

# Inspire me to ...

## Shine

*Winter is the time of year when we have less daylight, so we can use lights to brighten up our homes and other spaces.*

*In our museums and parks we have lots of interesting and beautiful lamps. Some were used for special services and celebrations, like the Mosque Lamp and the Father Christmas Lantern; others like the street lamps were used to light the way in the dark of mid-winter nights or early mornings.*

*Why not have a go at making a lantern of your own? You can look at the different lanterns in our collections for shapes, ideas and patterns.*



### What do I need?

- A piece of foil 30cm x 15cm
- A pencil
- Cardboard or something similar (like old carpet) to rest on

### What am I doing?

- Carefully flatten your foil and place it on top of your card (or old carpet.)
- With your pencil, punch out a pattern in small holes in the foil.
- When you have a few holes, hold the foil up to a window to see how your pattern is looking.
- You might choose to add spirals or stars to your lines of punched dots.
- When it's finished, carefully bend the foil around a tube or jar to give your lantern shape so that it will stand up on its own.
- Carefully remove the foil from the tube or jar, keeping it in shape.
- Stand your lantern up on its own and seal the join as best you can.

### Hints and Tips

- Place your lantern on a window sill or shine a torch through it to show off the patterns
- Search in your kitchen for a fork, fish slice or colander to help with the patterns