



# How to make a Lantern Pole

This year Friends of AEA has a very limited number of lantern poles available for sale, and all children are making lanterns in class to carry in the Children's Lantern Parade. So what's a parent to do?

Never fear! It is simple and cheap to make your own at home!

## Materials-

1 wooden dowel 2' long (hardware store)

1 foot of cord or heavy string

1 light stick or very tiny flashlight (Party City or marine store)

Drill to make a hole in dowel, if desired

Step 1- If you are handy with power tools, drill a hole large enough for the cord to pass through in the end of the dowel. Be careful not to split the dowel! Otherwise, you can just tie the cord around one end of the dowel, and maybe add a little duct tape on top to avoid it slipping.

Step 2- To the other end of the cord, attach your glow stick or flashlight. Some glow sticks have a hole to hang from a cord, so do some little flashlights. Once your child brings home their lantern, you can adjust the length of the cord so that the light is inside the lantern when the lantern hangs over the end of the pole.

Step 3- You may want to use a little tape to attach the lantern more securely on the pole so it doesn't slide up and down, or you can also tie it on.

That's all there is to it! Just bring it to the festival.

Oh! And don't forget to practice the lantern songs with your kids!