

Pressed Flower Lanterns

Make a pretty pressed flower lantern perfect for a night-time summer picnic or garden party (or to bring a bit of summer into your room!).



Ingredients (Included):

- 1 glass jar with lid
- 2 oz container mod podge
- 2 paintbrushs
- 1 package dried flowers
- 1 length of twine
- 1 flameless tea light

Step One: Open your package of flowers and decide which ones you want to use. You can plan out your arrangement on a flat work surface ahead of time or play it by ear. You can trim long or thick stems with scissors.

Step Two: Paint a small area on the outside of the jar with a thin layer of Mod Podge and press on your first flower. It's best to work in small sections as Mod Podge will dry quickly.

Then, cover the flower with another think layer of Mod Podge. Be delicate here so as not to rip apart your flower.

You Supply:

- Scissors
- Tweezers (optional)







Tip: If the flower has layered petals, you can glue the top petals to the one beneath it with Mod Podge to make sure the whole flower sticks properly. You can also use tweezers to help place the flowers where you want them.

Step Three: Repeat these steps all along the sides of your jar. Cover your jar with as many flowers as you like. Then let your lantern dry for 5 minutes.

Step Four: Once dry, cover the entire jar with a thin layer of Mod Podge. Try to move in the same direction across the whole jar and work lightly. This will help the flowers stick, and create an even texture over the glass that's showing on the lantern.

Though Mod Podge goes on white, it will dry clear, but you will still see a little texture from your brushstrokes, so try to keep them even.







Step Five: Tie the twine around the mouth of the jar. Start from the center of the twine and loop it around the mouth of the jar several times, tying in front in a bow.



Step Six: Turn on your flameless tealight (or add your own votive candle) and place in the jar.



Enjoy!

You might have some extra dried flowers left over. Where else can you use them with some Mod Podge?



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