

Craft: “Holmes Lantern”



Purchase inexpensive **MagLite® LED Flashlights**. At a carpet installer or home improvement store, ask for the carpet tubes which the carpet comes on. The store employees were very friendly and gladly gave me the tubes when the carpet was all sold. Save the tubes from paper towel rolls. Purchase large plastic cups to size opening to fit over the carpet tube.

Purchase plastic bowls sized to fit into the carpet roll with the bowl up and the top edge becoming the bottom of the lantern. Cut the carpet roll tube to 8” lengths. Cut the paper towel tubes to approximately 6” lengths to fit across the inside diameter of the carpet tube and still stick out about an inch. Purchase spray paint of various colors to use to paint the assembled lantern. Print the “I Will See It” labels from the print sheet provided in Appendix 8 Craft.

Using a door circular bit, cut a hole the diameter of the paper towel tube halfway up the carpet tube. Have the members push the paper towel tube into the opening in the carpet tube and glue in place. This forms the chamber for the flashlight. Glue the plastic cup upside down on the top of the carpet tube. Glue the plastic bowl upside down to the bottom of the carpet tube. Spray paint favorite color and allow to dry. Apply the “I Will See It” label to the side of the lantern. Turn on the flashlight and place in the paper towel tube. Finished lantern should resemble a Police Oil Lantern as below:

