



How to Build a Beautiful Water Lily!

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1- Gather Together the Materials:

- 1 small plastic bottles (washed and dried)
- 1 big plastic bottle (washed and dried)
- Tree branches with a “hand” at the top (see picture)
- Battery-operated lights
- Permanent markers (sharpies)
- Scissors (tin snips)
- Hot glue gun
- Hot glue stick
- Duct-tape

2- Making The Small Bottle (the flower)

Materials: small bottle, scissors, permanent markers

2.1- Making the inside flower

- Cut the plastic bottle into two: two thirds for the bottom part, and one third for the top part. Once cut, you will start working with the bottom half.
- Holding the bottom half, you will cut leaf-shaped triangles at the top.
- Use the top half of the bottle to cut out leaf shapes following the curve of the neck and shoulders of the bottle.
- Using the permanent markers, colour in the leaves.

2.2- Making the smaller flowers

- Cut off the bottom part of the small bottle.
- Colour it in on the inside following the curves which echo the form of a flower.

Note : If you have multiple bottles (big or small), you can cut off the bottoms to make more flowers to use as added decoration.





3- The Big Bottle (the big leaves)

Material: large plastic bottle, permanent markers

- Cut the plastic bottle in two: two thirds for the bottom part, and one third for the top part. Once cut, you will start working with the bottom half.
- Holding the bottom half, you will cut leaf-shaped triangles at the top.
- Using the permanent markers, colour in the leaves.

Note : Colour inside the bottle as otherwise you'll get marker on your hands when you hold it!

4- The Big Bottle (small leaves)

Material: large plastic bottle and permanent markers

- Use the top part of the large plastic bottle that you have cut.
- Draw out the leaves with a marker.
- Cut them out (you can play with different type edges : straight, serrated etc..).
- Colour them in.

Note: Colouring inside the bottle will help you to keep from getting marker on your hands when you hold the lantern!

5- Assembling the lantern

Material: branch, glue gun, lights and duct-tape

- Take the branch with the "hand".
- Place the water lily lantern inside the "hand".
- Find where you think it fits well.
- Using a marker, mark the places the lantern will touch the branch. These will serve as guidelines.
- Using the glue gun, put some glue where the marker lines are.
- Make sure there's enough glue so that the lantern doesn't fall off when you're carrying it.
- Add the small flowers and leaves to the branch to decorate it.
- Wrap the lights around the water lily and the branch, and tape the battery to the branch or stick the battery pack inside the lily bottle.

