**Mason Jar Lanterns**

**Technical Instructions Handout**

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**Warning:** This project requires safety when handling hot glue guns and is not appropriate for unattended children or children under 5 due to the choking hazard of the small pebbles.

**Disclaimer:** Read all instructions before starting

**Materials: Can be bought at craft stores such as A.C. Moore, Hobby Lobby, or Michaels**

* Mason jars (any color, size, etc)
* Small glass pebbles
* Hot glue gun
* Glue sticks for hot glue gun
* Small electric tea lights
* Towel for hot glue gun/cleanup
* Heat mat or ceramic plate to place hot glue gun on
* Scissors
* Ziploc bags for extra pebbles, beads, etc.

**Optional:**

Twine/hemp/other decorative string, ribbon, & decorative beads

**Figure 1**

**Step 1:**

* Lay out all of your materials on a clean surface; see figure 1

**Step 2:**

* Warm up hot glue gun (if the mason jar has a lid, remove the lid from the mason jar & set lid aside)
* Carefully using scissors, cut open the bags of gems

**Figure 2 Figure 3**

**Step 3:**

* Carefully using hot glue gun, start from the bottom of the mason jar and glue pebbles flat side against the jar, encircling the jar
* See video for example of “encircling” → <http://youtu.be/01cchM8ASTg>
* Note--glue dries quickly, so place pebbles on fast!
* Hold pebbles in place each time you glue one to ensure they stick
* **Important! Do not** glue pebbles to the bottom, the inside of the jar, or the area the lid will cover; see figures 4-6 for details

**Figure 4** **Figure 5**  



**Figure 6**

**Step 4:**

* Continue gluing the pebbles so they encircle the sides of the jar; see figure 7
* Spacing of pebbles will not be consistent; you will have some areas where a pebble will not fit. Just work around this and keep gluing the next row.
* Glue dries immediately, so jars should be ready for handling quickly, but still handle with care

**Figure 7** 

**Step 5:**

* Turn on tea light candle and place one inside each jar; see figure 9
* For mason jars with lids, screw lids back on and set aside
* If desired, embellish jars with twine/hemp, beads, or ribbon to give it a personal touch!

 **Figure 8**

**Step 6:**

* Use towel for cleanup if needed

**Conclusion:**

Now you have the perfect lantern for any occasion, like home decor, dorm decorations, party table centerpieces, or even flashlights during a blackout. So be ready to light up your world with these festive glass lanterns!

**\*\*Note\*\* Handle with care. The pebbles may fall off with rough or excessive handling. If this happens, simply re-apply hot glue and re-glue the pebble.**

**Figure 9 Figures 10**



