

L is for Lantern

A **lantern** is a kind of lamp you can carry around. Some are lit with light bulbs, but most hold candles, and the light shines out through little windows of paper or glass. China, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong all have a holiday called the Lantern Festival. On that night, children go out walking, carrying brightly lit lanterns.

It's easy to make your own lantern! Color and cut out the pattern below. Shine a flashlight inside to make it glow like a real lantern!

Grown-ups: When the lantern is colored and cut out, bend it into a cylinder shape, decoration facing out. Help attach the tab to the opposite edge. Shine a flashlight into the finished lantern to make it light up! **Optional:** Punch two holes on opposite sides of the top edge and tie a string through to hang the lantern anywhere you like!

