

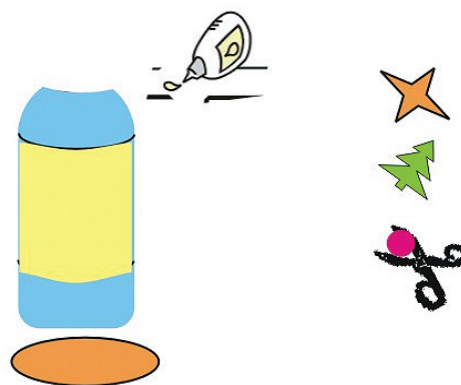
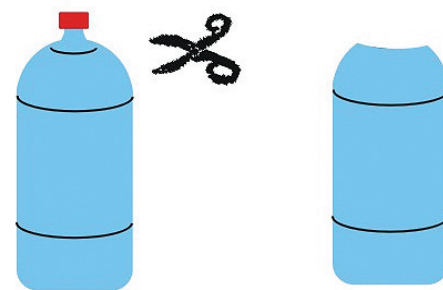
Making a Christmas Bottle Lantern

You will need:

1 litre clear empty pop bottle
Tissue Paper/Pencil or Felt tip
Strong tape (parcel or masking)

Torch with batteries (make sure on/off button is on handle)
Glue (PVA) Scissors
Clingfilm

- Using a litre clear plastic bottle, remove all labels, its lid, so its plain.
- With adult help**, cut the top off the bottle, big enough for the head of your torch to be placed inside.
See diagram A and C
- Using PVA glue, paint the middle section of your bottle all the way round. Paste a piece of light coloured tissue paper around the bottle, as a background colour.
- While this is drying, cut out lots of shapes from different colours of tissue paper and a piece to cover the bottom of your bottle.
See diagram B
- Then glue the shapes onto your bottle, on top of the coloured sheet. This will create a layered effect of colours. Allow to dry, before you cover the bottom!
- Once completely dry**, ask an adult to help you tape the torch head into the top of the bottle. One person will hold the torch in place while the other tapes it secure. Remember to make sure the on - off switch is not covered, else you will not be able to turn it on
- Then cover your lantern with cling film to protect it from damp weather!
- Well done! Take your bottle torch lantern into a darkened room, switch the torch on and see your magical colours. Take it out on parade!



TIPS

You can mix the PVA glue with a some water to make it easier to paint, it dries quicker and it makes your glue last longer. Don't make it too runny.

Make sure you allow things to dry in between stages, else you'll spoil your hard work and it will become messy!

Get Creative at Christmas!