

CRAFT BOX

LIGHT - TIN CAN LANTERNS

This activity is for Explorers but any section or leaders could take part too !

Explorer Light Challenge

What you need:

- Empty Tin Cans
- Hammer
- Thick Nails
- Garden Twine
- Scissors
- Tea Light Candles



How to make it:

1. Remove the label from the tin can and any sticky residue too.
2. Fill the tin can with water and place in a freezer overnight or until the water has frozen and become ice – this will allow the tin to be punch-patterned without denting it during the process.
3. Think of the pattern you want to create – simple shapes work best: Flowers, Stars, Hearts, Fleur de Lis etc. (you can draw the design onto a piece of scrap paper as a guide or free-style the design)
4. Place the tin can onto a pad of paper towels or an old tea-towel, folded into a pad, to stop the can rolling around.
5. Use a nail and gently hammer it into the metal of the frozen can until you pierce the surface, remove the nail and continue to pierce the can until the design is complete.
NOTE: Protect your fingers from getting too cold during this craft by taking breaks whilst completing the activity.
6. Use the hammer and nail to make two holes in the sides of the tin can near to the top lip and leave the can to defrost overnight before using a piece of garden twine to make a rustic handle.
7. Place a tealight candle or battery tealight into the tin can.
NOTE: Beware of sharp spots inside the can caused by the nail piercing the metal.
8. Light the tealight and enjoy your lantern as the light fades in the evening.

Get more Crafty:

Why not make a string of lanterns to create a feature in your garden...

Get your name in lights by making a lantern for each letter of your name or choose to make a lantern as a gift for a friend or member of your family.

Safety Notes:

Tools / Scissors / Sharp Objects: Supervise young people appropriately when using tools or scissors.

Store all tools securely, out of the reach of young people.

Flame: Make sure anyone handling naked flames is doing so safely. Check that the equipment and area are suitable and have plenty of ventilation. Have a safe way to extinguish the fire in an emergency.

Rubbish and Recycling: All items should be clean and suitable for this activity.

