Fall Lanterns

What Are Fall Lanterns?

Fall Lanterns are a simple and easy arts and crafts activity perfect for at-home, in-person, or hybrid learning! Making Fall Lanterns is as easy as ripping up colorful tissue paper that reminds you of fall and gluing the rich oranges, reds, and yellows to a mason jar to create a glowing lantern that captures the spirit of the season.

How Can I Use This in My Lesson Plan?

Now that fall is in full swing, Fall Lanterns are a wonderful way to start discussing what makes fall unique. From color changing leaves to harvest traditions around the world, this activity can be expanded in endless ways to create rich, inclusive fall lesson plans for students of all ages. Fall Lanterns also make great gifts and, as classroom communities begin to focus on thankfulness as we move closer to the holidays, what better way to say thanks to parents, caregivers, and teachers, than a gift handmade with love and care from a learner in your life.

Required Materials:

- Mason Jar
- Glue (Item #22959)
- Tissue Paper (Item #7598) Or Fall Leaves (Item #27227)
- Glitter (Item #33930)
- Paintbrush (Item #84704)
- Ribbon (Item #35069)
- White Tealight (Flameless, Battery Powered)

1. Gather Your Materials

Grab your tissue paper, glue, and mason jars and get ready to create a Fall Lantern! Prepare a clean work surface and encourage children to rip up fall colored tissue paper into small, easy-to-glue pieces. You will use these tissue pieces to decorate your lanterns.

2. Decorate Your Lantern

Using a paintbrush, apply a thin layer of glue on your mason jar. Encourage children to take their tissue paper pieces and stick them to the jar. Once the jar is fully covered in colorful pieces of tissue paper, apply another layer of glue to seal the jar. You can also add some extra flair to your lantern and sprinkle glitter on your lantern or add some fall leaves as well during this step.

3. Light Your Lantern

Tie off your lantern with a ribbon or bow around the top and add a flameless tea candle to the inside to make your lantern shine! Children will love showing off their lanterns or giving them away to parents and caregivers as a thoughtful fall gift.







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