

Fire and Ice Outdoor Lanterns

Supplies:

- plastic ice cream tubs and plastic frosting containers (some have also used larger margarine tubs and smaller margarine tubs)
- food coloring
- water
- 10 hour votive candle

Instructions:

1. Mix food coloring of choice in 2 qt. pitcher with water. (Be sure group commits to red, orange, yellow, green and/or blue. Purple is a hard one!)
2. Fill and freeze 2 inches of colored water on bottom of larger container to serve as base.
3. Place smaller container in center weighed down by rocks or other heavy objects to keep it from floating. This will become the cavity that holds the candle. **YOU MAY NEED TO PLACE DUCKTAPE ACROSS THE TOP OF THE LARGE CONTAINER TO KEEP SMALL ONE IN PLACE.** The top of the smaller container should be about even with the top of the larger one.
4. Fill rest of larger container with colored water. **DO NOT** put water in smaller one!
5. Freeze the container outside if temperatures are below freezing or in a large freezer until it is solidly frozen.
6. Run warm water over the outside of the larger container or set it in a pan of water to remove ice lantern.
7. Remove rocks from smaller container and run warm water into it to remove it from lantern center. This leaves the indentation to set a candle.
8. Line them up along walks or scatter on the grounds of the church to light the way to Winter Warming.

EXPERIMENT! Precision is not necessary.

These are also lovely on Christmas Eve made with clear water with holly or pine cones and greens frozen in the ice lantern.