Scouts
Wimbledon and Wandle

Pumpkin Paper Lantern

Things you will need:

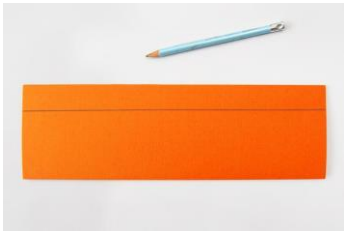
- Orange A4 paper (however you can use any colour you have)
- Black felt-tip pen
- Scissors
- Stapler or glue (stapler works better)
- Ruler and pencil (optional)

Instructions

1. Prepare the orange paper. Cut a 2cm long strip off and set aside, this will be come your lanterns handle later!

2. Draw a face. In the middle of your page, draw a spooky pumpkin face using your black felt tip pen. Colour inside the eyes, nose and mouth.

3. Fold the paper in half. Making sure that your drawing is dry, fold the piece of paper in half (as shown in the picture) so that you cannot see the face any more.



4. Draw a horizontal line. Draw a horizontal line 2cm from the long the open edge. This line will become your cutting guide.

5. Cutting the slits in your lantern. Starting from the folded side, cut a straight line about 2cm from one of the short sides, all the way to the pencil line we drew in step 4. Continue to cut slits 2cm apart until you have covered the whole length of the paper.

6. Unfold the paper. Unfold the paper and you will now have lots of vertical slits along the middle of the paper.

7. Fold the paper again. Fold the paper again however this time, fold it the other way so that we can see the face you drew and gently push down on the center crease line.

8. Unfold the paper. Unfold the paper and lay it flat on the table.

9. Forming the lantern. Bring the 2 short sides of the paper together to form a tube like shape, making sure you keep the face on the outside of your lantern. Overlap the edges by at least 2cm and secure with a staple at the top and the bottom.

10. Glue or staple the handle. Find the strip of paper you cut off at the very start and secure it inside your lantern either by gluing or stapling each side.

11. Enjoy your lantern! Push the top of your lantern down slightly to push out the center folds and then hand your lantern up somewhere for everyone to admire!