

ADELAIDE FESTIVAL CENTRE'S

MOON LANTERN PARADE

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LANTERN MAKING
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Each year the fifteenth day of the eighth lunar month is celebration time for the Moon Lantern Festival, which is also known as Mid-Autumn Festival. The annual Moon Lantern Parade typically takes place during the first weekend of the official OzAsia Festival dates - usually within the last two weeks of October.

Thousands of people of diverse ages and a multitude of cultural backgrounds gather in Elder Park, South Australia, to celebrate the Moon Lantern Parade. As the sun sets and the moon lights the sky the thousands of people will be

directed to look up to the bright full moon to sense the feelings of unity and connectedness. School students, their parents, teachers and community groups parade with traditional and contemporary hand-made lanterns through Elder Park celebrating the beauty of the full moon.

The event begins in the afternoon and provides an incredible opportunity for attendees to wander through the park and look at lantern installations, try a variety of cuisine, participate in workshop activities and watch community performances.





HOW TO MAKE A TRIANGLE LANTERN

Now you can join us from home or your classroom for a digital lantern making workshop by artist Paula Gallagher.

Watch the workshop online:

ozasiafestival.com.au/events/moon-lantern-parade-lantern-making-workshop

facebook.com/ozasiafestival

youtube.com/AdelaideFestivalCtr



TOOLS AND MATERIALS

Most of the tools and materials can be sourced from supermarkets and hardware stores. Some materials, such as cane, can be substituted using easily accessible objects.

You will need:

- Rattan cane – dry cane can be used for the majority of lanterns. Soaking the cane overnight in water makes it more pliable for curved shapes. Alternative materials can include sticks or willow branches.
- Narrow gaffa tape – wide tape from your hardware store can be torn into narrower strips.
- White tissue paper – greasproof paper can be a good substitute.
- Cable ties
- Coloured tissue paper
- Small paper plates
- PVA (kid's craft – not industrial). Watered down at a 1:1 ratio.
- Heavy duty builders' plastic (black) to cover table and any other surfaces.
- Sponges
- Glue containers
- Scissors
- Buckets
- Old towels
- LED "stick and click" lights
- Carrying poles



PROCESS

The process can be broken down into three key stages: Construction, Papering and Decorating. Once you know the basic techniques, you can adapt them to create any kind of lantern you like!

CONSTRUCTION

- Cut 6 lengths of cane into 3 longer and 3 shorter pieces.
- Bind the 3 longer pieces of cane at the top using tape, leaving 5cm of cane above the tape.
- Spread sticks out into triangular form.
- Attach the shorter pieces of cane to the bottom of the longer pieces to create a pyramid shaped frame. Overlap the ends of the cane, leaving 3-5cm between the tape and the ends.
- Bind with tape using a figure 8 technique. Tape should be 10-15 cm long. Start at the tip of the tape and criss-cross around all corners. Squeeze the tape firmly.
- Tape the paper plate to the base of the triangle frame to hold the light.
- Trim off excess cane from the top and the sides – but be sure to leave the little legs for the base!
- Install a cable tie loop at the top and tape into place (this will help you carry the lantern).



PAPERING

- Place white paper on a chair or dry area. Paper on the table will get covered in glue and ruined!
- Mix PVA glue with water 1:1 ratio
- Soak sponge in glue and wipe onto plastic on the table.
- Lay paper on the glue and wipe with sponge. Start on the middle of the sheet and spread glue to edges.
- Lay another sheet on top and wipe with glue again.
- Peel both sheets off the table together and drape over one side of the frame.
- Wrap paper tightly around the cane, pressing down to ensure full contact.
- Use smaller pieces of paper to fill any gaps.
- Repeat until all panels of the frame are covered, including the base, and leave to dry.
- When the lantern is dry, a small trap door can be cut in with a Stanley knife so the light can be placed on the plate.

DECORATING

- When designing decoration, remember it is a lantern and must emit light. It will probably be seen from a distance, so keep it simple and bold (small details will not be seen). Note: coloured tissue is much thinner than the white, so the technique is different.
- Cut out coloured paper shapes and put them in a dry place (not the table!).
- Apply glue to white paper panel, place coloured paper, and repeat.
- Gently dab (not wipe) glue on top of the coloured paper to stick down the edges.
- When your designs are dry, your lantern is ready to use! Insert your light through the trapdoor and attach the carrying pole using the cable tie.

