

Upcycled Camping Lantern

Light up the dark with a lantern constructed from upcycled materials. Using a battery-operated votive, this flameless lantern is safe for kids, backyard camping or an indoor fort made with blankets.



Materials List



- Two empty peanut butter jars or any clear dome-shaped container with a lid
- Piece of white parchment, tissue or wax paper
- Scotch tape and glue stick
- 6-inch length of wire, rope or pipe cleaner for the handle
- Drill or dremel to make small holes in the lid for a handle
- Hot-glue gun or other strong glue
- Battery-operated votive candle

Instructions

1. Clean one of the empty jars and take off its label. You will only need the lid from the second jar.
2. Drill or punch a two small 1/4" holes on opposite sides of one lid for the lantern's handle.
3. Thread the ends of the wire or pipe cleaner through the two holes. Pinch or knot the ends to keep the handle secured to the lid.
4. Drill a larger hole in the bottom of the second lid. Line up the votive on the inside of the lid so the on/off switch is centered over this hole. Draw a circle around the votive for a reference, and then hot glue it in place so the switch can be turned on or off from the outside of the lid. *(See picture bottom right.)*
5. Measure the jar height and lid diameter. Cut paper to fit inside the jar. Using two layers of parchment paper creates a stiffer shape that stands up stronger in the jar. Line the inside of the jar with the paper.
6. Hot glue the handle lid to the bottom or closed end of the jar, and screw the candle lid on the open end of the jar. After the glue is dry, the lantern is ready to use.

