

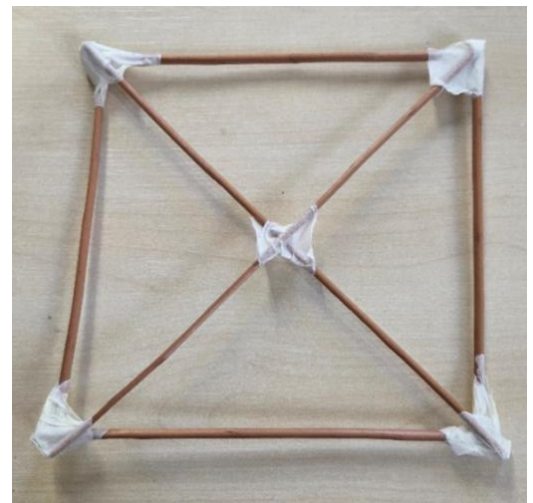
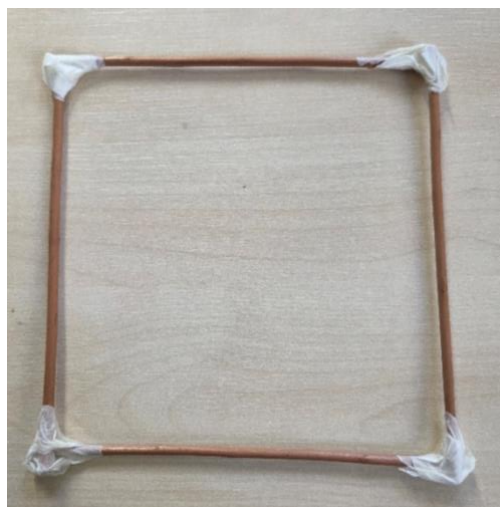
How to make your Victorian-style Lantern

1. Gather your equipment:

- a. willow withies/thin sticks
- b. wet-strength tissue paper
- c. PVA glue (mixed with water)
- d. bin bags/plastic bags
- e. scissors/secateurs
- f. masking tape
- g. coloured tissue paper/black sugar paper
- h. battery-operated string lights/LED tealights

2. Cut your willow/sticks into the required lengths – you can make your lantern as small or as large as you like! We cut ours into lengths of 4 x 20cm, 4 x 10cm, 4 x 5cm, 4 x 8cm, 2 x 12cm

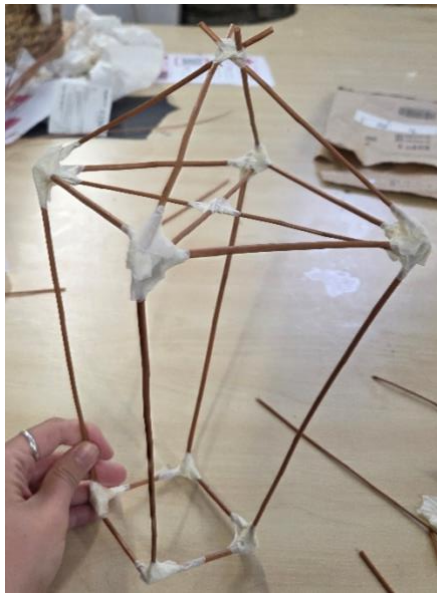
3. Make a square frame from 4 of the 10cm sticks by taping the ends together. Attach the 2 x 12cm sticks from corner to corner to make it secure. Wrap the lights around the crossed sticks (make sure the switch is accessible)



4. **Attach each of the 20cm sticks to each corner of the square frame** at a slight angle leaning into the centre.
5. **Make a smaller square frame from the 5cm lengths** and attach it to the other ends of the 20cm sticks. This will be the base of your lantern!



6. **Turn the lantern the right way up and attach the 4 x 8cm lengths to each corner of the larger square frame.** Gather them together at the top and secure with tape.
7. **Using a sponge (or hands!), cover a sheet of tissue paper with PVA/water mix and cover your lantern** – this might be a bit fiddly, but you can cut or tear the tissue paper to size if that's easier. One layer is enough. Leave the base of your lantern open so you can access the lights/attach a stick.



8. If you are applying decoration, do it when the tissue paper is still wet – cut out any shape you like, and apply to the lantern.
9. Let your lantern dry before attaching it to a stick, then turn the lights on and enjoy.

