# Make your own lantern for the Emerging Giants Parade

Why not make a lantern to carry with you on the parade? – they are so easy to do and you might already have the things you need in your house.



## You will need:

- 12 Peas sticks or sticks of willow about 40cm each
- Some masking tape or other sticky tape
- Approximately 4 sheets of tissue paper (white or light coloured)
- Weak PVA Glue
- LED candle or other form of cold light (those bottle lights are good) but NOT tea lights please
- Plenty of coverings, (this can get sticky)

# Instructions

You will need 4 of the sticks to make the bottom of the frame – if your sticks are different thickness, chooses the thickest.

Form them into a square and then put two more sticks diagonally to form a cross – this makes it stronger. Join all the sticks together with your sticky tape



This cross is also where you will attach the LED light to make your lantern shine.



From the square base use the thinner willow to build a frame, reaching upwards and fastened together at the top with more sticky tape.

If you have sticks left over, you



might want to make a crown for the lantern

Once you've built your lantern frame, it's time to add the paper cover. On a plastic tablecloth, brush on a mix of half-PVA (craft) glue / half water. Place a sheet of tissue paper on the tablecloth and brush over the top surface with the glue/water mix. The tissue paper will pick up a coating of the glue/water from the tablecloth, so it's covered on both sides.



Then place the tissue paper on your lantern frame. Cover all sides of the lantern, including the underneath, and make sure it is wrapped around the sticks to make it tight.

Now allow it to dry thoroughly. If it is a sunny day, leave it outside and it will soon be dry.

When it is completely dry, make a small door at the bottom so that you can switch your light on and off.



LED candle

You can colour your lantern with watercolour paints or even stick bright stickers on it – the choice is yours

And that's it you are ready to join the parade