



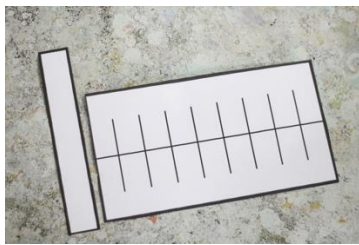
Beacons of peace lanterns



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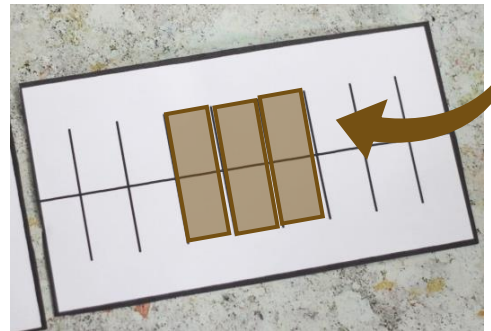
Cut out both parts of your template separately



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In each section on the big bit of paper, draw or write peaceful things



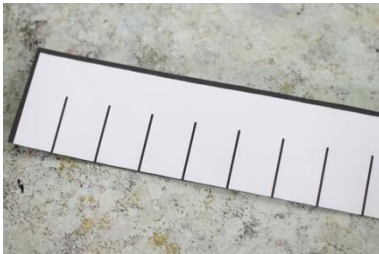
For example: Rainbow, Friends, Respect



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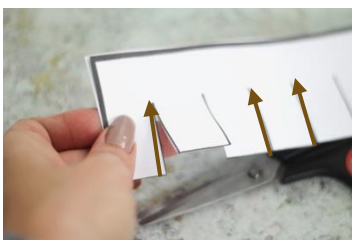
Fold the same paper in half lengthways (like a hot dog!)



4



From that middle fold, cut along each of the shorter lines



5



Unfold the template and roll it into a tube the other way (along the long edge). Tape the ends together



6



Tape the ends of the other bit of paper across the top to make a handle





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VE Day & Beacons of Peace

What is VE Day?

VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) is on **8 May**, and it marks the end of **World War II in Europe**, 80 years ago. It's a day to remember and thank the brave people who helped bring peace, especially those who served in the war or helped from home.


Millions of people gave their lives or worked very hard so that we could live in a safer and fairer world today. VE Day is about **honouring their sacrifices**, and **celebrating peace**.

What's Happening This Year?

In 2025, we will mark the **80th anniversary** of VE Day. All across the country, people will come together to:

- **Raise flags** and read a special message
- **Play music from mountaintops and town halls**
- **Ring church bells** in celebration
- **Light beacons and lamps** to shine the *light of peace*
- **Sing together**, to remember and say thank you


These beacons and lamps will glow across towns and villages in the UK to show **unity, love, and hope for the future**.

 As Brownies, we are making our own special lanterns filled with peaceful pictures and words. They are our way of sharing the message of **hope and peace** with others.

Why It Matters

Peace isn't just about not fighting — it's about **kindness, fairness, friendship and helping others**.

By learning about VE Day and taking part in this celebration, we are:

- Saying thank you to those who helped us live freely
- Promising to be peaceful people in our communities
- Shining a light for the future 



"Peace begins with helping others."



"Thank you for your bravery."



"We're glad you're safe here with us."



"Keep calm and carry on."



"You are not alone."



"Guides always help where they're needed."





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How can I help
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Helping hands bunting

♥ Why We're Making Helping Hands Bunting

At Brownies, we try to do our best and help other people — *just like Brownies in the past did during the war*. By decorating a hand, you're showing how we can all work together to make the world a little brighter. When we join all our hands together in one big bunting, it shows that *every Brownie's help matters*.



1



Cut neatly around the black dotted line to make your hand shape



3



Holepunch the marked circle at the bottom of the hand



2



Colour in the hand



4



We'll thread all the hands together into one big team bunting to hang up and show what we can do together!







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Relay race


 "You're going to be **Messenger Guides**, just like real Girl Guides were during the Second World War."

 "Back then, Guides helped their communities in amazing ways — they delivered gas masks, helped in shelters, planted food, raised money, and welcomed evacuees. They were brave, helpful, and full of heart."

 "But today, your mission is a little different... You're each carrying a **message of thanks** — from someone in your community, from the past or the present, who wants to say thank you for all that help."

1 Gas Mask Delivery

 Weave your "gas mask" through cones without dropping it.


 "You're delivering gas masks to a family in need."


2 Whitewash the Kerbs

 Zigzag through the disks like you're painting kerbs white.


 "You're making the streets safer during blackouts."


3 Dig for Victory

 With the help of the girl at the back of your line, do a wheelbarrow carry down the path.


 "You've just harvested vegetables from your Dig for Victory patch!"


4 Fundraising Challenge

 Toss 3 beanbags or balls into a bucket or hoop to raise money.


 "You're raising funds for ambulances or lifeboats."

5 Knitting Wool Delivery

 Carry a skipping rope looped over your arms and walk carefully along a rope line (tightrope style).

 "You're delivering wool to knit socks for soldiers."

6 Welcoming Evacuees

 Sprint to HQ and post your message into the Command Post box!

 "You're welcoming someone new with your message of peace and thanks."