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HOW TO MAKE A NEW YEAR'S IRISH GATHERING LANTERN

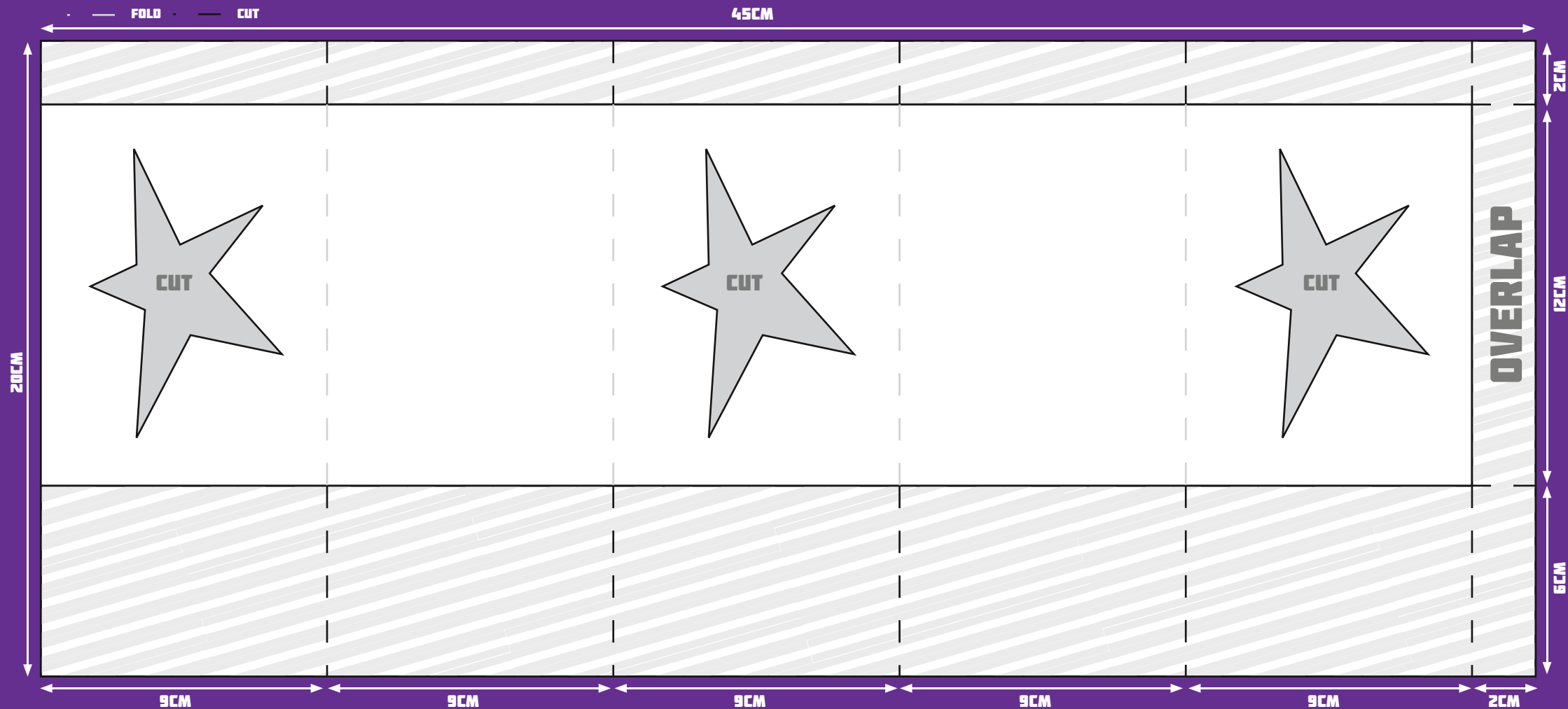
YOU WILL NEED

- A piece of card - 20cmx47cm
(you could recycle a cereal box using the white inside to the outside)
- Glue
- Clear Tape
- Tissue Paper / Cellophane
- Stapler
- Craft Knife / Scissors
- String & Bamboo Stick
- Sequins / Glitter
- White Plastic Carrier Bag
- LED Tea Light
- Pencil
- Ruler

ADULT SUPERVISION IS REQUIRED

1 With the pencil and ruler draw a rectangle onto the card (20 x 47 cm). Measure and draw the dividing lines. With the scissors or knife cut along the dotted lines and lightly score along the solid lines to make folding easier.

2 Draw the outlines of the star in each window space. Cut out the star shapes carefully with a craft knife.



3 Cover cut out star shapes by gluing tissue paper or cellophane over them on the inside, making sure to put extra glue around the edges of the star shape. Allow to dry.

Bend the five sides of the lantern and glue the overlap to the inside.

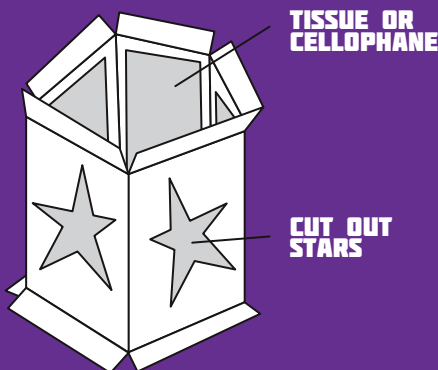
We also used a few staples for extra strength.

4 Bend and tape or glue the bottom 6cm pieces to form the base of the lantern.

Bend, then tape or staple the top 2cm edges, keeping a neat hexagon shape.

Reinforce with tape, then make two small holes through the tape either side of the top edge of the lantern. Thread your string through the holes and tie securely to form a handle.

Curl a loop of sticky tape around your finger with the sticky side facing out, then use the sticky loop to stick the LED TEA LIGHT to the middle of the base of the lantern. Make sure you turn it on first!!

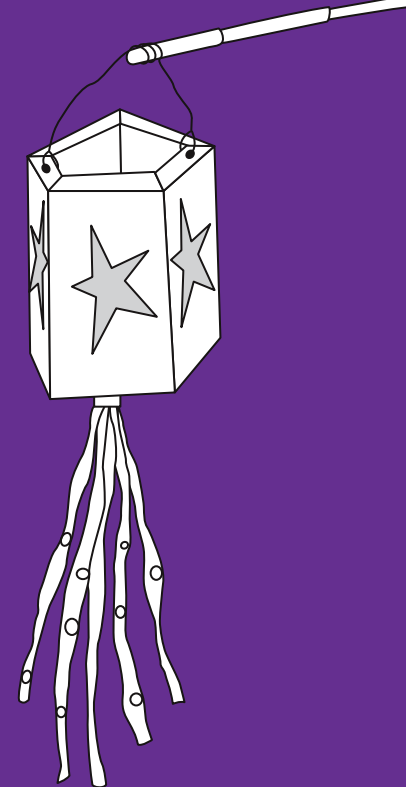


5 Roll up the white plastic bag and cut into long strips 2-3 cm wide.

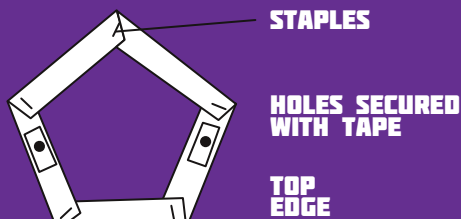
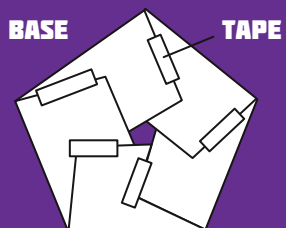
Tape these to the middle of the base of the lantern. You will have a lovely flowing tassell.

Decorate the strips and the lantern with glitter and sequins.

Have fun, the more sparkly the better!



6 Finally, tape the middle point of the string handle onto the end of the bamboo stick, making sure it's very secure.



USE THE LANTERN TO MAKE WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR