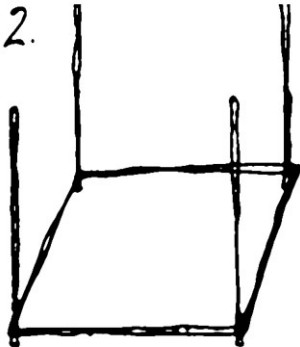
Materials You'll Need:

- 12 pieces of thin, round bamboo, aprox 8"-12" long (all the same length)
- 2 pieces of thin, flat bamboo, same length as the others
- 1 aluminum tart tin
- A hot glue gun
- White glue, slightly diluted with water (4 parts glue to 1 part water)
- A small brush
- Tissue paper

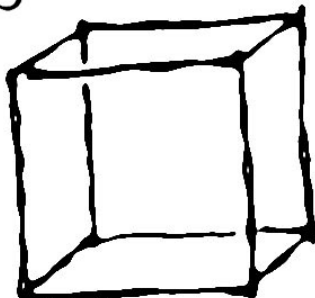
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Steps:

1. Use 4 pieces of bamboo of equal length and arrange them into a square.

2. Use hot glue to glue together the touching points of your bamboo pieces.

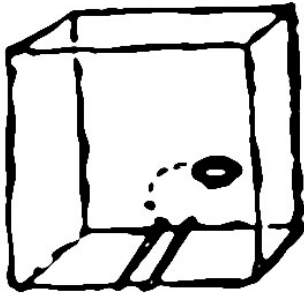
3. Take 4 more pieces of bamboo and attach them vertically to this square.

4. Connect 4 more pieces of bamboo to the top of the vertical pieces to construct a cube.

5. Measure out 2 more pieces of flat bamboo, and attach to create a support platform for your candle.

6. Glue a tart tin to these pieces, to create a cradle for your candle, and glue your candle to the tart tin.

7. Use wire, or fishing line to create a handle. Be sure to create it long enough that you won't get burned.



8. When you have your frame completed, paint the outside of your bamboo box with glue, diluted slightly with water. Leave out the top and the bottom.

9. Take tissue paper and stretch it over the frame. Using one long strip or applying it one side at a time works the best. Do not paper the top or bottom.



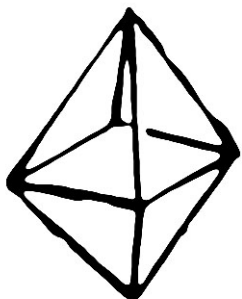
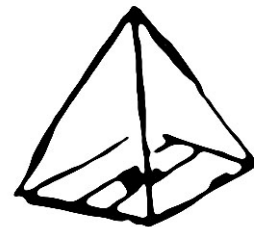
10. Once the lantern is covered, paint the tissue paper with glue. This will make the paper stronger and resistant to water.

11. If you wish, you can paint on additional pieces of tissue paper to decorate the lantern. Or if you prefer, allow the lantern to dry, and then you can paint on the tissue paper skin.

### Variations:

#### Pyramid Lantern:

- Start with a Square frame, and four vertical struts. But rather than adding another square to the top, bring the four vertical pieces together to a point. Voila, a pyramid



#### Diamond (Octahedron) Lantern:

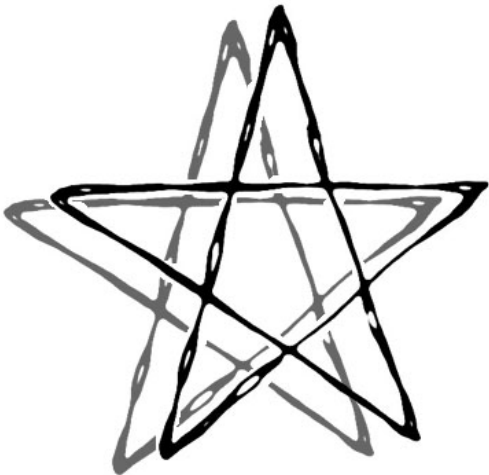
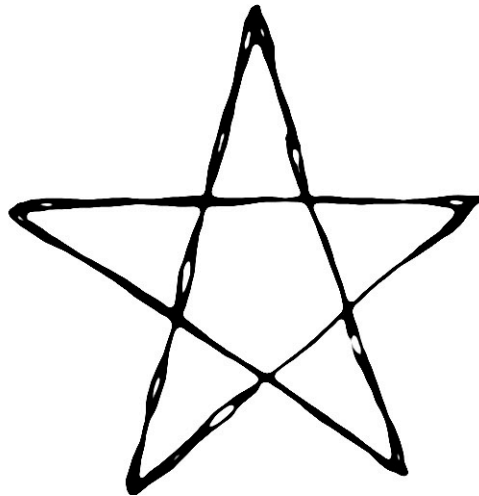
- Same as above, but with the addition of 4 more struts below the central square.

# STAR LANTERN

## THE CLASSIC!

### Materials:

- 10 pieces of flat bamboo (aprox. 24")
- One extra piece of flat bamboo for struts
- 1 Tart Tin (For Candle Holder)
- Hot Glue and Glue Gun
- White Glue (diluted with water, 4 parts glue to 1 part water)
- Soft Brush
- Tissue Paper
- Container for glue
- Flexible wire
- Needle Nose Pliers

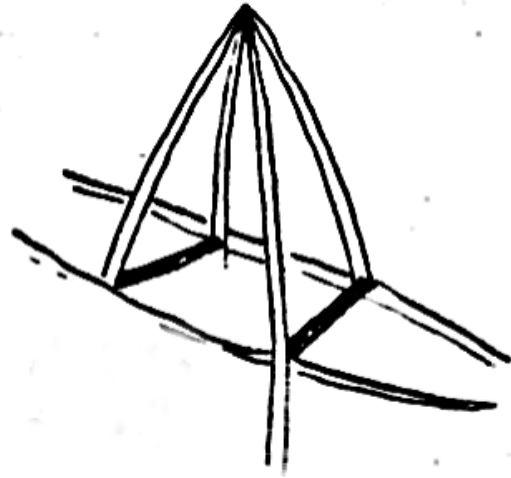
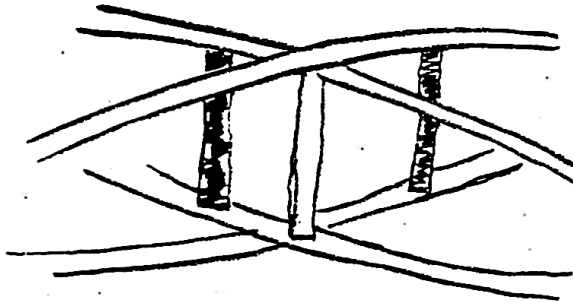


### Instructions:

1. Lay out five pieces of bamboo to create a 5 pointed star. Hot glue the outer points, and the cross over pieces.
2. Lay out a second star over top of the first (to ensure their symmetry). Hot glue at the outer points and cross over pieces.
3. Hot glue the outer points of the two stars together.
4. Cut 5 struts, aprox. 3.1/2"-4".

5. Hot glue struts in place at the 5 cross over points, in between the two stars.

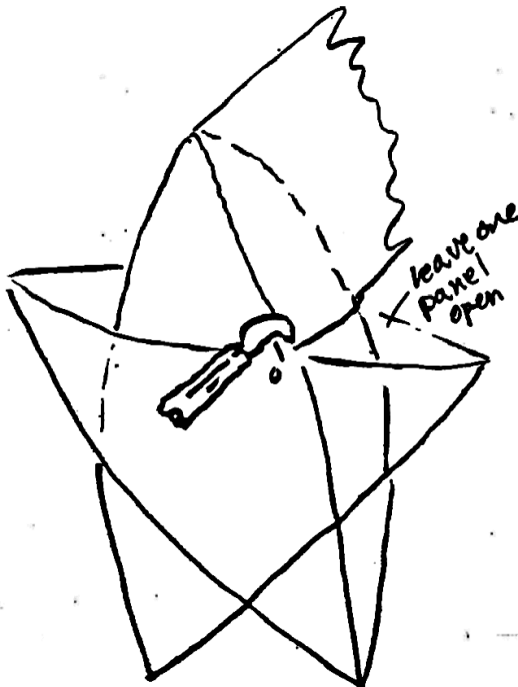
6. Cut two more struts for candle holder. Glue in place.



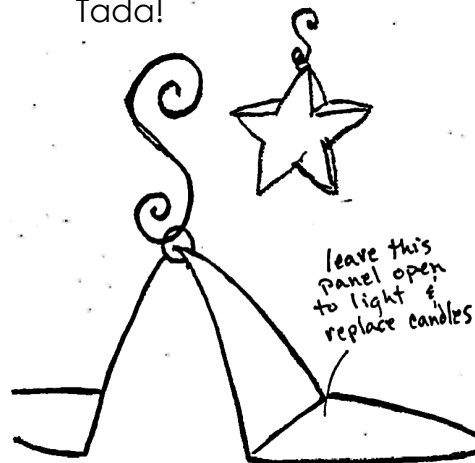
7. Hot Glue tea light to tart tin. Hot glue tart tin to the two extra struts.

8. Mix up the glue and water mixture. It should have consistency of thick cream.

9. Begin to paint the tissue paper on to the frame of the lantern. Start with the side panels, and be sure to leave one panel open to light and replace candles.



10. Make a wire ring, and an "S" hook, to easily hang the lantern. Tada!



# JUNK LANTERNS!

CRAFT A LANTERN FROM WHAT'S LYING AROUND YOUR HOUSE!

## GLASS JAR LANTERN

### Materials:

- Wide mouth glass jar
- Paint-brush
- White glue, slightly diluted with water (4 parts glue to 1 part water)
- Tissue Paper
- 1 Tea Light

### Instructions:

1. Use paintbrush to cover the jar with a thin layer of glue
2. Use tissue paper to cover jar
3. Add another layer of glue
4. For a special touch add tissue paper cut outs, sparkles, sequins, tinsel or other delightful decorative elements...
5. Allow the glue to dry
6. Wrap wire around the rim of the jar to create a handle.
7. Light your tea light, and go have a ball!

## TIN CAN LANTERN

**Caution! This project is not suitable for small children. Watch out for sharp edges when you're making holes. Avoid adding extra holes to your fingers.**

### Materials:

- A Clean Tin-Can
- Felt Pen
- A log or piece of wood that fits in the can
- Wire
- Gloves

### Instructions:

1. Use the felt pen to draw your design onto the can.
2. Insert the log into the can, to hold its shape as you hammer.
3. Use the hammer and nail to punch out your design, one hole at a time.
4. When your design is complete, punch two holes at the top, and string wire between them to create a handle.

**Helpful Hint: Do not make holes less than 1" from the bottom of the can, this will keep light and wax from leaking out.**