

"Twinkle Twinkle Little Light, Let's Make Our Lantern Shine So Bright!"



Materials

- 2 pieces of A4 colored Canson paper
- Hole punch
- 2 split pins
- Markers or oil pastels
- Scissors
- Toilet paper roll
- Liquid glue
- Tealight candle
- Ribbon or rope

Instructions

1. Take a look at this vessel.

What do you think it is? What was it used for? Does it remind you of the utensils we use nowadays? Some people think it looks like the candelabras found in churches. Look at its shape. It is circular in the middle and narrowing towards the top. Looking at it, it reminds us of a contemporary artist who has a great affinity for circles and objects with this shape, such as pumpkins. This artist is Yayoi Kusama from Japan, and you can view some of her artwork featuring the enormous pumpkin at the following link: <https://hirshhorn.si.edu/kusama/the-exhibition/>.

2. The Cycladic “krateriskos” and Yayoi Kusama’s pumpkin serve as inspirations for us to create our own lantern that resembles a... pumpkin.

3. Let’s gather our colored Canson papers.

With the help of an adult, cut them into strips that are 3 cm thick. Make sure to cut along the longer side of the paper to obtain long strips. Do the same on the second paper.

4. Now think about what your favorite shape is.

For Yayoi Kusama, it’s the circle. Choose a shape and begin drawing it on one of the strips. Repeat the shape continuously until the entire strip is filled.

5. Take the next strip and draw either the same or a different shape or lines.

Repeat the shape or line all the way to the end.

6. Repeat the same process for a total of 10-12 strips.

7. Once you are finished, use a hole punch to create one hole at one end of each strip and another hole at the opposite end.

Repeat the same for all the strips.

8. Place one strip on top of the other.

9. Take a split pin and thread all the strips through one of the holes into the split pin.

Spread open the edges of the split pin to close it securely.

10. Start rolling out the strips one by one, so that they form a ball-like grid. When you have rolled them all out, let your “pumpkin” lantern stand upright.

11. Grab the toilet paper roll and cut a 2 cm-thick strip and stick it to the bottom of the pumpkin from the inside.

This will serve as the base for the tealight candle.

12. Pass the ribbon or rope over the top of the pumpkin and... ta-da!

Your lantern is ready. All that’s left to do is place the tealight candle on the base and hang your lantern.