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BERRY BOX LANTERN

Nocturne Festival, Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market, October 15, 2011



In the 1950s, Halifax school-children made summertime lanterns with Nova Scotian made wooden berry boxes.

The lanterns were made from 6 boxes, grocery-store twist ties and a candle stub, some were decorated with strings of colourful surveyor tape, and hung on outdoor clotheslines.

For current fire and safety regulations, we are using battery-operated Tea Lights instead of candles. On the bright side, they may be used both indoors and outdoors.

Hint: the more stains on the boxes the better!

INSTRUCTIONS: You need 6 boxes and 16 twist ties.

- 1. Place one box on the table. This box is the bottom of the lantern.
- 2. Join 4 boxes, one on each side of the bottom box, by using twist ties around the rims at each corner; total of 8 twist ties.
- 3. Join the upper corners of the 4 side boxes with twist ties around the rims; total of 4 twist ties.
- 4. Join the 6th box on tope with 4 more twist ties.
- 5. Shift the two pieces of bottom box to insert the light. Add suspension material. Enjoy!

Boxes courtesy Burgess Baskets, Newport Station, NS and many volunteers!