

Lucky Lantern Craft

This pretty little craft is a fun New Year's project. Attach your hopes, goals and wishes for the New Year to this pretty little lantern. It's a fun way to get kids to focus on the upcoming year and set goals. Find more fun crafts and activities for kids at: www.Kidfunideas.com

What you'll need:

- 1 -9 x 12" sheet of construction paper- any color
- White glue & glitter
- Markers, crayons, or pencils to decorate
- Scissors
- Stapler or tape
- String or ribbon



How to make it:

1. Start by cutting a one inch strip off the 12 inch end of the paper
2. Next, fold your paper in half along the 9" edge, making a hard crease along the fold.
3. If you are not using glue and glitter to decorate your lantern, now would be the time to unfold your paper and draw a design with markers, crayon or colored pencils. You can also leave your lantern plain, it will still look good.
4. Fold your paper again then, take your scissors and, starting an inch away from the edge of the paper, cut slits along the fold of your paper. Try to space your slits about $\frac{3}{4}$ " apart all down the fold line, leaving about an inch at the other end of the paper.
5. Open your paper up and decorate the paper with glue and glitter. Set your paper aside to dry while you work on your stars.
6. Use the star pattern to cut out your wishing stars. Use a hole punch to make a hole at the top point of each star. Write on the stars what you hope to achieve this New Year. They can be simple goals or even things that are important to you that you want to keep in mind throughout the year.
7. Cut 6 inch pieces of string for each star and attach one end of the



string to each star.

8. Once your paper is dry, use a hole punch and make one hole for each star along one edge of one of the long edges. This will be the bottom of your lantern.
9. Take your paper and curve it around overlapping the short ends and staple it together at the top and bottom of the paper. Make sure the design is on the outside.
10. Use a stapler to attach the strip that you cut off in the beginning to the top of the lantern, securing it on opposite sides of the top of your lantern.

That's it! Now you have a beautiful lucky lantern.



