

SECOND SATURDAYS ARE FOR FAMILIES: TAPE LANTERNS



Get glowing with this week's Create at Home Activity! Create an extraordinary light sculpture using ordinary materials, inspired by Ursula von Rydingsvard's luminous sculpture, *Luna*.

MATERIALS:

- Clear tape
- Scissors
- Stuffed animal or ball
- Flashlight or lamp

HOW TO:

1. Gather your materials. Choose a simple shape to copy in tape—a stuffed animal or a ball is a great choice. Remember the more details (arms, legs, horns and wings) your object has, the harder it might be to cover in tape. A ball makes a great lantern, and is probably the easiest shape to wrap in tape.
2. Begin by wrapping your object with clear tape **STICKY SIDE OUT**. This may sound backwards (and tricky to do!), but it is a very important first step! Don't apply tape directly to the object. Not only will it be difficult to remove your animal or ball once you are finished but it will also take lint and fur with it, fogging up your lantern.

A couple of PRO TIPS: Be sure to overlap your pieces of tape a bit so they are all connected. Having some pieces of tape cut ahead of time hanging off the edge of your table or counter will help this step move along more quickly. If you are wrapping a stuffed animal or toy with small details such as little ears or tiny arms, you might want to skip the smallest details because they are going to be tough to get out once we remove our toy from the tape.

3. Once your entire object is covered in tape with the sticky side facing outward, add another layer of tape on top! This second layer of tape will be **STICKY SIDE IN**. The two sticky sides of the tape should be touching, sealing their stickiness in between the layers.

PRO TIP: Changing the direction of the second layer of tape will make your lantern stronger! Be sure not to wrap your tape too tightly around your object— that could make it tricky to remove once your lantern is complete.

4. Now that you have 2 layers of tape on your object, it is time to remove it from the tape cocoon! Carefully cut an opening in the tape along the widest part of your object and carefully pull out your stuffed animal or toy. Use tape to re-close the opening.
5. It is time to light your lantern! You can drop a light or flashlight into your lantern from the cut you made to remove the object, or you can place your tape lantern above a lamp or at the end of your flashlight to illuminate your creation.
6. We can't wait to see your creations! Post a picture and tag us @contemporaryATX or use the hashtag #SecondSaturdaysAtHome so we can see your amazing tape lanterns.
7. Learn more about the artwork that inspired this project, Ursula Von Rydingsvard's *Luna*, at TheContemporaryAustin.org.

DID YOU KNOW:

1. Luna is Latin for moon and is also the name for the Roman goddess who personifies the moon. What are 3 things about the sculpture *Luna* that resemble the moon?
2. Von Rydingsvard made *Luna* through the mold making process. She first created an original using wood, then created a mold of the wood sculpture. Finally, she poured resin (aka plastic) into that mold to make the copy that became *Luna*!
3. *Luna* is lit from within just like our tape lanterns! This sculpture is made of a **translucent** material, meaning it is not completely see through but it is not completely solid either. Because Luna is translucent, at night you can see its soft glow through the resin blocks. Why do you think Von Rydingsvard would have decided to illuminate *Luna* from within?

