GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN REVOLUTION ADVENT 2020

AT-HOME

CHRISTMAS

LUMINARIES

Help bring joy & the Light of the World into your community this Christmas (literally & figuratively!) with some simple supplies & a little love.

We encourage you to make some for yourselves & some to share with your neighbors. Make sure to share safely! You can drop them on a porch or doorstep with a note of love.





SUPPLIES



Paper lunch sacks (white or brown, although white will glow brighter)



Uncooked rice (enough to fill each bag about 1" at the bottom)



Scissors

Hole-punch (optional)



Black or other dark-colored markers (optional)



Tea light candles (the LED versions are safer & reusable, if you have them!)



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STEP 1: DECORATE

Use your marker to draw a design on your bag or write a message of hope & joy. Try to keep the majority of your design in the top half of the bag.

If you are planning to create a **cutout design** on your bag in Step 2, try to make your drawing easy to **cut in one piece** (much like carving a pumpkin).

If you need inspiration, check out the last page of our tutorial for some design & message ideas to get you started!





STEP 2: CUT

Get your scissors & start cutting out your design!

You can use your optional hole-punch to punch along the outline of your design (instead of cutting it out) & make a dot-style design, or add in some random punches around your bag to create "stars"!

BE MINDFUL not to make any cuts or holes at the bottom of your bag – leave at least 2 inches at the bottom without any cuts to make room for the rice & the candle.

STEP 3: PREPARE

Carefully pour about 1 inch of uncooked rice into each bag. This will weigh your luminary down to keep it from blowing over in the wind!

Place your candle inside the bag, pressing it gently into the rice to hold it in place.

If your luminary needs a little extra stability, you can fold the top edge down about 1/2-1 inch to keep the mouth of the bag open. This is especially helpful if you have real candles (instead of LED) so that the paper doesn't touch the flame.





STEP 4: SHARE

Set your luminaries outside your home on Christmas

Eve & watch them glow! If you are using real candles,
be sure to set them a safe distance from your home.

Many people place them along their walkway or
sidewalk. Check out some of the images in this tutorial
for examples!

If you made some for your neighbors (we hope you did!), safely place the unlit luminaries on their doorstep sometime before Christmas Eve. Include a note or card explaining the gift & sharing the joy of Christ's love.

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"GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN!"

"THIS LIGHT IS GOOD NEWS FOR ALL PEOPLE!"

"JESUS CHRIST IS BORN!"

"GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY!"

"REJOICE AND CELEBRATE!"

"COME AND SEE!"