Lantern made from craft blocks with star foil

Instructions No. 3151

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 3 Hours

Are you ready to let your creativity run wild and create a unique **craft lantern**? With only few materials such as **craft blocks** and **star foil**, you can create an enchanting lantern that will be a real highlight in your decorations. These detailed instructions show you how to make your own lantern step by step.







Beautiful DIY-Craft lantern: step-by-step instructions

Step 1: Preparing the craft blocks

Start by preparing 30 craft blocks from the wood of your choice. If you prefer a smoother surface, sand the blocks thoroughly before gluing them together. This makes it easier to work with later and ensures a professional finish.

Step 2: Glueing the base of the lantern

For the base of your lantern, glue 6 craft blocks together on the long, narrow sides with VBS handicraft glue together. Make sure that the blocks adhere well to each other to create a stable base. Glue a block upright at each end of this base to reinforce the structure.

Step 3: Create the frame

Take 4 craft blocks and glue them together at the narrow edges to form a rectangular frame. Repeat this process a total of four times to create four frames. These frames will later form the side walls of your lantern.

Step 4: Cut the star foil to size

Place one of the frames on the star foil and trace the contours. Repeat this process for all four frames so that you can cut out a total of four rectangles from the star foil. Use sharp scissors for clean cuts.

Step 5: Stamping the star foil

Now choose a silicone stamp and place it on the clear stamp holder. Dab the ink pads onto the stamp several times and press the stamp firmly onto the star foil. Repeat this process until you like all four rectangles of the star foil. Then clean the stamp with stamp cleaner to keep it ready for future projects.

Step 6: Glue the foil into the frames

Now stick the stamped star foil into each frame using VBS handicraft glue into each frame. Allow the glue to dry well before continuing with the next step so that everything is firmly in place.

Step 7: Connect the frame to the base

Once the foil has dried, glue the frames to the base of the lantern. Make sure that the frames are evenly aligned.

Step 8: Add the square frames

Glue two square frames together from the remaining 8 craft blocks. These square frames are glued to the top and bottom of the lantern to stabilize and round off the structure.

Step 9: Insert chain of light

Bend the wire of the chain of light apart and place it in the lantern. The chain of light can be switched on and off permanently or operated with the timer function, which allows it to light up for 6 hours and switch off automatically for 18 hours.

Extra tip: Hang up the lantern

If you want to hang up your lantern, screw two small eyelets into the top frame. Pull a decorative cord through them and tie the ends together. This gives you a hanging lantern that you can position as you wish.

Must Have



VBS Handicraft blocks, Oak wood

Content: 117 pieces
Length: 160 mm
Width: 22 mm
Thickness: 8 mm
Material: Oak wood

15,99 €

Item details

Quantity: − 1 + Add to cart



VBS Star foil "Shiny Star", 50 x 100 cm

Length: 100 cm
Width: 50 cm
Material: Plastic

4,29 € (1 m2 = 8,58 €)

Item details

Quantity: − 1 + Add to cart



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Article number	Article name	Qty
21845	VBS Handicraft blocksOak wood	1
24070	VBS Star foil "Shiny Star", 50 x 100 cm	1
24764	BUTTERER Stamp "Little town"	1
23684	Micro LED chain of lights with timer 6/18h, 20 LEDs	1
111065	VBS Handicraft glue80 ml	1
542708-08	Staz-On Stamp padBlack	1
717090	Clear Stamp holder, set of 3	1
542791	Stamp cleaner, 56ml	1
21904	VBS Scissors "Soft-Grip", set of 2	1