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Kitty

Make your own cat lantern!

1. Cut your white tissue paper into little squares then blow up your balloon and tie it up (you might need to ask for help from a grown-up for this bit.)

2. Take your PVA glue and squirt it into a dish so that it fills the bottom. Add half a cup of water to the glue and give it a mix.

3. Use the glue to stick your white tissue paper to the balloon. Once it's covered with a circle of balloon still showing around the tie, hang your balloon up to dry.

4. Once your balloon is dry, take your scissors and cut the end tie of the balloon, slowly letting it down. If it loses any of its shape poke it back out again with your hand.

5. Draw or paint your cat face onto the lantern. If you want to make a Figaro lantern like Kitty, draw on big black eyes with orange around the outside and black fur on the top of his head. You can also draw on the whiskers or add on some black pipe cleaners.

6. To add ears cut out two black triangles and two smaller white triangles for the insides. Glue the white triangles on the black triangles and then attach the ears with sticky tape.

7. For the handle cut a long strip of black card and attach it to either side of the inside top of the lantern with with staples (you might need to ask a grown-up to help you with this bit.)

8. Add an LED candle to see your cat lantern light up!

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