

# SHINE ON ASHFORD

## Make Your Own Up-cycled Plastic Bottle Lantern

Follow our simple instructions to make your very lantern to carry at the Shine On Ashford Carnival of The baubles Procession or hang in your window over the festive period.

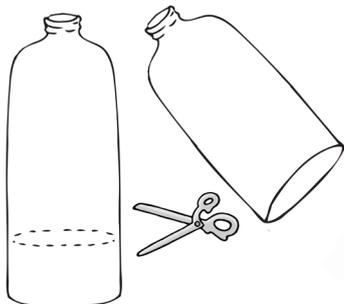
This fun activity encourages you to use items easily found at home and in your recycling. This years theme is undersea disco. At least 14 million tons of plastic end up in the ocean every year causing harm to marine life and eco systems. Do your part in reducing the amount that enters landfill, the ocean and our food chain and get creative with your plastic waste!

If you want to find out more about Carnival of the Baubles 2021, visit [www.loveashford.com/blog/carnivalofthebaubles](http://www.loveashford.com/blog/carnivalofthebaubles)

### You will need:

1. A clear or frosted plastic bottle
2. Tissue paper shapes and/or cellophane sweet wrappers.
3. Hole punch
4. Scissors
5. A plastic sheet or bin liner (to protect your work surface)
6. A plastic cup or pot (for mixing glue - take away cartons are perfect for this)
7. Pva glue
8. Paintbrush
9. Colour marker pens
10. Ribbon or strips of fabric
11. String
12. A long stick
13. Light source (torch/LED tea light)

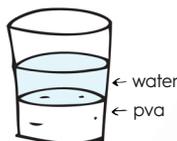
**Step 1.** Cut the bottom of your plastic bottle or carton away.



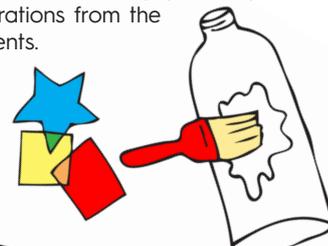
**Step 2.** Decorate using marker pens or coloured tissue paper/ sweet wrappers. If only using marker pens skip to step 5.



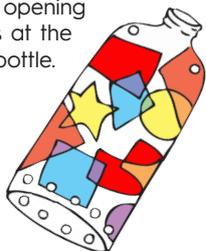
**Step 3.** Carefully mix equal parts of pva glue and water in your plastic pot/cup.



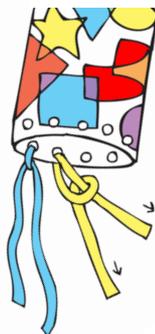
**Step 4.** Add your tissue paper/ sweet wrapper shapes using the glue mixture. Once you have finished give the whole thing another thin coat of glue. This will help protect your decorations from the elements.



**Step 5.** Once you have decorated your bottle punch holes all around the bottom opening and 2 holes at the top of the bottle.



**Step 6.** Tie any unwanted colourful ribbon, wool, string or long thin strips of fabric or even plastic bags that you have found through the holes at the bottom to make tassels.



**Step 7.** Pop a long length of string through the two holes at the top and tie to your stick.

To light your lantern hang a torch, LED tea light or fairy lights to the string inside the bottle.



**How will you decorate your lantern?** To go with our undersea disco theme why not extra long tassels to make a jellyfish? Or draw on scales, fins and eyes with a marker pen to turn your lantern into a fabulous fish!

**What else can you find at home?** Make your lantern shine and sparkle with foil and glitter or metallic paper. Add googly eyes to bring your lantern to life.

Bring your lantern to:

**CARNIVAL OF  
THE BAUBLES**  
ON SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 2021

If you would like to take part in the procession come along to Elwick Place at 4.30pm and find a member of the team. The parade starts at 5pm and ends at 6pm on the Lower High Street.

# CARNIVAL OF THE BAUBLES

