Hanging planters made from building blocks

Instructions No. 4016

Difficulty: Advanced

Working time: 3 Hours

With these beechwood craft blocks, you can create an atmospheric decoration featuring clean lines and a natural look. By gluing, drilling, and hanging them on cords , you can create a decorative mobile that beautifully showcases tea light jars or chain of light . You can vary the height and arrangement to customize each piece to your space. Ideal if you're looking to tackle a more challenging woodworking project.



Hanging Decoration Made from Craft Blocks: Wooden Lantern with Glass

Lay out the beech wood craft blocks and work on a flat surface. This will ensure clean edges and that your creation hangs straight later on. If you like, you can lightly sand the blocks beforehand. This removes any splinters and ensures that the glue and ribbon adhere better later on.

Gluing the Base Plate – The Sturdy Foundation

Take 7 craft blocks and glue them together along the long, narrow sides to form a closed base plate. Press the pieces together briefly and check that everything is flush. This step is important because the base plate supports the weight of the glass and the light and will later hold the hanging mechanism.

Attaching the Frame – So Nothing Can Slip Out

Now glue four more craft blocks around the seven blocks you've already glued together to form a frame. The surrounding frame creates a small rim. It prevents the glass from sliding out the sides later when the lantern swings.

Build an additional frame—for that classic " lanterns-" look

Glue on several more frames as desired, each made of 4 craft blocks. Make sure the corners are at right angles so that the frames will stack evenly on top of each other later. More frames mean more height and a particularly decorative, “floating” look—ideal as a decoration on a window or above a table.

Drilling Holes – Preparing for Mounting

Drill holes about 6 mm in diameter in each of the four corners of the base plate and in the corners of the prepared frames. This allows the cords to pass through cleanly, and the frames remain secure when threading them through Position. Work slowly and hold the wood firmly so the holes don’t split.

cords Cut to size and secure to the base plate

Cut four strips, each about 1 m long, from the cotton cord . First, pull each ribbon through a corner hole in the base plate and secure the end with a tight knot. The knots act as “stoppers”: they prevent the cord from slipping upward later when you hang the lantern.

Thread the frames and wooden balls —evenly for clean lines

Now continue assembling the lantern from the bottom up: Thread the frames and “ wooden balls ” alternately onto the four “ cords. ” Alternatively, you can tie knots between the elements to define spacing. It’s important that the knots on all 4 ribbons are always at the same height. This is the only way to ensure the frames hang straight and look balanced and high-quality.

Tie the finishing knot—close the hanging loop

Once the desired height is reached, tie a knot at the top of the cords to close it. Quickly check the symmetry by lifting the lantern and seeing if the frames are level. If necessary, you can make minor adjustments to individual knots before tightening everything.

Decorating and lighting the glass – atmospheric lighting decoration

Tie an “ ribbon ” around the glass as a decorative accent. Then place a tea light inside or put a thin “ chain of light ” in the glass so that the light is protected and appears especially warm. If using a real tea light, make sure the flame is at a safe distance and that the lantern is hanging securely.

Finishing and Hanging

Hang your wooden lantern made from craft blocks on a sturdy hook or rod. Thanks to the natural beech wood, it pairs beautifully with Scandinavian christmas decoration, but can also be painted or accessorized with small pendants. If you’re looking for the right craft supplies, cords, wooden balls , and lights for your next DIY-idea, stop by the online shop and get started on your next creative project right away.







Must Have



VBS Handicraft blocks, Beech wood

Content: 117 pieces
Length: 160 mm
Width: 22 mm
Thickness: 8 mm
Material: Beech wood

24,90 CHF

Item details

Quantity: − 1 + Add to cart

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
21844	VBS Handicraft blocksBeech wood	1
766791	VBS Storage jar / sweet jar, 1250 ml	1
29855	VBS Storage / candy jar "Ribbed", with bamboo lid	1
27568	VBS Handicraft glue20 ml	1
460170	VBS Cotton cord	1
617192	VBS Wooden balls drilledØ 30 mm, 50 pcs.	1
21904	VBS Scissors "Soft-Grip", set of 2	1
25210	Maxi tea lights 10h "Pure Nature Lights"	1
30758	VBS Satin ribbon "Whispering Woods"	1
21122	Outdoor micro LED light chain, with remote control, 50 LEDs	1