

# Making your Willow Lantern at BellaCrafts



Lantern making is great fun, imaginative and the results are simply stunning.

To start you will need to think of your shape. Plan how it will look on a piece of paper.

You will need to construct the basic shape from the thickest willow then add the thinner pieces for strength and cross bars.

All the bits will be fixed in place using masking tape.

Make sure joints are well wrapped and the tape firmly smoothed into place. Give it a wiggle and check it feels sturdy!

The thinner pieces of willow can also be used for added patterns and decorations.

Once you've created your shape, think about where you will place your light (no candles). You will need access so a flap, hinged door or gap at the bottom will be needed.

You will need to attach wire to form a loop which can then be attached to your cane for hanging.

Time to decorate!

Cut tissue paper to the slightly bigger than the size of the panel you want to cover. Sponge PVA glue over the tissue paper until it is all soaked.

When the tissue paper is wet carefully wrap around your chosen section and secure around the willow by overlapping and smoothing down with a sponge. The tissue paper will dry tight.

You can add silhouette shapes for detail or even tinsel and lights on the outside!



Make sure this is secure as you will be parading with your lantern! Please make sure you register.

**Have fun and come back soon!**

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