

GFWC-NC Fall Meeting
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Asheville, NC

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Triangle Luminaria Tray Favors- 45 Minute Work Session

To be donated to NC Veterans Home, Black Mountain, NC to honor Veterans Day, on November 11. Luminarias will be delivered on Saturday. We need to make 100 Luminarias for the Veterans, and you will have extra supplies to take home for a project for you or your club, such as table centerpieces for a Tea or Luncheon, or favors for a nursing home or school.

Supplies:

Your Individual Kit includes supplies for 1 Luminaria:

- 4" x 6" cardstock frames, with windows cut out (3)
- Window cutout to be used as notecard (1); use the card to write and sign a note to Veterans and attach to your luminaria.
- 3.5" x 5" embossed vellum sheets (3). We embossed these sheets for the Veterans. They are embossed with 3 different patriotic designs: stars, fireworks, frame with stars.
- Inspirational cut-out words, black cardstock (4), trade with others & take home extras.
- one easel back to use as a template if you prefer to make a single window design.
- Instruction sheet. (separate)

Supplies on your table include:

- One or more Luminaria kits per person. We need to complete 100 kits for Veterans.
- Completed examples of Triangle Luminarias made with white cardstock like that in your kit.
- "Placemat" for work surface to protect tablecloth from glue or ink.
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Patriotic stickers (American flags and stars)
- Pencils, colored pens
- Clear tape
- Battery operated votive light (which you brought to the meeting)
- 4" X 6" white cardstock frame for you to use as a template to trace frames onto your box.

Supplies on the general supply table for your use today:

- Scissors and rulers
- Paper cutter
- Embossing machine
- Pre-cut vellum sheets, some are embossed—select 3 for your luminaria
- Vellum sheets with quotes printed from famous people-to fit your theme
- extra cereal and soft drink boxes to use for frames
- Butterfly, heart, and misc. stickers (Less expensive in Dollar Store Craft aisles.)
- Stamps and StazOn ink pads-CAUTION-ink is permanent, will NOT wash off!
- Recycle Bin for paper scraps

Procedure for each luminaria for the Veterans:

1. Decide on theme for your luminaria (those in your kit are patriotic for Veterans Day, on Nov. 11). Cover workspace with provided "placemat" to keep table clean.
2. Use the items in each kit to make one Triangle Luminaria for a Veteran. If you finish one luminaria and would like to make another one for the Veterans, please ask us for another kit. (We will need 100 luminarias for the Veterans' Home and will deliver them on Saturday afternoon.)
3. Decorate each vellum sheet (or leave plain), ensuring that design will fit within the window frame. You can apply stickers, or stamps (using rubber stamps and StazOn ink pads, found on the general supply table) and/or lightly dot glue on the back of black cutout words to apply over the embossing. Let glue or ink dry.
4. Use glue stick to outline a border of glue around the back side of the window of each frame. Place vellum sheet over glue —design side down—being careful that design shows through window on the front side.
5. Place a book or flat object over the frame to keep it flat while glue dries.
6. Use stamps, stickers, or your own sketches or words to decorate front of cardstock frames, if desired. Or leave the frames plain.
7. Use pen to write and sign a note to the veteran and use glue stick to attach the note card at an angle to the upper right corner of one side of the Luminaria.
8. Lay three completed frames **face-down, with edges touching and tops up**, flat on table with adjoining sides together. Tape the **two joints** carefully, with sides touching, but not overlapping, with clear tape. Use scissors to clip off extra tape or vellum at top and bottom of frame.
9. So that these can be stored flat for delivery to the Veterans Home, third edge will be taped together later with clear (unprinted) gummed return address labels folded in half over the two open sides of the frames in the middle of the long edge, like a padlock, to close the triangle for the luminaria.
10. You can check how your luminaria will look, by standing the frames up, forming a triangle, and put the lighted votive inside the triangle. BEAUTIFUL!!

THANK YOU!

Your Notes:

Procedure for each luminaria made from your cereal or cracker or drink boxes:

A. Luminarias can be made from any size frame. They can also be made four-sided. You can purchase pre-cut picture mat frames or cut your own frames from lightweight cardboard or cardstock, using paper cutter, scissors and an Exacto knife, or a Die/Embossing machine (Sizzix Big Shot, Gemini Junior, or Spellbinders Platinum), along with any die that cuts out a frame. Frames as large as 8" x 10" can be used as Table Centerpieces, with famous quotes, slogans or designs, computer printed onto the vellum, or leaf prints stamped with tempera paint, in keeping with the event theme.

B. To prepare your cardboard boxes, use scissors to cut boxes along folds/seams, and cut off and recycle the ends and narrow edges of the box that are not large enough for your frame size. You can get two 4" x 6" frames from each side of most cereal boxes, and one 4" x 6" frame from each side of soft drink boxes, etc. If you have a paper cutter, use it to get clean, squared lines for the outside of the frames. Or use scissors. The frames can be used with the brown side facing out, or with the colorful side facing out. If the brown side is facing out, you may want to decorate it with vertical or horizontal ink drawn lines, or with stamps or leaf prints. For example, for an Environmental Education Conference, we used the brown side facing out, with leaf prints and quotes on the vellum to emphasize that this was an environmental recycling project. Use your imagination to fit your theme!

C. Use the white cardstock frame on the table as a template to trace three 4" x 6" frames with windows onto your cereal box pieces. The windows can be any size as long as there is a wide enough border around the frame to support the luminaria so it will stand up. Larger luminarias should have wider borders. When cutting the inside rectangle to form the frame (best with an Exacto knife or Die/Embossing machine), you may want to save the piece that is cut out. It can be used as a small note card for this or other projects. Or use scissors to make a hole in the middle of the window, then cut diagonally to each corner of the window. Trim off and recycle the triangles along the line between the corners, to form the window.

D. Use a paper cutter, if you have it, to cut the Vellum (65# weight), so that the vellum is long enough and wide enough to cover the window in the frame. Or cut with scissors. We have provided a few extra sheets of vellum on the table for your use. Perhaps someone in your club has a machine that will make similar embossed designs, or the vellum can be decorated with stamps or stickers, printed quotes, or free-hand embossed using a stylus on a rubberized (soft) surface.

E. Follow Steps 3-10 above for assembling the luminaria (omitting Step 7). You can modify Step 9, by attaching the third side together the same as the first two sides in Step 8, if you do not need to store the luminarias flat. When you are ready to tape the third joint, with frames lying face down, tape the third edge by adhering tape along the long edge of one frame with tape lapping halfway over edge. Bend tape backwards in half, with sticky side up, along the whole length, crease with thumbnail, align and press remaining edge of third frame onto the sticky half of the tape to form the triangle, so that all three taped edges are inside the lantern.

Be Creative! Have Fun! *THANK YOU!*