

# Luminous Lanterns



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An enchanting, luminous atmosphere can easily be attained when decorating with the sweet subtlety that lanterns provide. Feelings of joy are introduced to a space when we hang these glowing globes, all while allowing for endless possibilities of intriguing displays. Whether you prefer to be in the luxury of your own home snuggled on the sofa or on the patio enjoying company by the poolside, lanterns have become an essential mood perfecter; setting the stage for the best of moments.

Taking on many forms over the years since their earliest recorded use in 1361 A.D., lanterns have been used all over the world. Most commonly, they have been a guide for those traveling through the darkness and have long replaced the open flames and collections of fireflies that were previously used as sources of light. Many countries, such as China and India, developed the use of lanterns to protect a fragile fire or oil wick from the wind and the sailors of wooden boats found relief in this safer alternative.

Today, modern design styles are easily accomplished with these luminous lights. Materials of nearly any kind, such as glass, plastic, metal, wood and, most commonly, paper can be used



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to recreate these bright lanterns. With the ability to take on any shape, size or color, attractive displays can be assembled with everyday items like string and colored paper. Using the link found at the end of the article, you can let your creativity soar with some simple steps that will help you invite these ambient arrangements into your home.

**T**he endearing presence of a lantern display allows any space to become a place to enjoy. Indoors, the variety of arrangements are endless. Whether you prefer your lanterns hanging in quaint clusters or brightening a quiet corner, these alluring lights can illuminate a room from floor to ceiling. In place of the



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traditional candle flame, batteries and nearby outlets now allow your gleaming globes to shine anywhere. Outside, captivating displays can take on many forms. These enticing lures of light are rising in popularity. At weddings, backyard barbecues or any number of family festivities, they capture one's eye. Either strung in the trees over a cozy seating area or decorated with blooming flowers or bright balloons, lanterns create the perfect warm welcome.

Over time, their purpose in our lives has changed, but lanterns remain a delightfully divine source of light. Delicately remodeling our indoor and outdoor settings with their charming color schemes, stylish patterns and stunning presentations, they become the main attraction for any occasion; making your festivities aglow with life!



How-to Link: <http://domesticfits.com/2011/03/23/homemade-paper-lanterns/>

