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Design your own paper lantern

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You will need...

1 x paper bag (per lantern)

Size: 9cm (w) x 16cm (h) x 5cm (d)

We have used [Amazon.co.uk: Stay true your creative vision: White Paper Bags](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B000000000)

1 x LED tea light – flame colour WHITE

We have used [AGPTEK Lot 60 LED Tea Light Candle Cool White for Wedding Party Festival Decoration Occasions : Amazon.co.uk: Lighting](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B000000000)

- A4 sheets of thin black card (approx. 2 sheets per lantern)
- A selection of colour pens
- A pair of scissors
- A roll of sticky tape
- A roll of double-sided tape (or a glue stick)
- A ruler
- A pencil (optional – a white pencil)



Preparation – cut out the card shapes listed below...

Teacher's options:

Option 1) Pre-cut the card shapes for your class

Option 2) Pre-cut templates for your class to use

Option 3) Instruct your class to cut their own shapes

Shape A : 1.5cm x 18cm

Shape B : 16cm x 5.5cm (you need two of these!)

Shape C: 13 x 9 cm

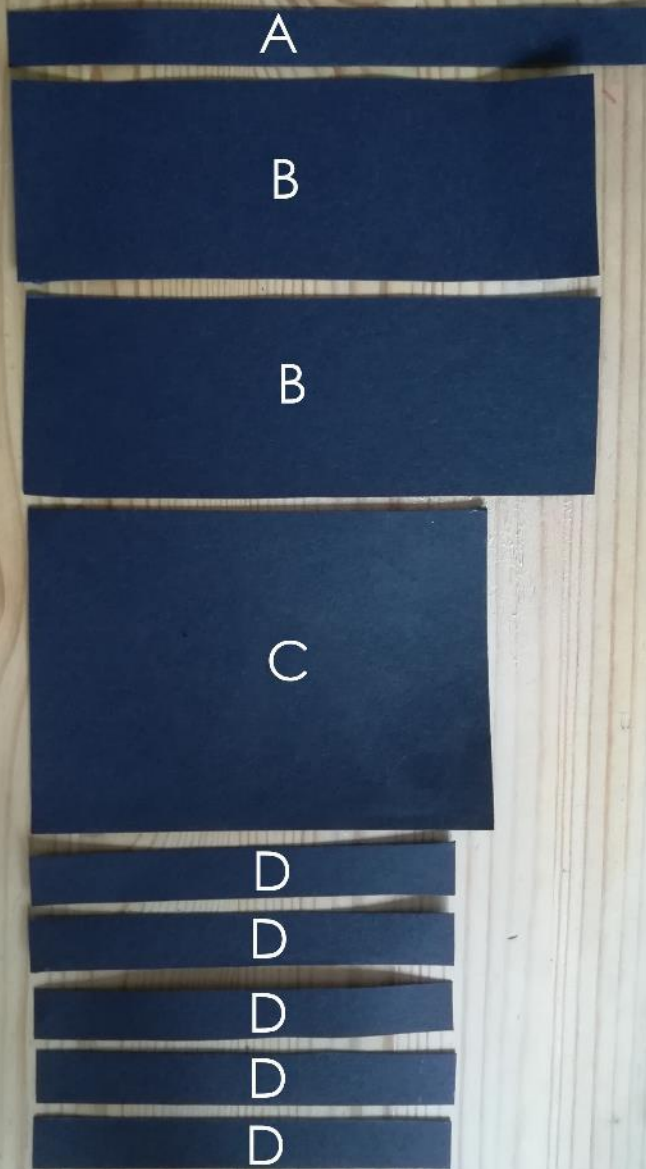
Shape D: 1.5cm x 12cm (you need five of these!)

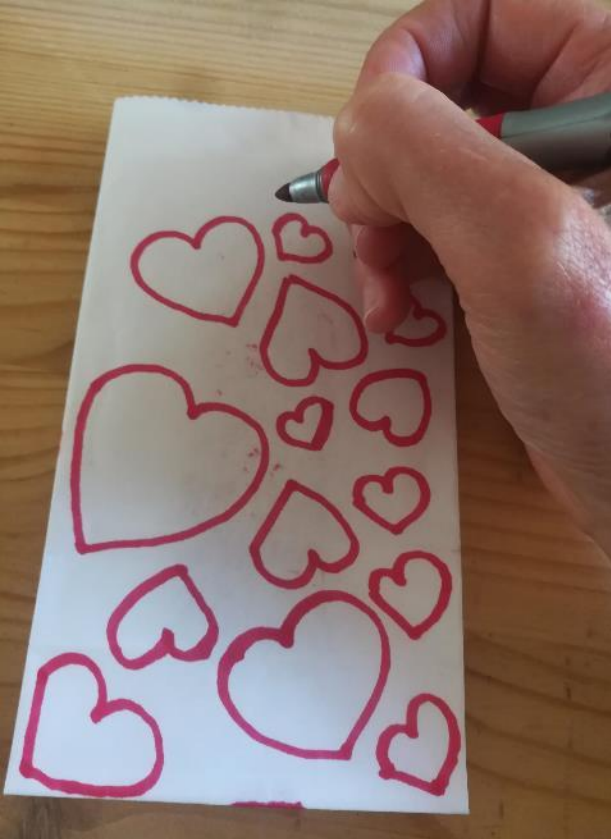
TIPS –

If you are pre-cutting for your class, keep all of shape A in one envelope, all of shape B in another, etc. Label the envelopes. Only give out the shapes when they are needed!

If your class are cutting out their own shapes, get them to use a pencil and label their shapes as they go - shape A, shape B, etc. This way the shapes will be easy to find later.

Note – If your bag is a different size to the one specified, you will need to cut your shapes to fit your bag. Read on to see which shape is for which part of the lantern.





Decorate your bag...

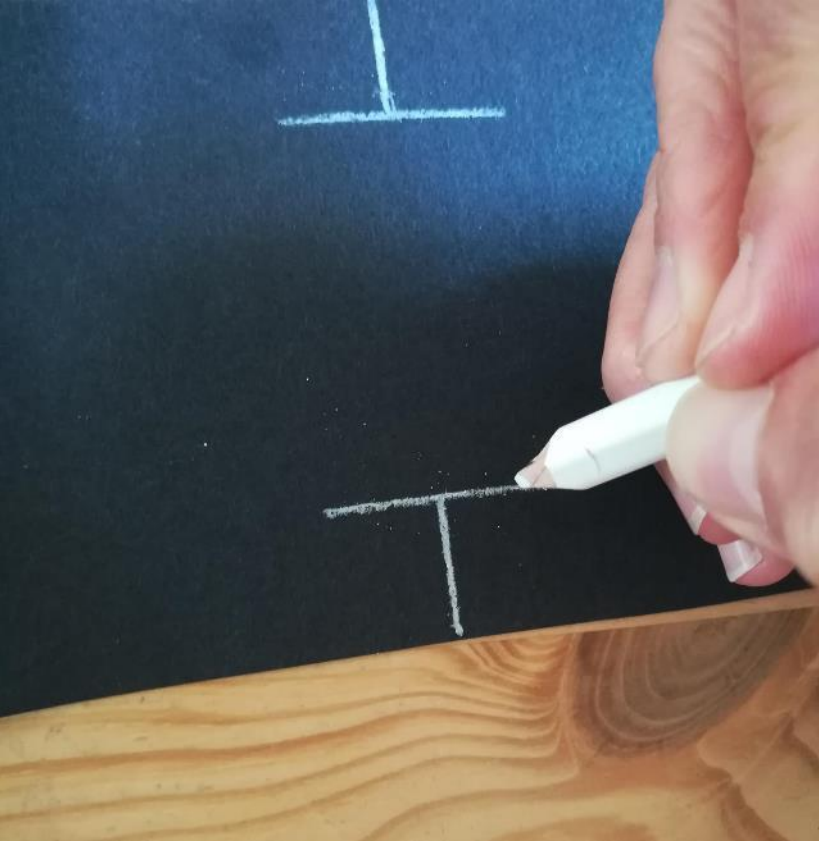
- Use the colour pens to draw a design onto the paper bag
- Decorate the front and back, but not the sides!

TIP – Put a piece of scrap paper inside your bag to stop the colours bleeding through!

Add sides to your bag...

- Gently open out your bag
- Take **shape B** – you should have two of these!
- Use double-sided tape or glue to stick one shape on each side of your bag





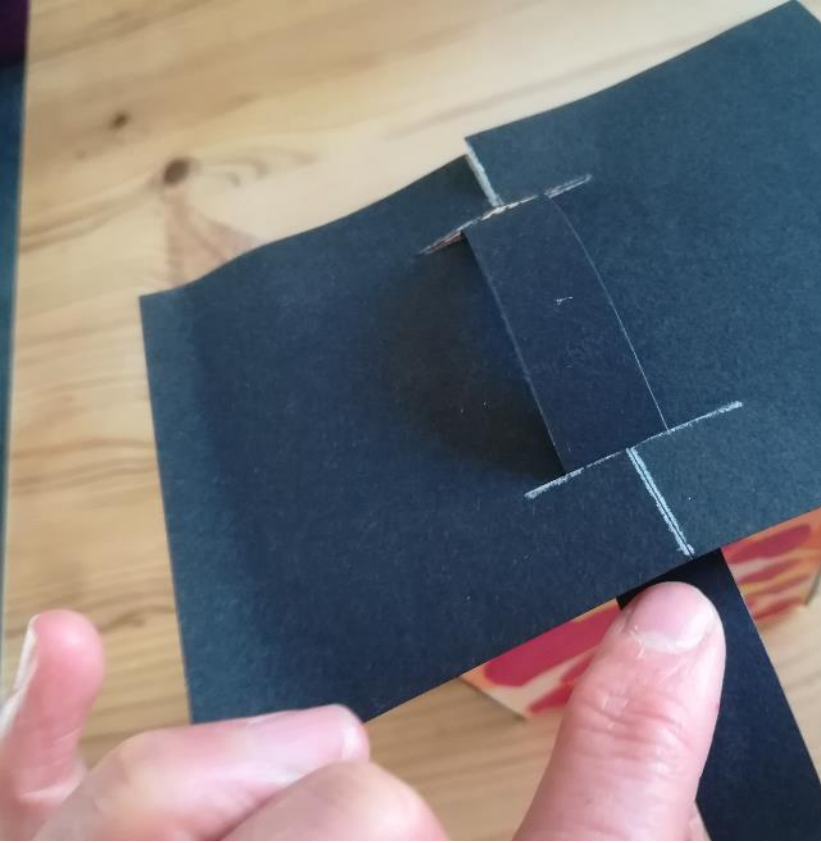
Make a lid for your lantern...

- Find **shape C**
- Take a pencil (white if possible) and draw two 'T' shapes on the longer sides, as above. The 'T' should be central and approx. 2cm x 2cm – but don't worry if it's not exact!
- Cut along the lines of the 'T' shapes



Make a handle for your lantern...

- Find **shape D** – you should have five of these – take one!
- Use tape or double-sided to attach one end to the top of your bag
- Thread the other end through your first 'T' shape



Attach the handle and lid...

- Thread the other side of your strip through the remaining 'T' shape
- Use tape or double-sided to secure it to the other side of your bag
- Finally use tape to fasten the flaps of the 'T' shape together

Make a chain for your lantern...

- Use tape and the remaining **shape D** strips to make a paper chain for your lantern
- Use **shape A** to make the final link in the chain – this will give you something to hold.





Add your candle!

Lift the lid from the side, and carefully drop in your candle so that it lands upright – remember to turn it on first!

Find a dark place to see the best results

Note: it is important that the candle flame is WHITE or the colours will not show up well.



Things to try...

- Anything you stick on your lantern will show up as a silhouette. Try using a paper cutter or a darker pen to create shapes...
- Use black card to frame your lantern, or make a cross to form a window effect...

We know you'll have many more great ideas!

Thanks for taking part in our
crafting session



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