

# DIY Teapot Lantern: Brewing Connections

## The 7-Strips Method for Drop-in Attendees

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### 1. Prep the Ribs & Size the Body

- **The Lid:** Choose a lid from the tray.
- **The Strips:** Cut **7 strips** of cardboard or corrugated paper, or other material, each **9.5" long and 1" wide**.
- **The Assembly:** Lay the strips side-by-side (parallel) with no gaps between them to create a **9.5" x 7" rectangle**.
- **The Join:** Place a long piece of **tape across the 7" ends** (top and bottom) to join all strips together.
- **The Roll:** Roll your new sheet along the long edge to form a tube (approx. **3.14" diameter**).

### 2. Support & Mending

- **The Wire:** Cut a **21 cm wire**, form a hoop, and place it inside the strips to hold the round "belly" shape.
- **Mending:** If a strip slips or the tape pulls away, just **mend it with more tape!**

### 3. Ink Your Story: Take One, Leave One

- **The Paper:** Take two pieces of **4" x 5" rice paper**.
- **The Ink:** Paint a symbol of your heritage on **both**.
- **The Gift:** Keep one; hang the second on the cloth rack for the **Communal Teapot Lantern**.

### 4. Build & "The Squash"



- **Column:** Reinforce your ink piece, roll it into a tube (the "inner core"), and slide it inside the body.
- **Attach:** Tape the top and bottom of the outer strips to the inner column.
- **The Bulge:** Slide the column to "**squash**" the outer strips until they **bulge out** like a pumpkin!

## 5. Spout, Handle, & Lid

- **Octopus Spout:** Cut a fan shape. Make **3–4 "legs"** at the narrow end. Tape lower legs to the body; roll upper legs outward and attach to a "rib."
- **The Handle:** Use wire or a pipe cleaner to attach the lid and act as a handle (**Double Duty**).



## 6. Weather-Proof & Seal

- **Seal for Rain:** Use **Vinyl (Electrical), Packing, or Duct Tape** to seal the top and bottom edges tightly.
- **Pro Tip:** If it's raining hard, "lamine" your individual ribs with packing tape!

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