

How to Make a Traditional Vesak Lantern (Vesak Kudu) – Step-by-Step Guide

Creating a Vesak lantern is a meaningful and enjoyable family activity. Here's a simple guide to make a basic star-shaped Vesak lantern at home.

Materials You Will Need:

12 thin bamboo sticks or drinking straws (equal length – approx. 10 inches)

String or rubber bands

Tissue paper or colored crepe paper

Glue

Scissors

Small LED candle or bulb (optional for lighting)

Tassels/fringe paper for decoration

Step-by-Step Instructions:

Step 1: Build Two Squares

Use 4 sticks to make a square. Tie corners tightly with string.

Repeat to make a second square. These will be the front and back frames.

Step 2: Create the 3D Shape

Connect each corner of the front square to the corresponding corner of the back square using 4 sticks.

Now you have a 3D cube or box frame.

Step 3: Reinforce the Structure

Use extra sticks to form diagonal supports inside the squares for strength.

Make sure everything is tight and balanced.



Step 4: Add Paper Covering

Cut pieces of tissue or crepe paper slightly larger than each square.

Gently glue the paper onto all visible sides of the frame. Avoid wrinkles.

Use contrasting colors or create patterns for a beautiful finish.

Step 5: Decorate with Tassels

Cut fringe paper or use ready-made tassels.

Attach them to the bottom of the lantern for traditional Vesak flair.

Step 6: Add Light (Optional)

Place a small LED light inside if you want to hang it at night.

Avoid real candles for safety.

Pro Tip:

Hang your Vesak lantern on your porch, window, or tree branch using clear string for a magical floating effect.

