



Jubilee Lanterns

With Jubilee activities unavoidable at the moment, we thought we should jump on the bandwagon with these great decorations.

The lanterns look ridiculously easy to make, but are in fact slightly trickier than you think, so will engage even the more able of the children.

Equipment:

- Several sheets of A4 card in red, white and blue
- Scissors
- String
- Split pins
- Hole punch
- Paper trimmer (optional)

Method:

1. Cut strips of card in each of the three colours, approximately 2cm wide, with the paper trimmer, or scissors if preferred - we used about 12 strips for each lantern.
2. Pair up the strips and cut about ½ cm off one of each pair.
3. Using the hole punch, put a hole in each end of the strips.
4. Cut a length of string and thread the strips onto it, alternating the colours as you thread them on.
5. Bunch the strips together and then push a split pin through the hole and open it out.
6. Push another split pin through the hole at the bottom of the strips and open it out.
7. Now spread out the strips of card to form a ball, this can be slightly tricky, but keep going and the shape will come.
8. When in a ball, tie a knot to secure the string, but don't pull too tight or you'll distort the shape.
9. Hang groups of them together as an alternative to bunting.

The lanterns can easily be adapted for other celebrations, just by changing the colour of the card, eg browns and oranges for autumn/Halloween, red, green and white for Christmas, greens and yellows for spring/Easter.

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