



LANTERN CREATION GUIDE

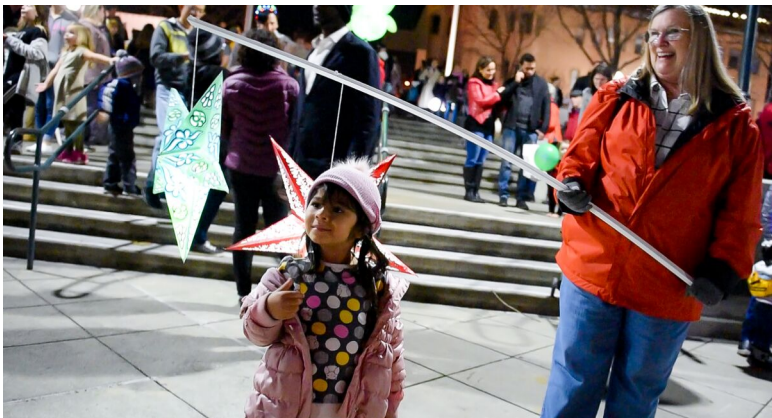
for the Napa Lantern Parade

We are so excited for the Napa Lantern Parade and hope you are too! This instructional guide exists to provide ideas, inspirations, and answer FAQs about lantern creation. Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate in the parade regardless of skill level, access to materials, or time needed to make a lantern.

Any additional questions please contact Meredith at MNevard@cityofnapa.org 707-257-9953

WHAT IS A LANTERN?

A lantern generally refers to any form of portable lighting, where a transparent or translucent casing allows a light from inside its walls shine through. They are most often suspended or carried, but can also be worn!



Lanterns have important roles in a variety of cultural and historical traditions, and have also evolved into their own modern art form in recent decades. Community lantern parades are popular in many cities around the world.

LANTERN PARADE OVERVIEW

WHAT

The Lantern Parade welcomes community members from all walks of life to play with light and collectively illuminate the night! The parade of participants showing off hundreds of lanterns will weave throughout downtown Napa on an approximate one -mile loop, energized by live music, and other lighted art installations along the way.

This parade is part of the Napa Lighted Arts Festival which will feature nearly a dozen lighted art installations in downtown Napa, including projection mapping, interactive lighted sculptures, and more.

WHEN

January 17th, 2020

Parade will depart from Veteran's Park at 6:30pm. We estimate the parade to last about 45 min to one hour.

WHERE

The parade will go west on 2nd Street to Franklin and return east on 3rd Street.

WHO

This event is open to the public. Lanterns will be created by students, groups of friends, community groups and individuals. This event is being organized and facilitated by the City of Napa Parks and Recreation Department.

WHY

As part of the Napa Lighted Arts Festival, the parade allows residents and visitors alike to join together in a common vision and exiting spectacle that is sure to spark dialogue, friendships, and even a bit of magic. This event will only be successful with the collaboration of community, which is why we are offering many ways to plug in!

D.I.Y. LANTERN BASES

You do not need to be a construction wizard to create a beautiful lantern! The following items make great bases for your lanterns and are easily found around the house or in any recycling bin:

- Glass Jar with lid/ Mason Jar
- Plastic bottle
- Paper bag
- Cardboard box
- Shoe box
- Tin Can/ Coffee Can
- Plastic milk jug
- Paper cup



USEFUL MATERIALS

The items below are easily found at a combination of Michaels, Target, Wal- Mart, hardware store and/or grocery store school supply aisle. What you use for your lantern is derermined by design, but generally you should need only 1-2 items for each of these lists in addition to your base material(s).

Adhesives

- Glue gun & glue sticks
- Scotch tape
- Duct tape
- Clear packing tape
- Super glue
- Elmer's school glue
- Mod podge

Cutting tools

- Scissors
- Box Cutter
- X-acto knife

Colorful Additions

- Acrylic paint
- Latex paint
- Tempera Paint
- Tissue paper
- Wrapping paper
- Glitter, rhinestones, sequins
- Stickers
- Googly eyes
- Construction paper
- Cotton balls
- Markers
- Popsicle sticks
- Plastic straws
- Bamboo sticks
- Sturdy string, yarn
- Wire

PREPARATION OF YOUR CREATION SPACE

Like any craft project, things can get messy! Be sure to cover your table space with paper, plastic or fabric drop cloth, and take into consideration any materials that could be dangerous if left unsupervised (such as hot glue guns and sharp tools). Many lanterns can be rather fragile once completed, so set aside a safe storage space to house them until the parade.

LIGHTING YOUR LANTERN

There are many simple and affordable ways to light your lantern! The Napa Lantern Parade has a strict NO FIRE rule, so please no candles, lighters, or open flame.

Alternatives are below:

String Lights

Most commonly seen decorating houses and trees around the holidays, these string lights can be used to adorn practically any sort of lantern! They can be found as battery powered or solar-powered. There are even versions that can be controlled with a remote to offer different flashing colors and settings.



Rope Lights

Rope lights can be battery powered or solar powered, and are great for wrapping around an object, or lining the inside of a lantern. They are sturdy while also flexible. LED versions are the brightest.



LED Tea Light Candles

These lights are great for smaller lanterns, and are generally best if adhered to a flat surface along the bottom of a lantern. They are commonly battery-powered or chargeable.



Lantern Light Kit

These lights are made specifically for hanging in lanterns from their top opening. They're ideal for pre-made globe lanterns, and often they come with them already inside! But, adaptable for any lantern with translucent walls and/or cut-outs.



FAQS

Are there any size restrictions?

Nope! You can make your lantern as large or as pocket size as you please, as long as it glows!

Do I need to RSVP or submit my design to participate in the lantern parade?

Absolutely not. The only paperwork we want you do do should involve glue, scissors and tape!

Can I decorate my stroller, bike, or wheelchair as my contribution to the lantern parade?

Yes! The more light, the better!

I do not have time to make a lantern, can I just buy one?

Yes, and remember there are quick and easy ways to add a little flare.

Can my lantern have moving parts?

Sure! Many popular lanterns have moving parts, such as illuminated puppets, machines with spinning wheels, animals with bobbing heads. Please ensure that your moving lantern will not endanger anyone around you while walking in the parade.

Any other questions?

Email Meredith at MNevard@cityofnapa.org, tweet @NapaParksandRec, or post your question to the Napa Lantern Parade facebook event page.

Can my lantern be wearable?

That would be so awesome, yes! Maybe you can transform your lantern into a backpack, a hat, a wig, a mask, jewelry, or hat.

How much time does the average lantern take to make?

The simplest lanterns can take just an hour or two to create, while the most complicated and largest lanterns can occupy several days' time. The choice is yours of how much time you want to commit.

Where should I obtain all of my materials? Please refer to the "resources" page in this guide.

My business, community organization or group of friends would love to host a lantern- making event! Where do we sign up?

Wonderful! Please email Meredith at MNevard@cityofnapa.org and we will reach out to you. The Napa Parks and Rec department will help you advertise your event and recruit participants. Thank you!



Guidelines



1. You need a lantern or piece of lighted artwork to participate in the parade.
2. **NO FLAMES OR LIT CANDLES.** Please restrict all lights in lanterns to be battery powered or solar powered.
3. Walk with the flow of the parade.
4. Yield generous space to large lanterns.
5. Leave your pets at home. Service animals are of course permitted.
6. Walk your bike, scooter or skateboard.
7. Please use the trash and recycling receptacles along the route.
8. Have a blast!

The route is ADA accessible. No tickets are required for participation. This is a free event.

Sourcing Materials

Michael's Arts and Crafts

- Adhesives
- Cutting tools
- christmas lights and tea lights
- tissue paper and wrapping paper
- drawing and painting supplies
- dowel rods, popsicle sticks, yarn, stickers
- glitter, googly eyes, everything else crafty!
- assorted jars, containers, paper bags

Napa Valley Art Supplies

- Adhesives
- Cutting tools
- Variety of papers, drawing and painting supplies

Your Recycling Bin

- Cardboard boxes
- Milk jugs
- Glass jars
- Paper and plastic cups
- Newspaper

The Paper Lantern Store

www.paperlanternstore.com

- pre-made paper globe lanterns
- wide variety of lights
- miscellaneous decorative items

Hardware Store

(Home Depot, Michael's, Ace)

- Batteries
- Lights, Christmas lights
- Cutting tools
- Adhesives
- Brown paper bags

Target or Wal-Mart

- Adhesives
- Batteries
- Cutting tools
- lights, christmas lights
- decorative, drawing and painting supplies
- brown paper bags

Lantern Instructions

New Tech High School Designs

www.cityofnapa.org/lanternparade

During the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year, the City of Napa Parks and Recreation Department had the honor of collaborating with brilliant educators and students at New Tech High School. Dozens of original lantern designs and their accompanying templates and instructions have been published for community use.

More Designs Online

There are infinite ways to make a lantern! A simple internet search will help you find a design you love. We have posted some of our favorites online, under "Napa Lighted Arts Festival" section on the Parks and Rec page via www.cityofnapa.org. We will also regularly be posting ideas to our Napa Lantern Parade Facebook event.