

Recycled Food Box Lantern

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE

Note: Kids will need adult assistance.

Project requires the use of a sharp blade.

Materials Needed:

- Small food box (*ex: tea, mac n' cheese, or any box that originally contained dry food*)
- Colored tissue paper
- Razor Blade or Exacto Blade
- Elmer's Glue (or similar)
- Scissors
- Small paint brush
- Pencil
- Hole Punch
- String (yarn or twine)
- Stapler
- Cutting board/matte



STEPS:

- Step 1: Open the box at the seam (to create an open flat box).
- Step 2: Draw your design on the box. Marking an "X" on the shapes you will cut out.
- Step 3: **This step should be performed by an adult.** Place the box on your cutting board. Cut out the "x" marked shapes with a razor blade or exacto blade.
- Step 4: Cut tissue paper shapes to fit over your box cut out shapes. (Use as many colors as you'd like!)
- Step 5: On the side of the box that you don't want displayed, brush glue around the cardboard cut outs and apply tissue paper. One section at a time until all your shapes are covered.
- Step 6: Trim any excess tissue paper.
- Step 7: Reassemble box (folding flaps inside out).
- Step 8: Brush glue on the long strip edge of the inside flap and attach to the opposite side (you can use a combination of glue and staples to reclose the box).
- Step 9: To prepare for the handle, punch holes on the tops of the narrower box top sides.
- Step 10: Optional: for boxes that do not self-close, punch holes even with each other on the wider top and bottom box flaps).
- Step 11: Cut string the desired length of your handle. Thread string through the holes on the narrow sides and knot the ends.
- Step 12: Optional for boxes that do not self-close: Thread string through the holes on the wider sides and tie a bow. You will be able to open and close the box through the bow end to insert your light.

Safety Warning: Do not put candles or open flames in this lantern. Use battery operated lights only.

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