

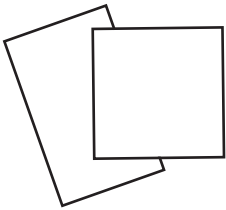
Punched-Tin Decoration

In punched-tin lanterns, holes are plentiful enough to allow light out but small enough to shield a candle flame from wind. The punched holes also provide decoration. Use foil to make your own punched-tin decoration.



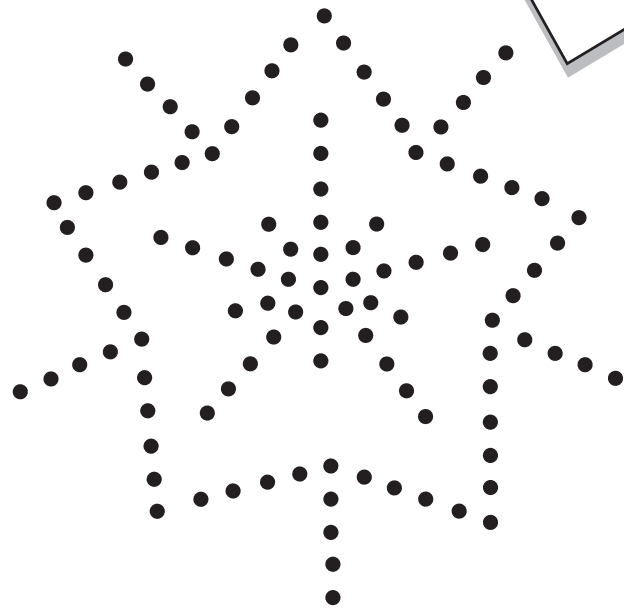
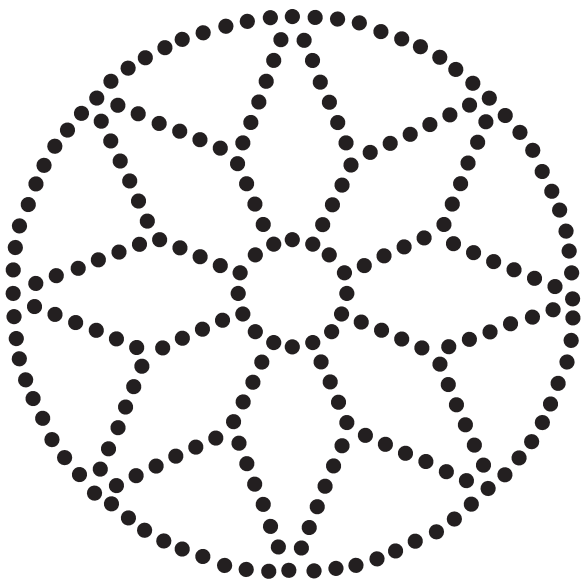
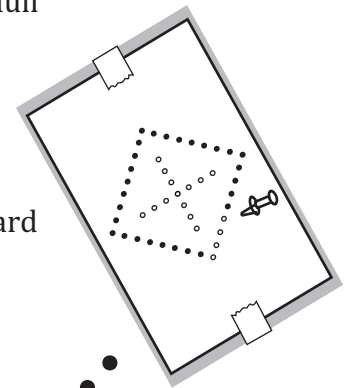
This punched-tin lantern from the museum collection is 220 years old!

Supplies: aluminum foil, pattern template, pencil, thumbtack, tagboard or cardstock, cardboard or magazine, tape; optional: battery-powered tea light



Find a pattern template. Create your own design or use one from this sheet. Cut your decoration from tagboard or cardstock; make it the size and shape you want. Cover your decoration in foil, dull side out; tape down the edges, if needed.

Tape the pattern template on top of your foil-covered decoration. With cardboard or a magazine underneath to protect your work surface, use a thumbtack to punch through all three layers—pattern template, foil, and tagboard or cardstock. Carefully remove the pattern template so you don't rip the foil.



Put your punched-tin decoration in a window and watch the sun shine through! Or display it with a battery-powered tea light—NOT a candle—to show off your design.

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