

Fairy Light Project Sheet

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How cute are these little Fairy Lights? I've been thinking about trying to make an easy lantern and finally sat down to figure out the design and measurements and here is the result! You could make a bunch of these lights in your favorite colors and decorate them any way you like. String them together and use them on your next get-together on the patio or deck! So fun! The Fairy Lights can be made from just one sheet of 8-1/2" x 11" cardstock using the measurements provided. **Use only a battery-operated tea light inside of the lantern.**

I'll be using the lantern made in Coastal Cabana for the project sheet instructions, but feel free to get creative and use the materials you have on hand. Think about decorating the lights for birthdays, Halloween, Christmas, etc. Read to the end for an example of a second lantern I made (Option 2).

1. Card Cuts:

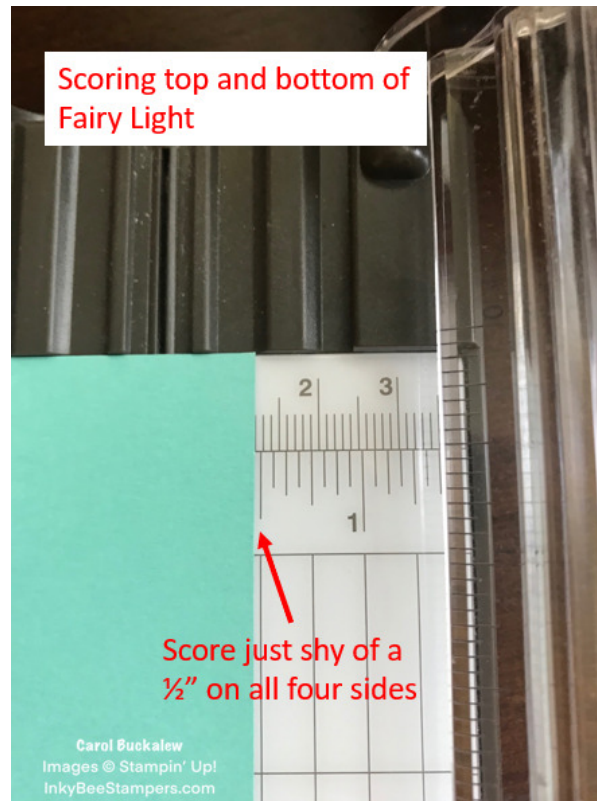
- Fairy Light - Cut 2 Coastal Cabana cardstock to 6-1/2" x 4". For each cardstock piece, turn to the long side and score at 1/2" and 3". Turn cardstock to short edge and score at 1/2", rotate to opposite short edge and score at 1/2". Refer to photo below
- Fairy Light Top and Bottom - Cut 2 Coastal Cabana cardstock to 4" x 4". **Score each**

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4" x 4" piece just shy of 1/2" on each side. Refer to photo below.

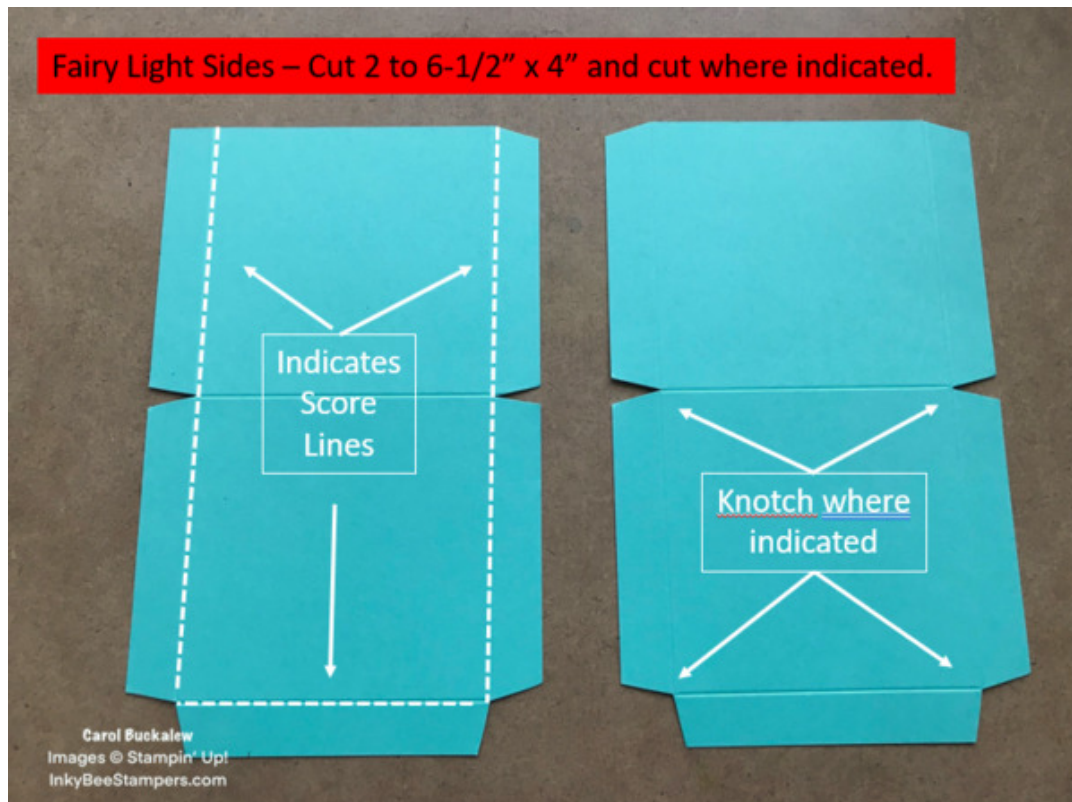
- Scrap of Basic Black cardstock for die cut grass and flower



2. The lantern body is made from two pieces of 6-1/2" x 4" cardstock. For the two side pieces of the lantern, and using a small pair of scissors or snips, cut as shown in photos below.
Note: The notches made on the long edge create tabs which will be folded and adhered to the inside of the lantern to help provide stability. The tab on the short side will be used as the connection point to join the sides together.

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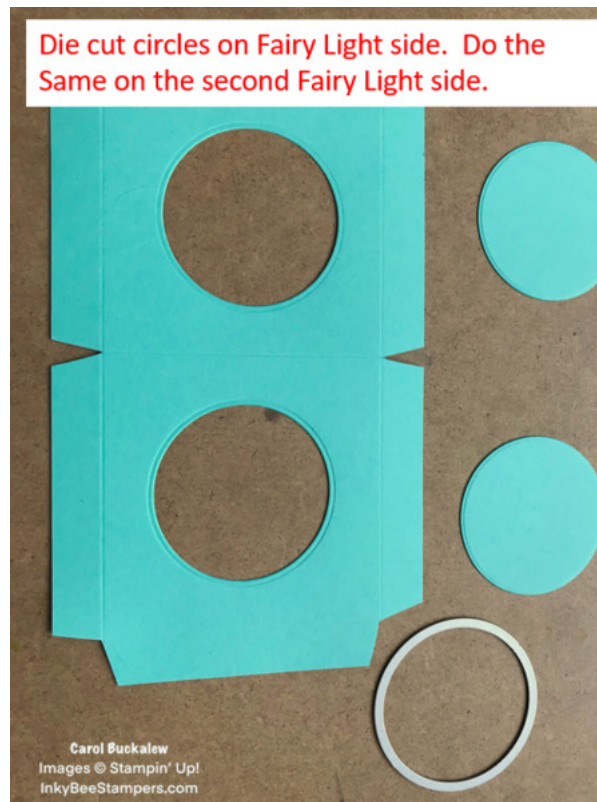
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3. Turn the panel so that the outside of the lantern is facing up. Using the 2" circle die from the Layering Circles Die set, die cut a circle on each square panel (on each side of the 3" score line) - there are two panels that create the sides of the fairy light so you will be die cutting a total of 4 circles - two per panel. **Caution: because the side tabs fold inside of the lantern sides, be sure that the circle is placed in the center of the square and that it will clear the tabs once they are folded down.**

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4. Next, turn each panel to the "wrong" side so that the inside of the panel is face up. Cut four (4) pieces of vellum measuring 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" and using a small amount of glue, glue the pieces of vellum over the circles. I used a patterned piece of vellum from the Lovely Layers 3-3/4" x 5" Vellum pack. Next, apply Tear & Tape on the **inside** of each of the tabs on the long sides of each side panel. These tabs will be folded in to provide stability. **Do not apply Tear & Tape to the tabs on the short ends of the panels yet!** Remove the covers on the Tear & Tape and adhere the tabs down. Refer to photo below.

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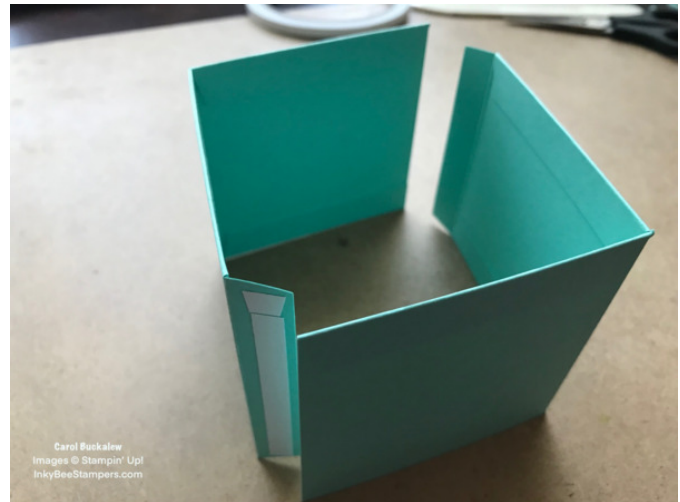
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5. Turn the two side panels right-side-up and apply Tear & Tape to the short ends, then carefully adhere the two panels together to form a box. This is the fairy light "body". Note: the photo below is minus the circle die cuts - I forgot to capture a photo of the sides with the die cuts at this stage!

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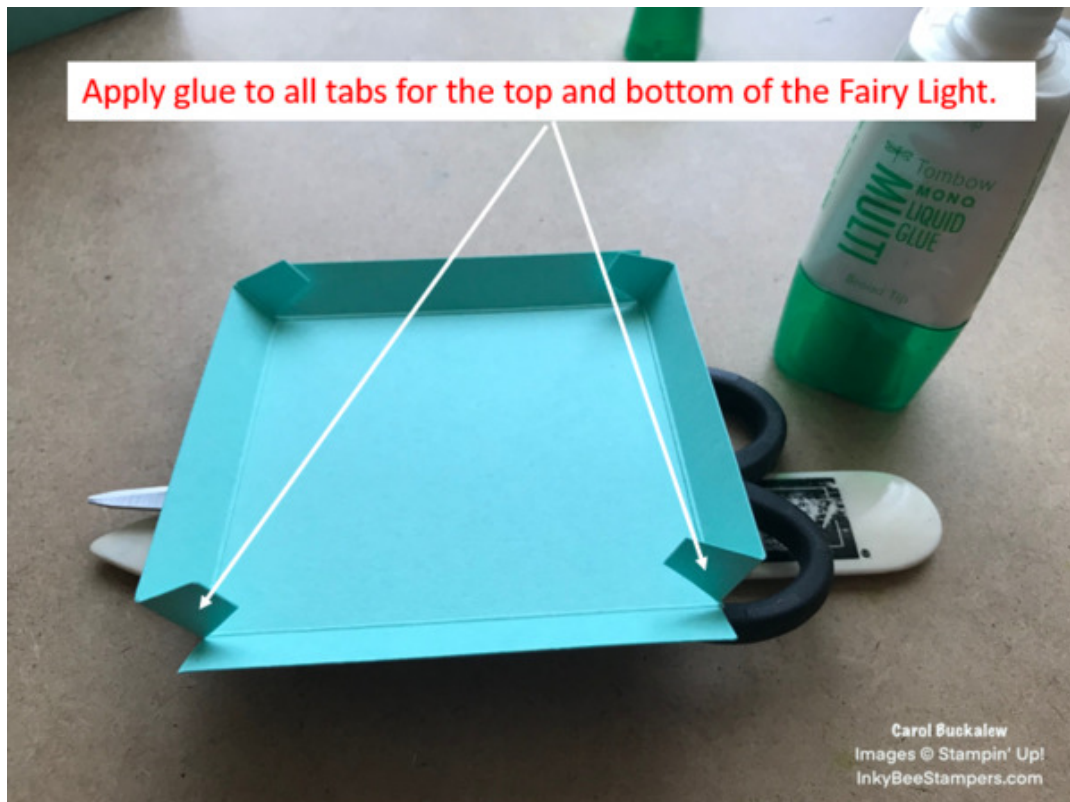
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6. Assemble the bottom of the Fairy Light. The tabs on the corners of the bottom panel of the lantern are very small. I used a small amount of glue on each tab for the bottom piece to make sure they would hold. Apply glue to the first tab, then hold in place until the glue sets. Make sure that the corner is square. Repeat for the remaining 3 corners of the bottom panel. **Note: Once the tabs are glued in place you will glue the bottom of the lantern to the lantern body. Place a bead of glue on the inside of each side of the bottom base , then set the lantern "body" inside of the bottom base and adhere.**

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7. Glue the tabs in place for the lantern "Top". The lantern top is removable so that you'll be able to place a battery operated tea light inside of the lantern.
8. **Skip this step if you don't want to hang your lantern.** Determine which side of the lantern will be the "front" of the lantern, then using the piercing end of the Pick Your Tool, pierce a small hole on the right and left sides of the lantern towards the top center of the circles. Feed a length of black twine from outside to inside, through each hole, then tie a knot on the inside of the lantern on each side. The twine will act as the "hanger" for the lantern. **Caution: Be sure the twine is a sufficient length so that you'll be able to slip the lantern top onto the lantern base.**
9. Using the Honeybee Blooms Dies set, die cut 1 grass and 1 flower from Basic Black cardstock. Adhere the die cuts to the right and left of the window on the front of the lantern.

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The Fairy Light is complete! I hope you give this project a try. While it might look complicated, it really isn't. These lanterns go together quickly! Think of all the possibilities on decorating these cute little Fairy Lights.

Option #2"

Here is a second option for a lantern. Instead of using a circle to die cut the windows, I used a square die from the **Stylish Shapes Dies** set. I changed the color of the cardstock to **Calypso Coral** and opted for plain vellum instead of a patterned vellum from the **Lovely Layers** vellum pack. The flower decorations were made using the **Flowers & Leaves punch**. I punched the flower petals in **Basic White** cardstock and the leaves in **Parakeet Party** cardstock. The centers of the flowers are adorned with large yellow dots from the **Glossy Dots Assortment** pack.

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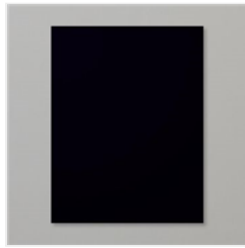
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