

free projects

MEADOW Luminaries

Bring the vibrant colors of the meadow to your deck or patio with these charming and easy glass lanterns. Tissue paper creates a stained glass effect on inexpensive vases. Beads and appliques embellish the beautiful colors and designs.



These creative Meadow Luminaries are from the Leisure Arts book, *Debbie Mumm's Colors from Nature* (#4540). In this 96-page book, Debbie used the beautiful colors that nature gives us as her inspiration for designing 50 quilt, craft, and decorating projects. The luminaries are part of the Meadow Melodies collection, which features a lap quilt and wall art that call up images of frolicking poppies and sun-drenched daisies. Ask for *Debbie Mumm's Colors from Nature* at stores nationwide or find it online at www.theleisureboutique.com.

Making the Luminaries

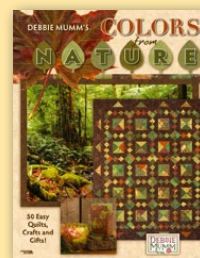
You can't do this wrong! Wrinkles and tears are part of the charm when you make these colorful glass lanterns. Perfect for a late summer party, your kitchen table, or as a hostess gift, these cute glass creations can also be used as a vase or flowerpot.

1. Cut bright colored tissue paper into 1½" - 2" squares or long strips for a striped lantern.
2. Pour some decoupage glue into a throw-away container.
3. Starting at the bottom of the vase, spread decoupage glue on lower half of vase.
4. Place tissue squares or strips on glued area, overlapping as desired. Smooth down with brush, applying more decoupage glue and making sure that tissue is totally saturated. Places where two colors of tissue overlap will create a third color. Wrinkles in the tissue just add texture. Have fun with this! You can't do it wrong.
5. Continue applying decoupage and tissue until entire vase is covered. Fold tissue over top edge, overlapping just ¼" and cover with decoupage. Use bristle brush to push tissue into any indentations in the glass. If desired, use decoupage to adhere dried flowers or leaves to vase.
6. Vase will be sticky, so turn it upside down over a glass bottle or set it on another small glass vase to dry. Allow to dry overnight or until all stickiness is gone. If you don't like a section, simply go over it with more tissue paper following same steps as before.

Embellishing the Lanterns

Use tacky glue or jewel glue to adhere small appliques or beads. Or, string beads onto an elastic string to make a "necklace" for your lantern.

Do not submerge lantern in water! Clean with a damp cloth when needed.





SUPPLIES

- Vase or Glass Surface
- Tissue Paper or Party Napkins
- Gloss Decoupage Glue
- Inexpensive Bristle Brush
- Optional
 - Glue
 - Assorted Beads
 - Elastic String
 - Dried Flowers or Leaves

