



LIGHTING THE WAY

In 1417, the mayor of London, England, established the city's first system of streetlights by requiring homeowners to hang lanterns outdoors.



Brighten your space with recycled jar lanterns

What you'll need

- Clean recycled jars (any size, such as pickle or jam jars)
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- Adhesive: acrylic gel medium (from a craft store or online)
- Small bowl or plate
- Soft, flat paintbrush
- Battery-operated tea lights, votive candles, or pillar candles

Instructions

1. Cover a flat workspace with newspaper.
2. Cut the tissue paper into fun shapes of your choice, such as circles, stripes, flowers, birds, or town buildings.
3. Pour a small amount of the adhesive gel into a bowl or plate.
4. Dip your paintbrush into the adhesive and brush a thin layer onto the jar where you want your first tissue-paper shape to go. Place the tissue-paper shape onto the wet area. Gently brush more adhesive over the top to seal it in place.
5. Continue adding more paper shapes, overlapping them if you like, until your jar is fully decorated.
6. When you're finished, wash your brush and plate before the adhesive dries.
7. Place one of the candles (use battery-operated candles only) inside the jar, and enjoy your lantern!



LIFE HACK

SET UP A WATER BALLOON TOSS

Fill balloons with water and carefully place them together in a pile. Divide participants (including you!) into teams of two. Then have everyone form two long lines with teammates facing each other. Each team should stand the same distance apart. Now have everyone toss the balloon to their partner to catch. After every team has tossed their balloon, have everyone take a step back. This will increase the distance and make the balloons more challenging to catch for each round. If a team's balloon drops and breaks, they are eliminated. The last team with an intact balloon wins! Afterward, be sure to pick up any broken balloon pieces and dispose of them properly.

Make a splash with summer fun!

