

Crafty Ideas: **Painted Lanterns**

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A display of Diwali lights and painted lanterns



Lighting candles and lanterns on short, cold winter days gives us comfort. Lanterns create a warm atmosphere in a room, producing extremes of light and shade, and generating a cosy, peaceful feeling. At Christmas time, advent candles are burnt as a count down to Christmas Day. Hindus and Sikhs light Diwali lamps in the home. The name diwali comes from deepwali which means 'row of lights'.

You will need:

- A collection of lanterns and candles
- Black paper
- Grey, black, white, red, orange, yellow and green pastels
- Coloured glitter
- PVA glue

Use

Create artworks inspired by lanterns as part of classwork on light, Diwali or as a stand-alone art project.

Make

- Arrange the candlesticks and lanterns into a display.
- Draw the candles and lanterns using pastels. Scale up the lanterns and look at the flames and the effects that they create.
- Smudge the pastels to create warm effects.
- Highlight selected areas by spreading glue and adding glitter.

Display

Place white backing paper on the wall and arrange the artwork in vertical lines. Edge some of the children's work in silver or gold corrugated paper to add light to the display. Arrange the lanterns in front of the pictures.

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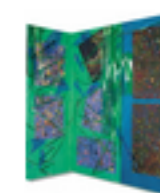
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