

## Recycled Milk Jug & Soda Pop Can Lantern

### **Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE**

Note: Kids will need adult assistance. Project requires use of sharp blades/sharp edges.

### **Materials Needed:**

- One gallon plastic milk jug with side handle (or similar beverage container)
- Soda pop can (or any 12oz aluminum beverage can)
- Sharp scissors
- Duct tape



### **Steps:**

- Step 1: Pinch the milk jug and cut a slit 1" from the bottom. Insert scissors and cut off the bottom.
- Step 2: Cut along all four corners where the jug curves. (**Do not cut the handle.**)
- Step 3: Cut down the center of each side. Continue cutting the sections in half until all strips are 3/4" wide. (Remember, do not cut the handle.)

### **\*SAFETY NOTE: Steps 4 through 9 should be performed by an adult\***

- Step 4: Using strong scissors, curl the strips in different directions (making a wildflower inspired design).
- Step 5: Trim excess plastic from the bottom of the handle. Set the milk jug aside.
- Step 6: Take your soda pop can, pinch the side to make a slit, then cut off the top, leaving the sides and bottom intact. Trim the edge to remove any sharp pieces.
- Step 7: Holding the bottom of the can, cut down the sides of the can to create strips approximately 1/4" wide. Leave the can bottom in place.
- Step 8: Work gloves are recommended for this next step. Starting approx. half way down the top of the can, curl the can strips (repeating as you did with the milk jug).
- Step 9: Open/shape the can strips to make space in the bottom for your battery powered candle.
- Step 10: Cut a 1" strip of duct tape. Loop the tape in half (sticky side out).
- Step 11: Tape the bottom of the can to the center of the milk jug, then place your light in the center of the can.

The milk jug handle will serve as the handle to hold your lantern. The soda can will serve as the light source holder.

**Safety Warning:** Do not put candles or open flames in this lantern. Use battery operated lights only.

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