

Shoji Screen Lantern

This craft is quick, easy and inexpensive to make. It has been adapted from a tutorial found at the Kimo Craft website.

Supplies Needed

- 17 craft sticks (popsicle or jumbo size)
- Sandpaper or emery board
- Hot glue gun
- Tissue paper (or parchment paper)
- Cardboard for pattern
- Scissors
- Pencil or pen
- Small jar cap
- Flameless tea light



Instructions

1. With a scissors, trim the rounded edge from both ends of 16 craft sticks. Set aside the last stick.
2. If you desire a different color for the frame of your lantern, you will want to paint it at this point. You can use acrylics or tempera paint. Black chalkboard paint works really well also.
3. In order to create the lantern, you will create 4 panels. To create a panel, take 4 sticks and create a square, overlapping the craft sticks at the corners, but leaving about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on the outside of the craft stick. (This will allow the panels to be glued together later.) With a hot glue gun, glue the sticks together at the corners. Repeat until you have a total of 4 identical panels.
4. Place one of the panels on a piece of cardboard and trace around the outside of the panel to create a pattern for the tissue paper. Cut out the pattern, subtracting about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from all sides.
5. Using the pattern, trace and cut out 4 squares from the selected tissue paper or parchment paper.
6. Making sure to work from the inside of the panel frame and starting at the top, glue the tissue paper to the frame. Repeat with the other 3 panels.
7. Take two panels and glue the sides together to form a 90 degree angle, making sure that the outside of each panel is to the outside. Add another panel and then another to complete the lantern.
8. Glue the bottom of the small jar cap to your last complete craft stick. This will create a holder for the flameless tea light. Then glue the stick to two sides of the bottom of the lantern.
9. Place the flameless tea light in the small jar cap and light it. **IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE: DO NOT USE A REAL CANDLE WITH THIS LANTERN!**