



VOTE EARTH!



YOUR INVITATION TO MAKE A LANTERN AND VOTE EARTH!

In February 2009, Earth Hour came up with a new idea called VOTE EARTH- as part of Earth Hour on 28 March 2009. You might remember Earth Hour, the "lights out" event that gets everyone talking about climate change and what we can do about it. The idea of VOTE EARTH is to create a symbol of hope that will carry the amazing participation from Earth Hour to the UN Copenhagen Climate Change Conference (COP15) in December 2009.

COP15 is a big meeting of leaders from all over the world in Copenhagen. The leaders will talk and hopefully agree on emissions reduction targets in order to avoid dangerous climate change.

A big part of the VOTE EARTH campaign is the idea of positive action and making a difference. And a very important part of this positive action is giving kids (in other words you!) the opportunity to participate and have a voice on the important issue of climate change. That is why Earth Hour started the Lantern Project

The Earth Hour Lantern Project enables you to cast your "vote" for the earth in a real way and show world leaders at COP15 that you - the future leaders and caretakers of our planet - are a BIG voice in the call for action.

Lanterns are symbols of good luck and long life. We are asking you to create simple paper lanterns expressing your reasons for voting Earth with words or symbols. Then mail that lantern to VOTE EARTH in Copenhagen to be displayed with all the other lanterns received by 10 December in a VOTE EARTH exhibit at COP15. The lantern created by you will act as a visual reminder of the "good luck" the leaders have with this historic opportunity for a global climate deal and the "long life" we all want for our planet and our world.

Through the Earth Hour Lantern Project we hope to represent the vote of 1.83 billion kids in over half a million homes and classrooms. This is a special opportunity to be part of the most important vote in history, the vote for the future of our planet. It is a way to give a message to our current leaders from YOU that our planet is worth saving.

Please download our kit at www.earthhour.org and make your vote count. Join us; join the world and Vote Earth!

HAVE FUN!

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"I want to vote earth because I love our planet and all the animals on it, I want our planet to stay healthy! Making the lantern was fun because I got to tell the leaders in Copenhagen why I love our planet. When I think about my lantern in Copenhagen with all the other lanterns from around the world I feel happy and proud that I got to do something too!"

- Juno, Sydney, Australia, age 9

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN EARTH HOUR LANTERN

SUPPLIES:

- **Paper with printed template (download from earthhour.org)**
Use recycled paper whenever possible!
- **Scissors**
- **Markers or Crayons (things for decorating and writing)**



INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Cut the strip labeled "Cut 1" off along the dotted lines and set it aside to be the lantern handle.
- 2 Write or draw longwise across the paper your reason for voting Earth on the blank side of the paper in nice clear writing. This will be the outside of the lantern. Make sure you put your name, age and country at the bottom of the page. We suggest starting your message with the words "I vote Earth because..." then fill in the rest with your words or pictures!
- 3 Next, fold the piece of paper in half lengthwise, along the line labeled "Fold". Make sure you line up the edges. Your writing should be folded on the inside now and the planet picture printed on the paper should be on the outside where you can see it.
- 4 Take the scissors, starting at the folded edge, cut through both layers of paper at the same time up the dotted line labeled "Cut 2". You should stop cutting when the dotted line stops and you reach the solid line.
- 5 Carefully continue cutting all the other lines labeled "Cut 2" until you have cut all the lines.
- 6 Once all the strips are cut, you should gently unfold the piece of paper and refold it the other direction lengthwise so the lines from the printed paper will be hidden on the inside and your message will be on the outside. Make sure to press the crease of the fold flat again along all the strips.
- 7 Put all paper scraps in the recycling bin for recycling.
- 8 If this is the lantern you are mailing to Copenhagen you are now ready to mail it! Go to the next set of instructions on mailing your lantern.



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WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR EARTH HOUR LANTERN!

THE NEXT STEP IS TO PACK YOUR LANTERN FOR MAILING TO COPENHAGEN. IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE IT GETS THERE SAFE AND SOUND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- ▶ Make sure your name, age, and country are written on the outside of the lantern on the same side as your message in nice clear writing.
- ▶ Gently fold the lantern approximately in half lengthwise on one of the cuts so it folds easily. Then fold the detached handle in half lengthwise too.
- ▶ Find a sturdy envelope and write the address listed on the bottom of this page on the front in nice clear writing.
- ▶ Put your lantern gently inside the envelope with the handle resting on top then seal the envelope.
- ▶ Take it to the post office and mail it to Copenhagen!
- ▶ VOTE EARTH will be accepting lanterns until 10 December 2009 so make sure you post it with enough time to travel to Copenhagen by regular post. It could take as long as two weeks depending on where you live! All lanterns sent to Copenhagen will be recycled after Earth Hour Copenhagen.

POST TO:



Earth Hour Lantern Project
WWF Denmark
Svanevej 12 2400
Copenhagen NV
Denmark



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ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EARTH HOUR LANTERN!

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE MORE THAN ONE LANTERN AND DECORATE YOUR HOUSE OR CLASSROOM WITH THEM HERE ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSEMBLING YOUR LANTERN AFTER IT HAS BEEN DECORATED AND CUT. JUST MAKE SURE YOU SEND ONE LANTERN UNASSEMBLED TO COPENHAGEN!

- 1 To assemble the lantern, simply roll the paper into a tube shape and tape the top edges together. On the printed paper match side A to side B and tape. Your lantern should look like the picture next to the words MAKE YOUR OWN EARTH HOUR LANTERN on the handle strip you cut off in the beginning.
- 2 Finally, using the handle strip make a handle by taping the ends of the strip of paper just inside the lantern to form an arch over the top.
- 3 Hang the lantern up so everyone can see that you vote Earth!



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MAKE YOUR OWN EARTH HOUR LANTERN

CUT 1

(A)

CUT 2

CUT 2

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CUT 2

CUT 2

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CUT 2

CUT 2

FOLD LINE

(A) TAPE A TO B

STOP CUTTING AT THIS LINE

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(B)

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