Paper Cup Lantern

👧 Age 5+ | ⏱ 20 min | Level: Medium ●●○ | ✋ With an adult



What you need

- [ ] A blue paper cup (or any dark color)
- [ ] A pushpin
- [ ] A thick piece of sponge or foam (to poke on)
- [ ] A small LED tealight (never a real candle!)
- [ ] A pencil

How to make it

1. Draw simple dotted shapes on the side of the cup: a star, a circle, a heart.
2. Put the sponge inside the cup, behind the wall you're working on.
3. Poke small holes with the pushpin along the lines you drew – hole after hole.
4. Turn the cup over, switch on the LED tealight, and cover it with the cup.
5. Turn off the lights – and the shapes glow!

💡 **Tip:** The closer together the holes, the brighter the shape. Poke the holes with an adult nearby.