

AN ADVENT CELEBRATION

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Lantern Craft

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Supplies:

Balloons, cans or jars without lids, white glue bottle, water (1/2 cup), foam brushes, white tissue paper, scissors, pressed leaves or other tissue paper shapes/colors, battery-operated tea lights



Instructions:

1. Blow up balloons.
2. Prop the balloon in the open can.
3. Cut white tissue paper into three-inch squares.
4. Mix equal parts glue and water. Stir well.
5. Coat a portion of the balloon with the glue mixture, then begin placing one-ply squares over the glue. Continue until the whole balloon is covered.
6. Let dry (a hairdryer on low can help). It takes a little time!
7. Repeat the process once or twice more (twice makes it sturdier).
8. Add leaves or other tissue shapes. Coat with the glue mixture and one more layer of tissue paper squares.
9. Let the balloon dry completely overnight.
10. This is the fun part - pop the balloon!! It may come away from the tissue paper immediately, or you may need to gently pull it away.
11. Add a string or wire handle for a lantern, or tap lightly on the table to make a flat bottom. Add tea lights and enjoy!