

# Punched Lanterns

You will need:

- A cleaned out tin can which has been filled with water and frozen solid.
- A large, sharp nail
- A Pattern
- Sticky tape / label
- A Cloth
- A Candle
- A Hammer



Fix your pattern onto the can using the tape/label.

Rest it on the cloth so that it doesn't roll or slip away.





Use the hammer and nail to punch small holes along the lines of your pattern.

- You will need to rotate the can so that you always punch vertically downwards. If you try to work at an angle, the can will roll or the punch will slip off.
- Leave a small gap between the holes or you will end up cutting the entire shape out.
- The ice in the can will stop you from a) punching too big of a hole and b) bending the side of the can.



With a little bit of effort you should get something like this.

Remove the pattern and place the can in some warm water so that the ice inside can be removed.

Warning – the inner surface of the can will have some sharp areas from the punching process.

Place the lit candle inside the can and turn out the lights.

You should get something like this!



You can make all kinds of patterns.

Have a go at one of your own and don't forget to share your pictures with us using [@blackpoolscouts](https://twitter.com/blackpoolscouts) or emailing [comms@blackpoolscouts.org.uk](mailto:comms@blackpoolscouts.org.uk)