

# DIY MAGIC LANTERN PACKS

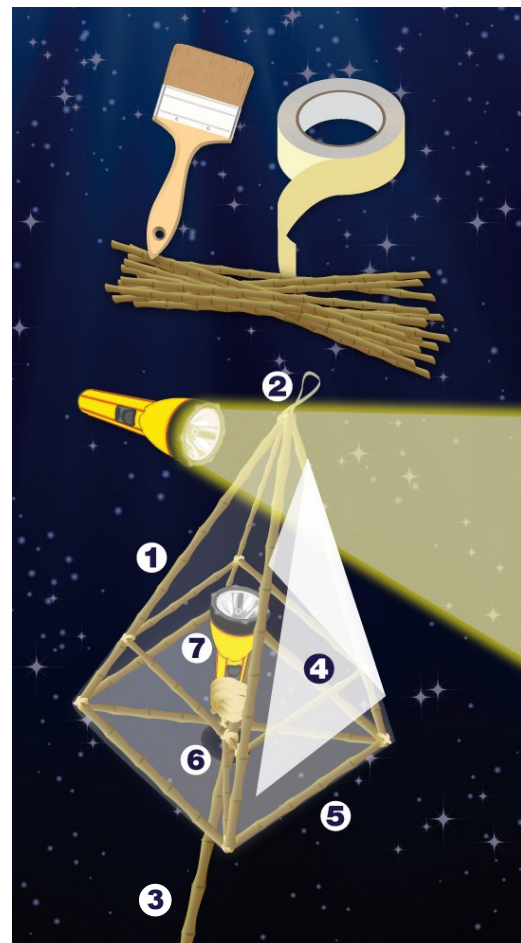
## How to Build a Magic Halloween or Christmas Lantern

### Materials Supplied:

- Willow twigs
- Masking tape
- Wet strength tissue paper (white)
- Coloured tissue paper for decorating
- PVA glue
- Sponge
- 1 x bamboo cane (lantern stick)

### You will also need (not supplied):

- Pair of secateurs (to cut the willow)
- Pair of Scissors
- Water
- 1 x torch or battery powered tea light/fairy lights
- **Optional:** Glitter, pom poms, etc



**IMPORTANT:** Decide on what you are going to make in advance – if you are making a curved shape (e.g. Pumpkin, Angel, etc) you will need to soak the willow in water over night to make it bendy and pliable.  
**IMPORTANT:** Allow to dry for approx 1 hour before use.

### BEFORE YOU START:

- Prepare your area where necessary by covering and protecting any surfaces, tables and flooring with old newspaper or plastic coverings (not supplied).
- Add water to the PVA glue supplied (mix to a ratio 1:1)

### METHOD:

1. Once you have decided on your 3D shape you can either cut your **dry** willow to length (using secateurs) or gently bend the **wet** willow (that has been soaked in water overnight). Where all the ends join together fix in place using **lots** of masking tape. **REMEMBER: Ensure you make strong joints.**
2. Strongly fix a bamboo cane through the centre of the Lantern to attaching at the top and bottom of your shape.
3. Temporarily fix the bamboo cane to a table leg or chair using masking tape (this will hold your lantern in place and allow you to decorate it far more easily).
4. Lay 1 sheet of the **white** wet strength tissue paper onto your table/surface. Dip the sponge provided into your glue solution and squeeze out any excess. Saturate the **white** tissue paper with the glue solution. Then lay the tissue over your willow frame making sure that each tissue square is overlapping. Repeat this process until the entire frame has been covered. **REMEMBER: Leave the bottom of your shape completely open to allow you to attach your light!**
5. Now decorate your lantern by applying the **dry** coloured tissue paper straight onto the **wet white** tissue paper. Then apply a thin layer of glue on top if you wish to seal it. Feel free to add your own decorations (e.g glitter, pom poms).
6. Leave somewhere safe to dry overnight.
7. When fully dry, attach a torch or battery powered tea light to the pole using masking tape – attach to just inside the bottom of the structure so it shines upwards. **DO NOT USE A NAKED FLAME!**

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