



Medallion® Victorian Carriage Lantern

Medallion® Victorian Carriage Lanterns are irresistible. There are three wonderful Crystal Medallion stamps to choose from, each featuring distinctively different characteristics that can be used to create a selection of fantastic four sided Lanterns that can be an ornament for any season, for any reason. They can adorn Christmas trees, christenings, birthdays and anniversary decorations; produce uniquely elegant gift boxes, an open, airy potpourri pocket, a sweet and fanciful birthday announcement and amazingly, upside down, it can become a perfect Victorian Easter egg.



For a Christmas Style Medallions® Lantern You Will Need :-

- * Medallion Crystal Lantern craft stamp Ref HH1158I, HH1159L or HH1160L)
- * Medallion craft stamp for inner image such as Ref HH1157B 'Snowflake', HH1156B 'Angel' or HH1155B 'Tree'RN851
- * Art Glitter Dries Clear adhesive with fine nozzle dispenser
- * Art Glitters - colours to suit
- * Twinkling H²O and/or Crystal Lacquers- colours to suit
- Craft paper or card – colours to suit
- Embossing powder and embossing ink
- Ribbon wire
- 1/16" (1.5mm) paper punch
- Wire pliers
- Scissors
- Water in jars
- Paper towel
- Crimper, crystal & gold beads
- Stylus
- Heat gun
- Paint brushes
- Self adhesive tape
- Folded paper for glitter



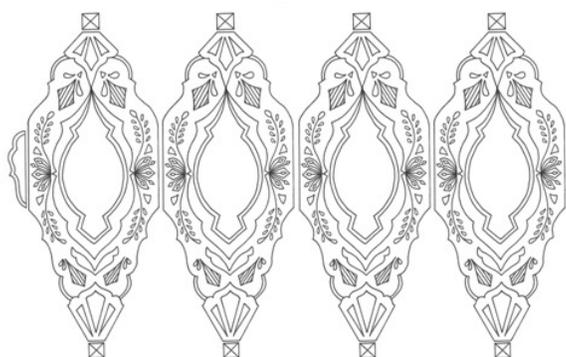
Instructions :

- 1) Stamp four Lantern images on the main coloured card and stamp eight further frames on card of contrasting colours
- 2) Using scissors, carefully cut out four complete images from the main colour card, including the openings in the centre, leaving about a 1.5mm (1/16") clear border on the outside of the stamped image. In a similar way, using the contrasting card images, cut out four inner frames including the centres



then four more inner frames, which will become the inner display piece, but **do not** cut out the centres

- 3) Lay out the four main images face up with the small broader end cap at the top
- 4) Following the main score line, carefully cut off the flap on the right-hand side of each piece
- 5) Score the card using the score lines at the top and bottom tabs and the remaining flap on the left-hand side of each image
- 6) Using self adhesive tape reinforce the back of the top and bottom tabs before punching a 1.5mm (1/16") hole in the very centre of the X in each of the tabs
- 7) With the four main pieces face up and using the Art Glitter Dries Clear adhesive, fix the four inner frames with the cut out centres to form a contrasting colour frame around the main opening
- 8) Using the adhesive and Art Glitter, Twinkling H²O solid water colour paints or Crystal Lacquers, decorate all chosen areas



- 9) Once dry, using the adhesive on the four left-hand flaps, fix the four main Lantern pieces together. Take care to perfectly line up the parallel lines and corners
- 10) Once dry, draw the four pieces together and fix the remaining tab to create the general Lantern shape

- 11) Take the four inner display pieces and score vertically down the centre from top to bottom. Fold each into a right angle and glue the four pieces together back to back so they look like a X when viewed from above. Note : A piece of wire must be threaded freely through the X (see 13) so when gluing, make certain that the area in the very centre of the X is kept clear of adhesive
- 12) With the Medallion stamps suggested above, decorate the inner piece as required.
Note : To suit every occasion, Creative Expressions have an enormous range of stamps suitable for use when decorating Medallion Lanterns
Tip : If the stamped image is too large, using the intended paper or card, reduce it on a photocopier to the right size and decorate normally
- 13) Take a 200mm (8") length of 20 gauge (or similar) wire and make a loop then slide a bead up to this
- 14) Drawing the top tabs together, thread the wire through the holes in the tabs. Do not glue the tabs together as they must be able to move to form the final shape of the lantern
- 15) Slide the inner display piece into the inside of the Lantern body through the bottom
- 16) Line up for the best viewing position through the Lantern's windows and thread a bead onto the wire, crimp or glue to hold the piece in place
- 17) Thread the wire through the holes in the bottom tabs, straighten the wire and slide on a bead. Gently force the Lantern into the desired shape, make a 12mm (1/2") loop in the wire and twist
- 18) Let your creativity decide how to complete the Lantern by embellishing with ribbons through the loops, using crystal beads on looped wire and so on.

Suggestion : When working on any craft project use a * Protect-It-Mat so the table, desk top or other work surface is not damaged

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* Items marked are from the extensive Creative Expressions range available from all good craft stockists. For stockist details visit www.creative-expressions.uk.com or call 01536 481778.

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