

Make your own Lobethal Lantern!

Lobethal Lanterns are a unique decoration that has been designed for the Lobethal community, and supported by the Lights of Lobethal. The lanterns promote and celebrate the town's textile and handcraft rich history, and will be a new feature that signifies Lobethal.

Many lanterns have been made during community workshops and these will be hung along the main street and in homes during festive events, such as the Lights of Lobethal. They are for daytime display or illumination with renewable energy powered LEDs.

You can make your own Lobethal Lantern, using the pattern provided here or downloaded from the web page (where you can see a video on how to make it as well). You can follow the instructions or interpret in your own creative way.

Sewing: These lanterns in this pattern can be made by hand, but it is easiest with a 4 thread overlocker or straight stitch with a zig zag.

Recommended Fabrics: brightly coloured, light fabrics such as Georgette, Chiffon, Silk, Sheer Rayon and Cotton, Tulle or Lace, and any other see through fabrics - you can recycle old dresses or lace curtains or tablecloths, they look terrific. Approx 1.5m x 1.2m.

Extras: Interwoven stiffening (a strip approx 150cm long and 8cm wide) to use for circumference tunnel and dowel sleeves; 130cm fibreglass rods or wicker for centre circle (about 2.5mm diameter), and 100cm dowel or similar for the tension pole (about 6mm diameter); 50cm ribbon pieces for hanging the Lantern, wool for tassels, bells and other decorations.

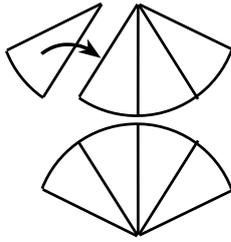
Cutting: Decide whether it is a lantern with 4,5 or 6 sides, and cut 8, 10 or 12 of the pieces on fabric on straight grain, following the pattern diagrams. Allow 1cm Seam allowance.



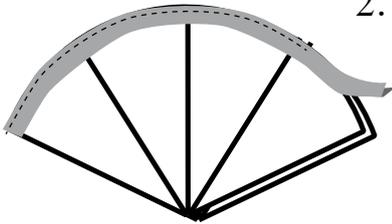
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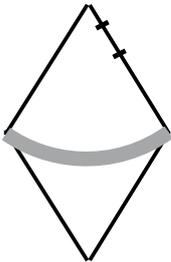
Construction:



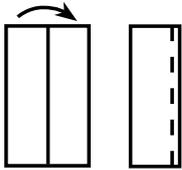
1. Sew panels together in correct groupings to make a top half and bottom half of the Lantern. (eg if a 4-sided Lantern, sew 4 pieces to make the top half, and 4 for the bottom half)



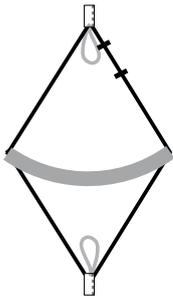
2. Place the two pieces right side together, matching the panel seams, and stitch a folded 8cm stiffening strip to the circumference seam. This creates a tunnel through which to thread a 130cm fibreglass or wicker rod. Leave a 1.5 gap at each end, seam allowance for joining the final panels.



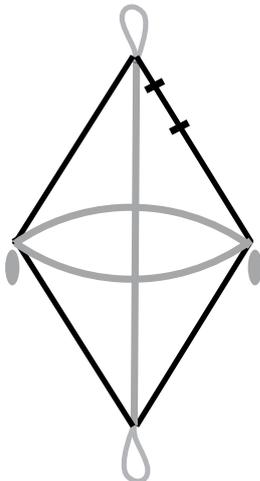
3. Stitch a 15cm opening section, 10cm from the top, on one side only. Join the remaining panel seam edges - and leaving the opening section unjoined.



4. Make 2 sleeves (which will hold the 100 cm long tensioning dowel in place). Double over stiffening fabric and stitch to form the sleeve 7cm x 1.5cm in size. Leave the end open.



5. With lantern inside out, place a sleeve piece and a ribbon loop in each end of the lantern, and secure with overlocker.



6. Turn lantern right side out through the opening. Thread the fibreglass or wicker rod through the centre stiffening tunnel. Insert the tensioning dowel, and secure the ends into the sleeves at each Lantern point.
7. Hand stitch tassels or your desired decoration around the centre... then hang and enjoy your beautiful Lantern. Simply remove the centre dowel if you wish to store it flat.