

Winter Solstice Luminaries

Holiday Craftapalooza

This Winter Solstice craft, presented by Melissa from Downtown Reno Library, is part of our Holiday Craftapalooza program as seen on Facebook, December 9-13, 2020.

Step-by-step instructions

Step 1: Lightly apply some glue to the outside of the jar.

We won't be decorating the inside of the jar, as this can be a fire hazard. It's best to work in sections, as the glue tends to dry fast.

Step 2: Once the glue is on the jar, apply the first layer of tissue paper.

Continue to do this all around your jar, trying to cover the entire surface of the jar.

Step 3: Apply a very light coat of glue over your tissue, smoothing out the edges as you go.

Step 4: You can add another layer of tissue, along with your cutouts, and a final layer of glue to seal your design.

Step 5: Allow this to dry for about an hour, then pop in your tea light, dim the lights, and see how lovely your creation is!

Optional additions:

If you want to turn your luminary into a hanging lantern, you can use a jar with a screw on metal lid. Drill two holes, one on each side, and add a wire for hanging. Or you can use wire to wrap around the top of your jar to create a handle.

Roll your jar in Epsom salt while the glue is still wet to create a snowy look.



Supply List

- ▶ Glass jar (clean, dry, with label removed)
- ▶ Mod Podge (or a mixture of half school glue and half water)
- ▶ Sponge brush or medium paint brush
- ▶ Tissue paper torn or cut into 1" pieces
- ▶ Construction paper cutouts (optional)
- ▶ Tea light (battery-operated is the safest)

