

Love Light Lanterns!

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12



You will need: white or coloured A4 card or paper will suffice, coloured tissue paper, glue, wool/string to hang, felt tips, washi tape/decorative stickers (optional).

- 1) Print or draw the template below onto card.
- 2) Fold along the dotted lines shown and cut along the solid lines outside.
- 3) Cut out the rectangles in the centre. I find the best way is to gently bend the card and make a snip in each rectangle in which you can place your scissors to cut around the rectangle.
- 4) What you have now is the frame of your paper lantern with the front facing up. Turn it so that the back now faces you.
- 5) Cut out rectangles from thin tissue paper - make them slightly bigger than the empty rectangles we cut out earlier.
- 6) Glue these tissue paper rectangles over the corresponding empty spaces on the card stock. You could alternate colours, try ombre, or just go random!
- 7) Draw solid cross and heart shapes onto some of the tissue paper panels using felt tips or you could use stickers or cut out shapes and stick them on.
- 8) Fold and secure all edges to form a paper lantern. You could attach wool/string to the top in order to hang or place over a battery-operated tea light on a shelf, so that they glow! You could decorate the edges with Washi tape or your own design.

