

Craft 'n Things October 2020: Pumpkin Lanterns

Supplies:

- Foam Brush
- Mod Podge
- Cup/Small Bowl
- Balloon
- Tealight Candle (Batter Operated or Lit)
- Permanent Marker
- Orange Tissue Paper

Instructions:

1. Blow your balloon up so that it is about 3.5 inches in diameter. (This is about the same width as a hand in a fist.) When finished, tie it closed.
2. Put the balloon in your cup with the knot on the balloon in the cup.
3. Take the orange tissue paper and rip it into small pieces. (Pieces should be about one to two inches but this does not need to be exact.)
4. You will need the foam brush and mod podge for this step. Dip your brush into the mod podge and cover a small section of the balloon with it. Cover the section with the tissue paper pieces. Repeat this step until balloon is covered. (The tissue paper will not totally stick down and edges will be sticking up. This is okay.)
5. Using your foam brush, cover the tissue paper that is on the balloon with mod podge. (This is your second layer of mod podge.) Do this in sections until all of the tissue paper on the balloon is covered. (The mod podge goes on white but will dry clear. Wrinkles in the tissue paper are okay during this process.)
6. Let mod podge dry for 24 hours.
7. The next day remove the balloon from the cup and turn balloon so the knot is facing up. Take your permanent marker and draw a pumpkin face on the tissue paper. (The mouth of the pumpkin should be toward the center of tissue paper.)
8. Using a pointed edge (pin, paper clip, pen, etc), pop the balloon. The tissue paper mold will deflate with the balloon. This is okay.
9. When the balloon finishes deflating, remove it from the inside of your mold and reshape the mold so it appears round again.
10. Put your tealight candle in the now pumpkin shaped mold. You now have a pumpkin lantern!

View the video tutorial at <https://youtu.be/vP9eHaRkk0Y>.

