

From the Las Posadas tradition of lighting small sticks in the shape of squares to gorgeous lanterns that light up Chinese New Year, creating beautiful lighted art is a longstanding tradition in celebrating winter. This simple project is a great way to create your own lighted art piece to celebrate winter.

The Port Angeles Fine Arts Center will be hosting the first annual Wintertide event on December 10 & 11 with a Lantern Parade on the 11th at 5pm. [Click here](#) for more details and ways to participate.

Create your Luminous Lantern:

Supplies you'll need::

- An empty 2-liter plastic bottle
- Tissue paper
- A paint brush
- A mixture of white school glue and water
- box cutter/utility knife
- Hole punch
- Pipe cleaner
- A light source





Luminous Lanterns Instructions

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1. Make sure your 2-liter bottle is clean. Rinse out the bottle and dry.
2. Pierce a slot in the cone-shaped top of the bottle with a utility knife. Make sure the slot is large enough to insert the blade from a pair of scissors. (Please note: Adults need to supervise younger children with this step).
3. Insert scissors into the slot and cut off the top of the bottle and discard the top. (recycle if possible)
4. At about a half inch to an inch down from the rim punch 2 holes directly across from one another. (these will be where you attach a handle)
5. Fill a glass jar with 2-3 ounces of water and add equal amounts of glue. Stir the mixture until the glue dissolves in the water.
6. Tear or cut shapes out of tissue paper. These will be the decoration for your lantern.
7. Dip a paintbrush into the glue mixture. Hold a piece of tissue paper against the outside of your bottle and paint the glue onto the tissue paper.
8. Continue to place pieces of tissue paper onto the bottle and keep covering with glue until you are satisfied with the result.
9. Put a pipe cleaner through the 2 holes at the top. Bend around to secure into place.
10. Set it out to dry overnight.
11. Put in light sources inside such as tea lights, glow sticks, fairy lights, etc. to light your lantern.
12. Enjoy your creation!

For more more information about the Wintertide event and Lantern Parade hosted by the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center, please visit: **PAFAC.org**