

CELEBRATE WITH CANDLES: PAPER CANDLES

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Paper Chains are the easiest way to decorate!!

For any one who has never made a paper chain this is how:

You'll need: Construction Paper, Glue stick and Scissors

Cut strips for a SMALL chain:

Fold the construction paper in half – long side to long side. Cut (or tear) on Fold. Place the two halves on top each other and cut strips on the short side that are about $\frac{1}{2}$ " – $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide (About the width of 1 – 2 fingers) So you end up with Strips that are $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ "

Cut strips for a BIG chain:

Cut strips that are $8\frac{1}{2}$ " long by 1" - $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

TO MAKE THE CHAIN:

- 1) Take 1 strip, and apply the glue stick to one short end. Make a circle with the strip so that the other short end comes around and attaches to the glued area. Hold for 5 seconds to secure it together.
- 2) Now take another strip and add glue to one short end. Pull it through your last circle or link. Make a circle with the strip, so that the other short end comes around and attaches to the glued area. Hold for 5 seconds to secure it together.
- 3) Repeat step 2 until you reach your desired length.

IMBOLC: CANDLE PAPER CHAIN

Cut out the Candle and Flame Patterns for the size of chain you are building; **SMALL** or **BIG**. Trace the candles onto Card Stock or Construction Paper and decorate with paint, glitter, crayons, construction paper ect. Trace the flames onto Orange or Yellow construction paper and glue to the top of the candles. Once you have all the candles completed and dried (if necessary), glue them to your paper chain. For a Tree Garland decoration, place your glue in the center of the back of the candle and stick onto the chain. For a mantle or table top decoration, go up about $\frac{1}{4}$ " - $\frac{1}{2}$ " of the way up from the bottom to apply glue and then attach it to the paper chain.

SUGGESTION: Make 8 large candle on the BIG chain. Form the big chain into a circle and add your candles for an Imbolc table top center piece. Decorate Further as needed.



IMBOLC CANDLE PATTERNS

