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# Craft: Parol

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A “parol” is a star-shaped lantern that is hung during Christmas time in the Philippines.

The star is used to represent the star that guided the Three Wise Men to baby Jesus .

The word has been said to be derived from the Spanish word “farol” which means “lantern”.

Now as early as September until December people from the Philippines will hang their parols out.



Parols hanging at night lit up ([link to original photo: here](#))

# Let's make a Parol!

What you need:

10 Bamboo Sticks or any other sort of wooden stick (Link for Affordable Bamboo Sticks: [Here](#))

5 Dowel Pins (Link for Affordable Dowel Pins: [Here](#))

Rubber Bands (at least 13-20, Link for bulk rubber bands: [Here](#))

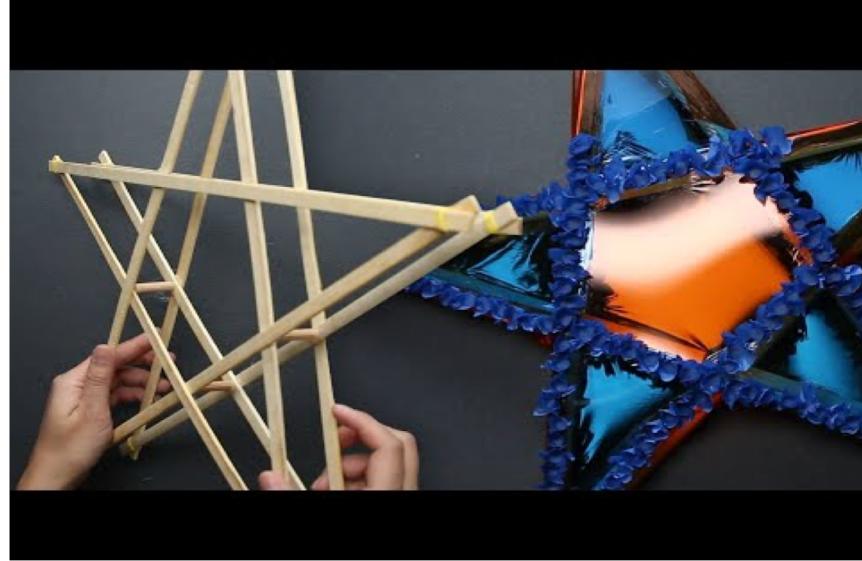
Hot Glue Gun and Glue Stick

Cellophane Paper and Colorful Tissue Paper (Link for Cellophane paper: [Here](#), Link for tissue paper: [Here](#))

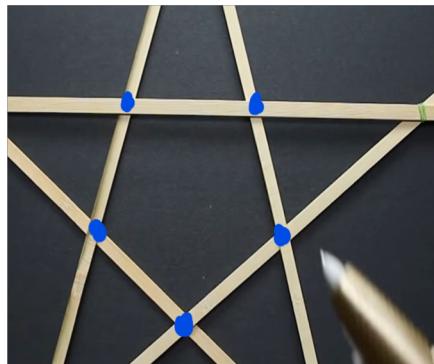
Optional for the tails: 2 small cardboard circles and a small amount of string

# Steps

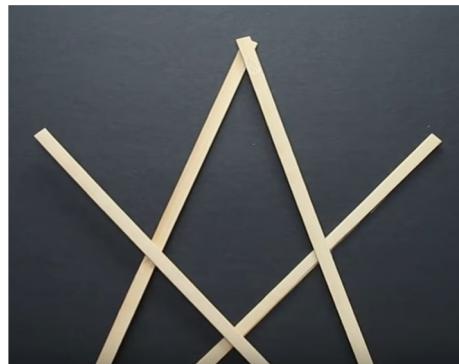
1. First you're going to take 2 bamboo sticks and put them on top of each other and tie them together with a rubber band
2. Then spread them out just a bit in order to make a "V" shape
3. Then place the 2 "V" shapes in a formation to where two points meet each other to form the top point of a star and tie it together with a rubber band
4. Next you're going to take another Bamboo stick and lay it across to make a star shape, then use a rubber band to tie each side together
5. Using the hot glue gun glue down the center pentagon points
6. Repeat these steps one more time in order to have 2 of these star shapes



Reference Video



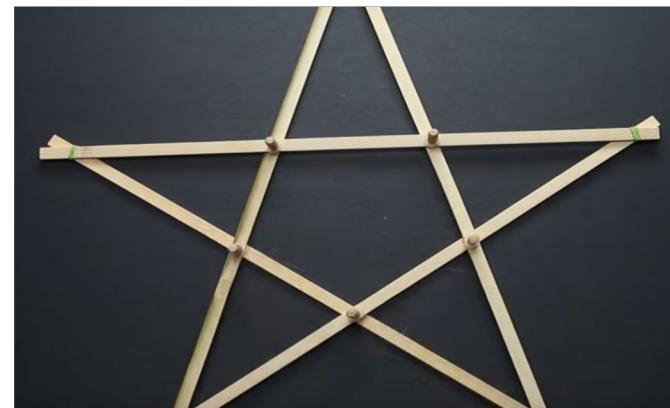
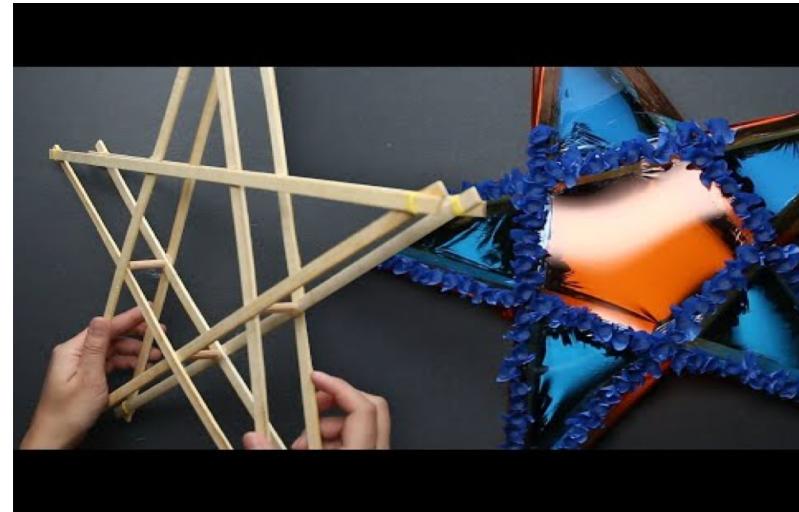
Points to hot glue in  
Step 5



Step 3

# Steps Cont.

7. Once you have your two star bamboo shapes take one of them and hot glue glue 5 dowel pins to each of the points of the pentagon
8. Then take hot glue the tops of the dowel pins and glue the other bamboo star the same direction down
9. Next tie each of the points of the bamboo stars together with a rubber band
10. Then get your glue stick and start gluing the cellophane paper or tissue paper to each face of the star



Step 7

# Optional Steps

- In the reference video the sides were also covered in cellophane paper, this is optional as some prefer it without
- Also optional, decorating the lining of the bamboo sticks with tissue paper
  - a. Cut out tiny squares of tissue paper then scrunch the paper
  - b. Using the glue stick, glue the small pieces of tissue paper along the bamboo lining of the star



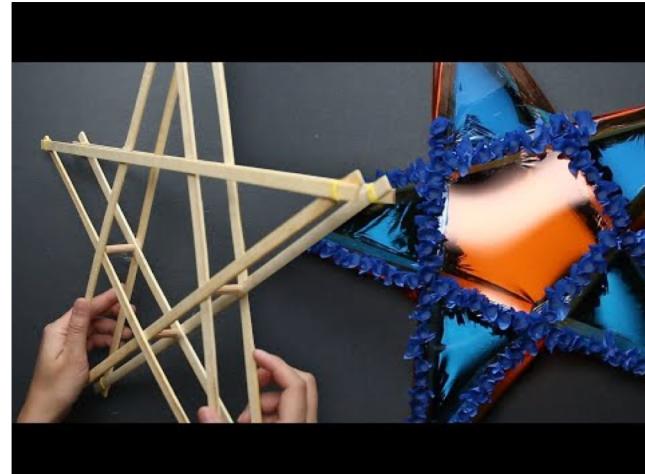
Example of Parol without sides covered in cellophane or tissue paper decorating bamboo sticks



Example of Parol with cellophane covering every side and tissue paper lining

# Optional Steps to make the tail

11. Take a large piece of tissue paper and fold it into a triangle.
12. Fold into a triangle 3 more times and then take a corner of the triangle and fold it to the base once
13. Then cut across the triangle without cutting all the way through until you reach the top
14. Make a small cut at the tip
15. Carefully open up your tissue paper
16. Lastly while your tissue paper is spread open place a small cardboard circle (with a hole in the middle) into the center of your tissue paper
17. Then using a short string of some kind tie a knot on one end and then string it though the circle
18. Glue the other side of string to the bottoms of the star
  - a. Alternate way of attaching the tail is to attach it to the bottom points of your star by either tying it with a rubber band or gluing to the bottom points



(Bottom:  
Reference  
Video)

# And now your Parol is complete!

Now that you've finished making your parol!

All that's left is to hang it up somewhere!

You can tie or glue the top of the Parol to some string and hang it up where ever you like

I hope you enjoyed making your Parol!

(For more information on the history of the parol click the following link: [History of the Parol](#))

(Credits to [Deanna Govea](#) and [Jun Belen](#) for their guides on how to make a Parol, click on their names to check out their guides)



Parols hanging in Manila (link to original photo: [here](#))