

Legacy Luminary

FAMILY ACTIVITY

A luminary is a special light that you can use to honor your loved one. In this activity, you will decorate the outside of a clear container with colorful pieces of tissue paper, choosing colors or shapes that help you to feel close and connected to your special person. After it's completed, you can place a candle or small light inside to illuminate the colors.

Materials

- Clear glass container
- Tissue paper (the more colors the better!)
- Mod Podge or watered-down glue (2/3 glue to 1/3 water)
- Paint brush
- Votive candle/tea light/electric candle
- Small printed photo of your special person (optional)



Instructions

1. Prep your workstation—the glue can be messy so it's helpful to have a table cover for easy clean up.
2. Gather materials—pour a small amount of Mod Podge into a cup and cut a variety of colors of tissue paper into different shapes. For easy cutting and assembling, squares and rectangles are a good place to start.
3. Paint a thin layer of Mod Podge on one outside section of the glass container. Mod Podge dries clear, so don't worry about sections looking white initially.
4. Place the tissue paper squares on top of the Mod Podge on the outside of the container. Think about the colors you select and how you decide to place them on the luminary. What do you associate with that color and how does it relate to your special person? Do you want to create a specific design for your luminary to represent your special person?
5. Continue the process of covering the container with tissue paper until the entire outside of the container is covered.
6. If you want, you can add some small printouts of favorite photos of your special person on your container. Print the photo on printer paper and secure it to the side of your luminary with Mod Podge or glue.

For safety: do not add photos or tissue paper to the inside of your luminary

7. Go back and carefully paint more glue on top of the tissue paper to create a final coat that seals the paper on. Don't worry because the glue will dry clear!

"Twas a light that made
darkness itself appear
a thing of comfort."

—Robert Southey

Let's Talk About It!

- What was the process of making the luminary like?
- What was your favorite part?
- What was difficult?
- How did you decide what colors to use?
- Where are you going to keep your luminary?