

Lantern Making Directions

Items Required: bristol-board, ruler, pencil, red pencil, scissors, tape, stapler, (paint and decorations optional)



If you wish to paint your lantern, it is wise to paint the Bristol-board before making the lantern. The paint should not be too wet, as it may wrinkle the Bristol-board.

- ❖ If you wish to be creative by cutting lines on the diagonal or in curves, experiment first on a sheet of paper. Keep the 2 cm strips at either end of the Bristol board straight as in the basic plan and when the Bristol-board is opened up and wrapped into a cylinder, tape the entire length of the end strips together. Once the lantern is taped together, fold the taped part of the lantern down along the crease from the outside to finish cutting the same pattern at that spot as at the other cuts.

Directions for the basic lantern: See template.

1. Draw a line 2 cm from the edge along the longest side, the 13" length of the Bristol board. Cut off this strip for a handle for your lantern.
2. Fold the Bristol-board in half so that the sheet becomes 5 1/2" X 13 ".
3. Draw a line 2 cm. from the edge along the 13" length of the Bristol-board with a red pencil.
4. Draw lines 2 cm apart, perpendicular to the red line across the full 13" length of the Bristol-board. Start at the folded edge and stop at the red line.
5. Cut down the lines that are 2 cm apart starting at the fold and stopping at the red line.
6. Unfold the Bristol-board and pull the two ends together to form a cylinder.

7. Find a partner. One person holds the ends together and presses them down flat on the table. (Careful not to crease the outsides of the lantern as you do this, because you don't want it to have creases when finished.) The other person places a piece of tape 2 cm long to hold first the top edges and then the bottom edges together. Then reinforce the tape by doing the same inside the lantern at the top and bottom.
8. Tape each end of the handle inside the top edge of the lantern and reinforce it on the outside edge.

Voila! You have your lantern!