

Session 3: Tealight Lanterns



Recycle and repurpose glass jars into decorative tealight lanterns

Materials

These are just suggestions and you won't need everything or you can substitute for what you have available.

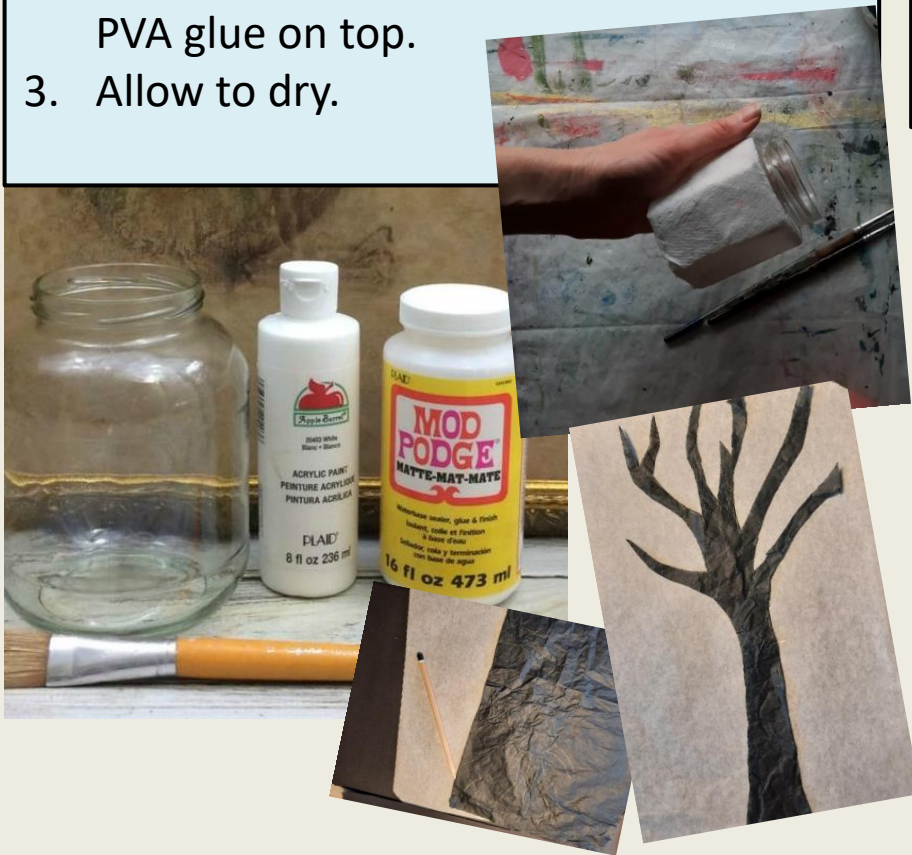
- Clean clear glass jars with the labels removed.
- Scissors
- PVA glue or Mod Podge
- White tissue paper or kitchen paper or napkin.
- Black tissue paper or craft paper.
- Wool, ribbon, twine, decorative trimmings (optional)
- Hole punches (optional)
- LED tealight



Link to demonstration video: <https://youtu.be/EM43OxzA2kk>

Creating your design

1. Clean the jar/bottle and remove any labels.
2. To create a frosted effect use PVA glue or Mod Podge to stick white tissue paper/kitchen roll/napkins onto the outside of the jar. Ensure it is well stuck down by adding a thin layer of PVA glue on top.
3. Allow to dry.



4. Draw your designs onto black tissue paper or plain black paper.
5. Cut out your designs and glue these onto the outside of your jar.
6. You could also add shapes using hole punches if you have them (they work better with craft paper rather than tissue paper).



When working with tissue paper on a small scale I find it easier to cut a rough shape out, glue it down and then push it into shape using a skewer.

Creating your design

7. Glue a piece of ribbon or twine around the top of the jar. Additional decorative elements such as glitter glue, labels, bows or sequins can also be added, or you may prefer just to keep it simple.
9. Pop a LED tealight or small fairy lights into the jar. These look great arranged in a group on a window sill, mantelpiece or as a table centrepiece. You could also use them outside in the garden once the weather warms up!
10. I have provided some more ideas and inspiration on the following pages and also templates that you could print, cut-out and stick onto your jar to create a variety of wintery scenes.

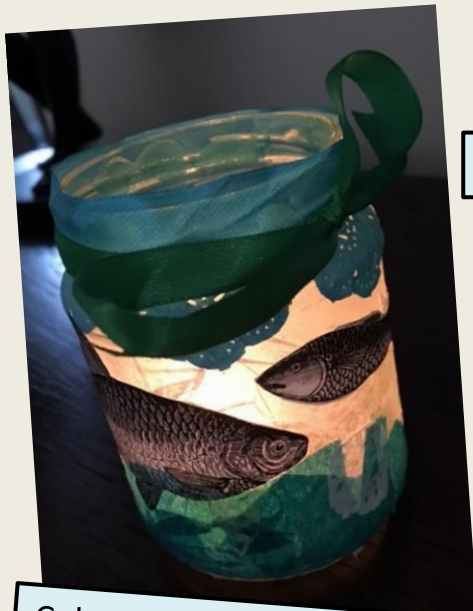


More creative ideas

Paper or fabric doilies



Coloured tissue paper and photocopied images.



You could also use colourful squares and other shapes cut from tissue paper as your background.



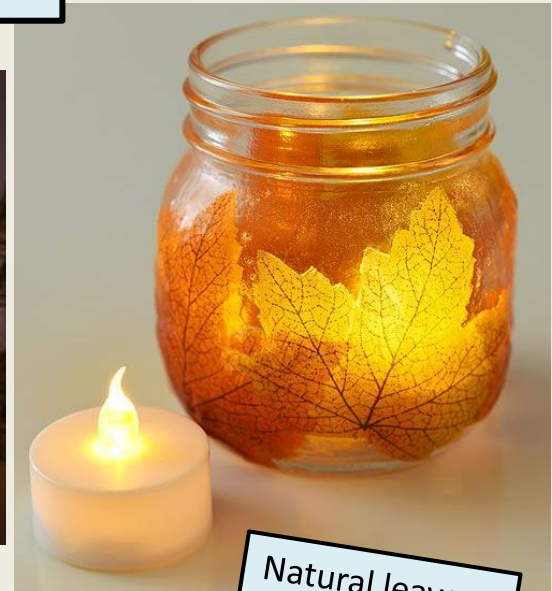
Cut windows from decorative paper and wrap around your jar.



Try different themes drawn onto black paper or use templates



Natural leaves



Templates

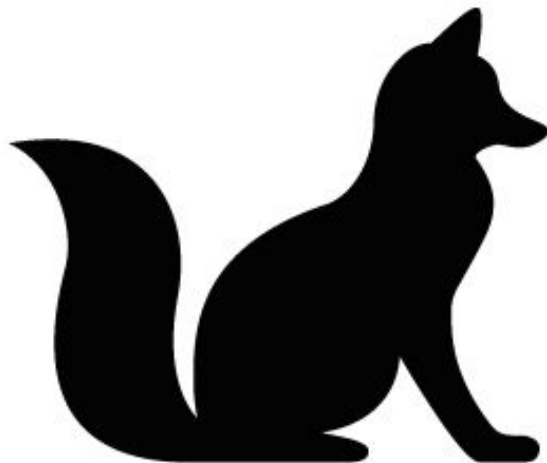
These can be printed, cut out and stuck onto your glass jars.

Or use them to inspire your own designs.

Search for images of Clip Art of your chosen theme.



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