Thank you for joining in on the MCC Freedom Lantern Art Project! Your lanterns will be a wonderful addition to the Lantern Art Exhibit in the Lantern Room in our new space, first floor Ohio Union. The exhibit will launch on April 6, 2010 and remain in place through the month of April, as part of the Ohio Union Grand Opening month celebration.

Below are some guidelines on how to make these lanterns.

Feel free to embellish and expand your creativity with these in whatever ways you like.

**Materials**

- Battery-operated tea lights
- Origami paper – roughly 5x5 inches (large enough to wrap around a tea-light)
- Markers or pens
- Glue stick
- Light-gauge wire – 6 inches long
- Push pin or hole punch
- Optional additional materials: scissors to cut shapes in lanterns, other papers, paints, glued items, etc.

1. Choose a sheet of paper, white side on inside of lantern. Write or draw or otherwise decorate your thoughts about Freedom on the paper, using the markers provided in the packet, or any other instruments you wish. Any of these questions may help guide you:
   - What does Freedom mean to you?
   - Are you free?
   - What was a moment of freedom in your life?
   - What was a moment of freedom in the world during your life?
   - What was a moment of freedom in the life of the world?
2. Remember your paper will overlap about an inch once it is glued into place on the candle, so consider that as you draw/write.
3. Practice rolling your paper onto a candle (battery-operated only please!) to see which edge you will need to glue. Writing can be vertical or horizontal on your lantern – your choice.
4. Lay your paper onto a scrap sheet and use the glue stick to liberally glue a line along the bottom edge where your candle will be, and along the side edge, where your paper edges will need to hold together.
5. Roll the paper onto the candle.
6. Use the dowel rod to poke/roll inside the lantern to help press the long edges where you can’t reach. Make sure the edges are firmly together.
7. Use the push pin (on the edge of the dowel rod) to poke two holes about a half inch down on opposite sides of the top edge of your lantern.
8. Thread the wire through those holes and crimp the wire edges over the top of the lantern to create a lantern handle.
9. Flip the switch and admire your Freedom Lantern!
10. Write your name on a card so we can credit your lanterns at the exhibit.
11. Contact the Christina Cappelletti at the Multicultural Center to arrange delivery of your lantern(s) starting March 29, 2010. Or just bring your lantern(s) to the MCC Grand Opening, Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 6pm, Suite 1000, first floor of the Ohio Union, 1739 North High Street.

Thanks for being part of the Multicultural Center Freedom Journey!

Learn more about all the MCC Grand Opening events at [mcc.osu.edu/freedom](http://mcc.osu.edu/freedom) or by calling 614.688.8449.