

The Party Diaries



DIY YOUR PARTY! STARRY LANTERN

Recycle a can into a punched-hole lantern.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Paper
- Scissors
- Empty can (clean, with all labels removed)
- Pencil
- Tape
- Safety glasses
- Towel
- Hammer and one nail (or an electric drill)
- Small candle

GET STARTED

1. Measure and cut paper to fit around the can.
2. Fill the can with water and put it in the freezer overnight. (The ice will keep the can from denting when you punch the holes.)
3. Draw a dot design on your paper to guide where you will punch holes. Make sure the dots are at least 1/4-inch apart.

4. Take the can out of the freezer. Wrap the paper around the can full of ice. Tape your design in place.

For steps 5-6, work with an adult and wear safety glasses to protect your eyes.

5. Lay the frozen can on a folded towel so it doesn't roll. Choose one dot in your design to start with. Then hammer (or drill) a hole into the dot on the can. Remove the nail (or drill). Repeat for all the dots in your pattern.

6. Run hot tap water over the can until the ice block pops out. Then dry off the can. Be careful around the punched holes.

7. Place a small candle inside your lantern.

PARTY TIME

Enjoy the pretty pattern of lights at your party!

