



DIY Halloween Lantern

Description



I am blessed to have some very creative friends. My good friends Anne and Julie have a Halloween party every year much to my husbandâ€™s dismay. Itâ€™s not that he doesnâ€™t like parties, he just doesnâ€™t like **Halloween** parties. However, Halloween is one of my favorite holidays. I wrote about [why Iâ€™m passionate about Halloween](#) in a post last year. This year their Halloween party theme centers around the Salem Witch Trials. I have been to Salem, Massachusetts and itâ€™s actually a quaint little town. They dressed up like pallbearers and mourners and hand delivered these unique hand-made invitations.

I wanted to share the invitation with you because I thought it would also make a cute Halloween decoration. Julie shared the instructions with me which she thought up as she was making the lanterns.





Supplies:

Quart jars (Wal-Mart Mainstays brand better than Kerr or Ball because there is no embossing on the glass)

Thin parchment or plain white paper, depending on your taste. Parchment makes an eerie glow but the white gives off more light)

Brown paper spray from Michael's™ to age the edge of the image.

Glue stick to adhere image, just the top so it looks like it is floating in the jar

Black paint with brush around the inside of the jar. Make sure it doesn't ooze down into the art or get on the back of the paper.

(You can also use black spray paint but the fumes are terrible and it takes a long time before you can put a candle in there. I almost blew up my kitchen!)

The wire is a thin gage that I just looped around the neck of the jar to form a handle.

She also dipped the top of the mason jar in red apple scented melted wax. It's little details like this that add that special touch.

She printed an invitation on parchment paper, but you could use any Halloween image inside the jar.

She also had a tea light candle inside the lantern. Mine got knocked a little and some wax spilled on the bottom. I would advise putting a small glass votive holder inside with a candle so the wax is contained a little better. I added my invitation to my dining room table. It's a good thing we don't use this table to eat because I don't think there's anymore room for food.

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