

illuminating crafts

Turn paper bags into pretty LED lanterns. See how on page 16

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Help your section explore their creative sides with these fun activities brought to you by our partner Hobbycraft

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ACTIVITY 1

Make paper LED lanterns

Turn a paper bag into a bright lantern with silhouettes and patterns

SUITABLE FOR BEAVERS AND CUBS

TIME NEEDED
20 minutes

YOU WILL NEED

- Brown paper bags
- Patterned paper
- LED tea light
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Decorations
- Glue
- Drawing pin (or similar tool for hole punching)
- String

INSTRUCTIONS

1 For the lantern with circles, ask the group to cut four small circles from patterned paper. Cut the centres out to create a frame then stick these down the centre of the bag. Then use a pin to prick lines of holes in the top circle, making a star shape. This can then be repeated for the other three circles.

2 For the heart lantern, they should cut a circle from a bag by drawing around a CD. They can use this to cut out

a heart shape; then, using a hole punch and scissors, cut shapes in the heart to create their own pattern. Get them to punch a hole near the top of the circle and hang the heart from it with string.

3 For the starburst lantern, cut two circle shapes from the bag then cut an octagon-shaped frame from paper. They should glue these frames to the circles then cut small triangles and glue one to each side of the octagon.

4 Pop an LED tea light inside the bag and use the lanterns to decorate your meeting place or tent.

OTHER WAYS TO DECORATE A PAPER LANTERN

- Punch holes from paper or another bag and use them to decorate the outside of a circle.
- Make little bows with string and glue them to the lantern.
- Cut diamond shapes and glue them to the bottom of the lantern.



ACTIVITY 2

Decorate a tea light holder

Create shapes in shadows with a glittery tea light holder

SUITABLE FOR BEAVERS AND CUBS

TIME NEEDED

10 minutes

YOU WILL NEED

- Masking tape
- Glitter
- Water resistant glue
- Apron
- Glue brush
- Felt-tip pen
- Newspaper or tablecloth
- Tea light holder
- Tea light

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Ask your section to think about a design and what colour glitter they want to use.
- 2 They should mark out their chosen shape on the tea light holder using a felt tip pen.
- 3 Next they should mix the glitter and some glue in a bowl. Encourage them to be generous with the glitter.
- 4 Ask them to paint a shape on the side of the tea light holder using the glue and glitter mixture.
- 5 Holding the tea light holder on its side, they can add extra glitter by carefully shaking it from the glitter shaker. This gives it more even coverage.
- 6 Leave the glue to dry. When it is fully dry, they should give the tea light holder a tap to get rid of any excess glitter.

ShAre.

Let us know how you get on. Turn to page 3 for details.

You can create any simple shape on the tea light holder.

WOGGLEBOX!

Madison says

'I liked using the glitter and pens to decorate the tea light and it looked really good when we lit the candle inside it. My mum loved it!'



The more glitter the better for this activity.



ACTIVITY 3

Print with fluoro

Decorate flags, T-shirts, bunting or even a tent with glow in the dark paint

SUITABLE FOR ALL SECTIONS

TIME NEEDED
15–20 minutes

YOU WILL NEED

- Card
- Black marker pen
- T-shirt or other item to decorate
- Glow in the dark pens or paint
- Apron ● Old newspaper

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Ask your section to draw a design or shape of their choice on a piece of card.

2 They should lay the T-shirt down flat and place the card inside so the pattern can be seen through the T-shirt. If using a black T-shirt designs may need to be drawn freehand as the template won't show through the fabric.

3 Ask them to shake the fabric pen and then trace over the pattern. They can use different coloured fabric pens.

4 The T-shirts should be left to dry overnight.

Glow in the dark T-shirts make for great night-time clothing.

ACTIVITY 4

MAKE A STARSKOPE

Bring the night sky into the meeting place with this fun activity

SUITABLE FOR ALL SECTIONS

TIME NEEDED
15–20 minutes

YOU WILL NEED

- Old cardboard tubes about 15cm long – one each
- Black paper (big enough to fit over end of tube)
- Drawing pins ● Pencil
- Rubber band – one each
- Star chart

1 Each member should take their tube and place it upright in the middle of the black paper, then draw a circle around the end of the tube.

2 They should each choose a star constellation and draw the position of the stars (as dots) within the circle on the black paper. Make sure the drawing is small enough to fit in the circle.

3 Ask them to carefully use the pin to make holes in the paper where the stars are. You may need to help some of the group with this step.

4 Then ask the group to place the paper over the end of the tube and fix it in place with the rubber band. When it is held up to the light the star constellation will appear.

SAFETY NOTE If using pins to make the holes, make sure you collect them at the end of the activity.

ACTIVITY 5

Woodland candle holder

Bring a little of the outdoors inside and create a woodland glow

SUITABLE FOR SCOUTS AND EXPLORERS

TIME NEEDED
15–20 minutes

YOU WILL NEED

- Hot Melt Mini Glue Gun
- Ribbon
- Masking tape
- Tea light candles
- Frosted glass spray paint
- Jam jars
- Twigs
- Newspaper

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Check that jam jars are clean and dry. Divide the section into small groups of four or five.
- 2 Get the group to wrap masking tape around the top of their jars covering around three quarters of the top.

Glue twigs to the side of the jar with a glue gun.

PLEASE NOTE: The next step should be done outside or in a well-ventilated place.

3 Ask the section to turn their jars upside down and place them on newspaper. They should then spray the jar with the opaque spray, to frost the glass, which will diffuse the glow.

4 Cut the twigs down to the same size. While the spray is drying, they can glue them around the outside of the jar.

5 They should then tie ribbon around the jar, adding a dab of glue to secure it in place.

6 They can then place a tealight inside. To light it, they should tip the jar on its side and use a long match, or they can use an LED light.

SAFETY NOTE

Supervise your Group when using a hot glue gun and always follow the manufacturers safety instructions supplied.



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