

# TUTORIAL 8.

## LUMINARIES

### SUPPLIES

- 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of card stock
- 8 1/4" x 10 1/4" sheet of translucent paper or tissue
- Double stick tape or glue stick
- 3 brads (paper fasteners) plain or decorative

### TOOLS

- bone folder and/or scoring tool
- straightedge
- sharp craft knife
- 1/8" hole punch\*

\* A STANDARD HOLE PUNCH IS 1/4" AND EVEN THOUGH STANDARD SIZE BRADS WILL WORK WITH THIS, A SMALLER HOLE (1/8") WILL MAKE FOR A FIT THAT IS A BIT MORE SNUG/ SECURE. IT IS WORTH HAVING ONE OF THESE SMALLER HOLE PUNCHES ON HAND BUT IF YOU DON'T THEN PLEASE GO AHEAD AND USE YOUR 1/4" PUNCH.

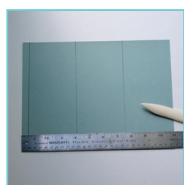


### WARNING

This is a great project for creating your own original luminaries but it comes with a warning. If you use these paper shades with traditional flaming candles, NEVER EVER leave them unattended! I use battery votives, easily found in local craft stores, or I offer them in my [Reminiscence Papers shop in packs of three with replacement batteries](#). These are used in the photos and provide peace of mind worth more than the price. If you must use a candle, please place it in a glass cup for added security.

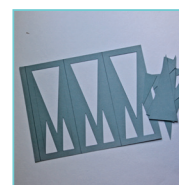
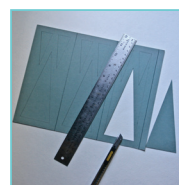
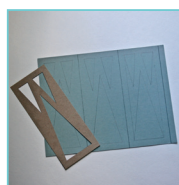
### STEP 1

- Lay the card stock sheet horizontally on your work table/cutting surface. If your card stock has a right or wrong side please note that we will be working on the wrong side through step three.
- Mark, measure and score a line 1/2" in from either short end (not both).
- Divide the remaining sheet into thirds, each section will be 3 1/2" x 8 1/2" and score.



### STEP 2

- Allowing a 1/2" margin in each section your working (cutting) area will be 2 1/2" x 7 1/2". I suggest that you mark out this area.
- You may now free cut with your craft knife or use the straight edge and knife to cut out large openings in each section.
- Alternately, you can make a design template from chipboard, trace the areas you want to cut out, cut and remove them.



### STEP 3

- Apply glue stick or double stick tape around all sides of each cutout opening and around all outer edges but inside the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " tab created in step one. Try to leave a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " space around the outer paper edges and from the scored line for the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " tab.
- Carefully place the translucent paper or tissue over the adhesive and gently press to adhere.
- At this point it is helpful to place the entire piece under some heavy weights for a bit (books, board or I use sheets of tempered glass). This is strongly suggested if you have used a glue stick as your adhesive.



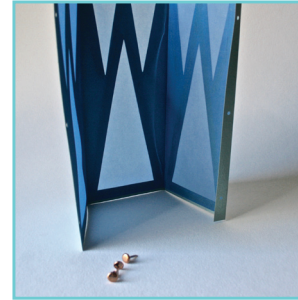
### STEP 4

- Punch three holes – one in the center of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " flap and 1" in from each end.
- Gently bend the end with the flap over to the other short end (do not fold or crease) and line up the edges.
- Mark through the flap holes, return the sheet to a flat position and then punch through the marks that you just created.



### STEP 5

- Fold and crease wrong sides together, along each of the score lines created in step one.
- Bring the tab around and line up the punched holes with the tab underneath.
- Place a brad through each hole and splay the ends to secure. I find that it works best to begin with the middle hole.

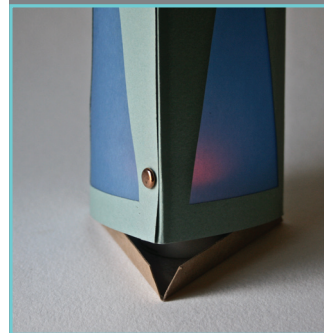


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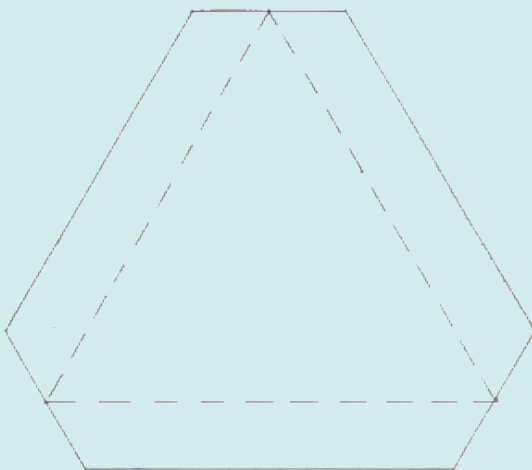
- I use brads so that I can take them out and store the luminaries flat until I want to re-use them. If you are making them for a single use only, you can skip the holes/brads and simply apply adhesive to the flap, insert it under the opposite section, and press to adhere.

## STEP 6

- Turn on your votive or light your candle and set the luminarie on top.
- Turn off all other light sources in the room and bask in the glow.



### TEMPLATE



### ADVANCED STEP

- \* If you are going to use the luminaries outside, or where wind could be an issue, you can create stabilizers using the template to the left. Each edge of the triangle is  $3 \frac{3}{8}$ " long.
- \* Trace and cut this shape from chipboard, score along the broken lines and fold them up. Place the triangle on your table, set the light on top then gently glide your luminarie over the top.
- \* I find that this is usually snug enough to withstand a gentle breeze, but if you want added security, apply adhesive to the outer edges of the cardboard tabs then gently press to adhere when the luminaries are in place.
- \* In extreme cases you can add weight to the cardboard triangle (pieces of lead, stones, etc.).