

### THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE'S LIGHT THE WAY LANTERN

On the Island of Sodor, lanterns light the way at station stops and help the Really Useful engines see their way in the dark. In your home, a Thomas-inspired lantern can add ambience to your dinner table or add ambience to your aspiring engineer's room (Note: Use battery powered candles instead of votives and never leave real candles unattended). This project also makes a great gift for mom to let her know that she lights up her family's life everyday!

*The following activities are designed for parents and children to do together. Supervision of children with materials such as glue, scissors, etc is strongly recommended.*

**Time:** 30 minutes

#### To prepare Thomas' Light the Way Lantern, you will need:

- One empty, cleaned large pasta sauce or large pickle jar (the wider the top opening, the better!)
- Black, Red and Blue tissue paper
- Scissors
- Mod Podge
- 1" paint sponge with handle
- Acrylic spray
- 1 small battery powered candle

#### The Right Track:

1. Clean and dry your jar (you may discard the cover), making sure to remove any label and glue residue.
2. Cut the tissue paper into 1" squares.
3. Following the directions on the Mod Podge, start mod-podging your tissue paper on to your jar.
4. Turn the jar upside down and start mod podging the black tissue on the bottom and 1" up the side of the jar, followed by 1" of red, then continue up the jar with blue.
5. When the bottom is dry, flip the jar right side up and complete the jar with a rim of black tissue around the top.
  - a. Tip: The black top and bottom rims may require 2 layers of tissue and mod podge.
  - b. Tip: Keep the red and blue tissue in single layers, though it looks unique and gives the cable holder more texture when parts of the tissue overlap around the edges.
6. If you are feeling ambitious, leave an empty # 1 shape (with no tissue covering it) on opposite sides of the jar. The light will reflect through.
7. When the mod podge is completely dry, spray with acrylic spray to seal.
8. Turn on and insert the battery powered candle!

*You are ready to see your way to great destinations!*

