

Art With Abby

Make an Illuminated Lantern From a Plastic Bottle

Want to make something fun and recycle at the same time? Make a faux stained glass lantern with an empty plastic bottle! Gather your supplies: empty plastic soda/water/juice bottle, colored tissue paper, yarn or string, foam brush or paint brush, hole punch, utility knife and/or scissors, white glue or Mod Podge, battery operated LED light, something to cover your work surface.



Step 1: Carefully use a craft knife or scissors to cut off the top of your plastic bottle, leaving you a nice, even cylinder.



Step 2: Cover your work surface to protect from glue. Cut or tear your colored tissue paper into small pieces. Using Mod Podge or white glue thinned with a little bit of water, coat the outside of your bottle. Smooth piece of tissue over the bottle using your fingers. Brush on more glue as needed. After the bottle is covered in tissue, apply another thin coat of glue to seal the tissue.



Step 3: Once the bottle is dry, use your hole punch to make two holes at the top of the bottle across from each other. Use your string or yarn to create a handle. Drop the battery operated light into the bottom of the bottle. Admire your new lantern!

