Build a Mini Lighthouse

Total Time 1 hour

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This tiny lighthouse makes a nice night-light; its soft glow is just bright enough to lead your child to the safe harbor of his bed.

What you'll need

- white plastic tape
- 18-ounce red plastic cup with a circular bottom
- 9-ounce clear plastic cup
- black card stock
How to make it

1. Tape three white stripes around the red cup.

2. Trace the bottom of the clear plastic cup onto the black card stock.

3. Cut out the circle you traced, along with two small rectangles for the windows and a larger rectangle for the door.

4. Trim the top inch or so from the clear cup so that it sits on the red cup with about a half inch of overlap.

5. Use tacky glue to adhere the black circle to the bottom of the clear cup.

Helpful Tip:
* If you're burning through batteries keeping your lighthouse lit, you may want to invest in a set of rechargeable tea lights. We found a set of 12 lights for $40 at improvementscatalog.com.
6. Glue the windows and door to the red cup, set the tea light on the top, and place the plastic cup over the light.