

# Art Activity

## Create an At-Home Jar Lantern with 1708 Gallery

1708 Gallery is a nonprofit arts organization founded by artists in 1978. Their mission is to present exceptional new art. 1708 Gallery is committed to providing opportunities for artistic innovation for emerging and established artists and to expanding the understanding and appreciation of new art for the public.

InLight is 1708's annual public exhibition of contemporary art. InLight takes place at night and each year is in a different location in Richmond. InLight features multimedia, sculpture, installation, performance, community-based works, and virtual projects that utilize light-based platforms (projections, lighting design, and more) to be experienced in the dark. Past sites include Chimborazo Park, the streets, facades and alleyways of the downtown Arts District, and the sculpture garden and grounds of the VMFA.

InLight 2021 will occur **November 12th and 13th** at Great Shiplock Park, Chapel Island, and nearby sites along the Virginia Capital Trail and Low Line in Richmond. Great Shiplock Park is located at a former shiplock constructed as part of the James River and Kanawha Canal system. Artists are invited to propose projects that engage with and expand upon the multiple themes and histories that can be found at these sites such as: trade and labor of then-enslaved peoples of African and Indigenous descent during and following the industrial revolution; the environmental impact—especially concerning water resources—of commerce and infrastructure; and the cultivation of spaces for alternative forms of historical preservation.

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## Supplies:

- Glue stick
- String (about 1 ft.)
- Rubber band
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Colorful papers (*such as recycled papers, wrapping paper, tissue paper, cardstock, construction paper, etc.*)
- Jar (*recycled, either plastic or glass*)
- Battery-operated tea light



## Instructions:

1. Collect the materials noted above for this project.
2. Draw and cut out tropical flowers, inspired by Puerto Rico, from tissue and colored papers.
3. Glue the flowers on the jar (can be plastic or glass).
4. Put a tight-fitting rubber band around the mouth of the jar.
5. Tie the string to the rubber band on opposite sides of the jar.
6. Place a battery-operated candle in the bottom of the jar and watch your lantern light up!