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LUTHER EMERSON VAN GORDER
(American)

Japanese Lanterns

1895

oil on canvas, 28 1/4" x 22 1/2"

Gift of Mr. Howard W. Lyon



Imagine you are holding a glowing lantern in your hands.

It is 1895 (over one hundred years ago!) and you and your sister are lighting Japanese lanterns for a special garden party.

Japan is very popular here in America at this time. Americans are buying Japanese furniture, Japanese wallpaper, Japanese fans and vases—they're even having parties like this one, where they hang Japanese lanterns on their American trees.

Lights made of paper! Have you ever seen anything like them?

Make your own Japanese lantern!



Materials:

basket reeds, rattan, or raffia palm
masking tape
colored tissue paper
white glue

Procedure:

Cut the reeds into pieces. Soak the reeds in water for 10 minutes. Take them out and bend them into circles. Tape them and let them dry.

Build your lantern with circles and tape. Create any shape you want. Cover your lantern with pieces of colored tissue paper.

