



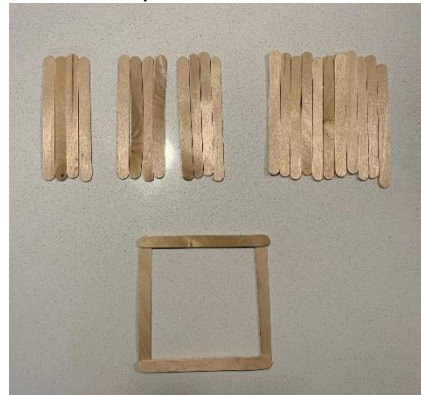
## Making Your Own Japanese Lantern

### Supplies Needed

- ❖ Ruler
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Glue or Glue gun/glue sticks
- ❖ Popsicle sticks – You can find popsicle sticks at Dollar Tree (or substitute with wooden chopsticks, straws, or sticks)
- ❖ Wax paper
- ❖ Iron and thin cloth (bigger than 5 x 5 inches)
- ❖ Copy paper (to print Japanese calligraphy [Kanji])
- ❖ Cut-outs of leaves/flowers or dried leaves/flowers
- ❖ Tea lights (battery operated) – Dollar Tree has a 2-pack for \$1.00

### Let's Get Started!!

Step #	Instruction
1	Lay out 27 popsicle sticks. Group 4 sticks into 4 separate piles with 10 sticks in a final separate pile.
2	Take the first group of 4 sticks and make a square by placing 2 sticks parallel to one another and then placing the other 2 sticks on top of the two parallel sticks – like this:



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## Making Your Own Japanese Lantern, Continued

### Instructions, Continued

3	Make a total of 4 squares with the popsicle sticks. Take glue or glue gun and place a dot of glue on each corner to secure sticks together. If using standard glue, let the square frames dry for a couple of hours.
4	Print Japanese calligraphy (Kanji) using the Kanji template provided with this instruction sheet. Cut along the dotted lines (1 "Peace" and 1 "Love" per lantern).
5	Take a square frame and place 3 dots of glue across the top and bottom of the frame. Take the "Peace" Kanji image and place it in the center of the square frame. <i>Be sure to flip the Kanji image so that the printed side is facing down towards the table.</i> Do the same for a 2 <sup>nd</sup> square frame using the "Love" Kanji image.
6	Cut wax paper into 2 separate pieces into an 8.5 inches x 4.25 inches rectangle. Fold each piece of wax paper in half to make a square that is 4.25 inches x 4.25 inches.
7	Using half of your dried leaves/flowers or leave/flower cut-outs, place in between the wax paper of the first square. Do the same for the second wax paper square.

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## Making Your Own Japanese Lantern, Continued

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8	Heat up an iron on low-medium setting. Take a small, thin cloth and place it over the wax paper square and hold for 10 to 15 seconds on top of the wax paper. This will sandwich the leaves/flowers in between the wax paper. Do the same for the second wax paper square. <i>Place each square under a stack of books until cool to avoid the wax paper from curling.</i>
9	Take the 3 <sup>rd</sup> frame and place 2 dots of glue across the top and bottom of the frame. Then, take one of the wax paper squares and center it on the popsicle stick frame. Do the same for the last wooden frame using the 2 <sup>nd</sup> wax paper square.
10	Glue all four frames together at the seams into a lantern-shaped structure. If using regular glue, you may have to glue 2 frames together separately and let them completely dry. Once the glued frames are dry, then you can glue them all together to create the 4 sides of your lantern.
11	Lay the 4-sided, glued lantern frame upside down on a table. Glue 11 popsicle sticks across the bottom to create a base for your lantern.
12	Once the base has completely dry and secure, flip the lantern over, and place a tea light on the base. Your Japanese lanterns is ready to proudly display in your window for our August 6 <sup>th</sup> FHTH Commemoration Event!