Ramadan Lanterns

Ramadan is a religious holiday celebrated all over the world by Muslims, or people who practice Islam. During this month-long holiday, Muslims fast (go without food or water) from sunrise to sunset. After the sunset prayer, they gather to share a meal called ifṭār with friends and family. Ramadan is a time when Muslim’s reflect, pray, and focus on generosity by giving to good causes. During Ramadan, in the Middle East, it is common to see lanterns hanging in bazaars, homes, restaurants, and hotels. In Egypt, Ramadan celebrations include lanterns called fanous, a tradition originating in the city of Cairo. Fanous are often handmade out of metal and colorful glass and used as decorative items or toys for children during the month of Ramadan.

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What you’ll need:

- Paper
- Tape
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons

Instructions:

- Print out the template below.
- Using marker and/or crayons color the lantern.
- Cut out the lantern using scissors.
- Fold at the dotted lines and close with tape.
- You can use a battery powered candle to light up your lantern!
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