



LOTUS LANTERNS

KOREAN HOLIDAY: BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY

In South Korea, Buddha's Birthday is known as the Festival of the Lanterns. People create paper lanterns with candles inside, featuring colors of red, pink and gold. A small paper tag is hung from the bottom of the lantern and on that tag, you write your name and a wish or a hope that you carry in your heart.

Buddha's birthday is not only a holiday for the 15 million people who pray at Buddhist temples all over Korea on a daily basis, but a public holiday enjoyed by everyone. It is a carnival day when Korean culture and tradition is celebrated.

Sources: <https://asiasociety.org/korea/buddhas-birthday-celebration-korea>

CREATE YOUR OWN LANTERN!

What You Need:

Tissue paper in lotus flower colors: red, yellow, orange, purple, pink, and green for leaves

Liquid glue

Scissors

Double-sided sticky tape

Paper or plastic small size (3 ounce) cup

LED tea light with battery-operated “flame”



Source:

Learn more about Buddha's birthday
<http://www.buddhachannel.tv/portail/sip.php?article14140>

STEPS

To start, take your cup. Use scissors to poke a hole and then cut out a circle in the bottom of the cup. (The LED light will poke up through this hole later).

Use the Internet to research what lotus flower petals look like. Your child can choose a color of lotus flower (like yellow, orange, purple, or pink) and cut out several (around 12) petals from the tissue paper.

Next, your child should cut out five or six green tissue papers in the same shape for leaves.

With the bottom of the cup facing up, have your child glue around the edge of the cup and start gluing petals around that edge. Glue another round of petals below that first round. Have her continue gluing petals until the outside of the cup is decorated.

Next, have her intersperse some green petal tissues around the cup for leaves, and glue those around the cup.

Have your child use double-sided sticky tape to attach the top of the tea light (not the flame part) to the inside of the cup bottom, with the flame light sticking out the hole in the cup bottom.

Turn on the LED light when ready to light up your lantern!



Source: <https://www.education.com/activity/article/lotus-lantern/>