Hanging lamps with craft block lampshades

Instructions No. 4015

Difficulty: Advanced

Working time: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Using craft blocks, you can create a lampshade, that brings warm light and a natural wood look to your home. This project results in a modern design that works well as a pendant lamp above the table or as a mood-setting lamp in the living area.



lampshade Made from craft blocks (40 cm) – Prepare and paint the blocks

Arrange the craft blocks so that you can work quickly. For the large hanging lamp, paint each block on all narrow sides and also on one flat side with bronze-metallic-. This painted surface will later become the visible inner side of your lampshade and creates a modern, understated overall look. Plan to apply the paint in several thin layers so that the edges stay clean and no drips form. Then let the paint dry completely—this is important so that nothing chips off when you drill and bend the blocks.

Drilling holes—so the blocks fit securely on the lampshade ring

Now comes the precise part: Use a Dremel to drill two holes on one side of each block. Drill the first hole 0.5 cm from the edge and the second hole 1.5 cm from the edge, centering each one. These two holes will allow you to thread the wire through later, like a small clip. This way, the craft blocks hang securely on the lampshade ring and can’t twist. Repeat this step for all the blocks and make sure the holes are aligned the same way on each piece—this will ensure the “ lampshade ” looks nice and uniform later on.

Tie the small blocks to the first lampshade ring—with the painted side facing inward

Cut a piece of wire about 10 cm long. Thread the wire through the two holes in a block so that both ends of the wire

protrude from the painted side. Place the block against the lampshade ring with the painted, flat side facing outward, and tie the wire securely around the ring. Use pliers to tighten the wire so everything sits snugly. Trim any excess wire ends with wire cutters and bend the remaining wire inward. This prevents sharp ends and keeps the inside of the lampshade clean.

Repeat with all the blocks—create an even wood-like look

Work your way along the ring, block by block. Make sure the spacing remains even and the edges of the craft blocks are aligned. This will ensure your DIY-lampshade made of wooden blocks looks seamless and achieves that clean, graphic look that perfectly complements modern interior styles.

Attaching the Second Lampshade Ring – Stability and Perfect Shape

Once all the blocks are attached to the first ring, secure them to the second lampshade ring. Use the opposite side of the blocks so that this lampshade ring will later be secured to the second edge of the lampshade. Proceed in the same way as when securing the first ring: thread the wire through the two holes in the blocks, pull it tight against the ring, trim the ends, and bend them inward. This step gives the “ lampshade ” its sturdy cylindrical shape and ensures that the craft blocks remain evenly aligned.

Small version (30 cm) – identical construction, looks great as a lamp set

For the small hanging lamp, repeat all the steps in the same order. Here, too, paint the craft blocks on all narrow sides as well as one flat side, and let everything dry completely. Then drill the two holes at equal distances, attach the blocks to the first lampshade ring with wire, trim and bend the wire ends inward, and finally attach the second ring. A large and a small “ lampshade ” look particularly harmonious as a pair because the technique and surface finish are identical.

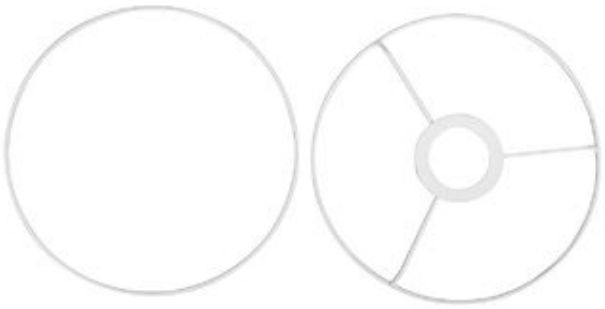
Install the lamp fixture—now the “ lampshade ” becomes a hanging lamp

Finally, screw the “ lamp connection cable ” onto both lamps. Make sure everything is secure and that the shade hangs straight. Now your homemade “ lampshade ” made from craft blocks is ready for use and will bring warm, textured light into the room.

Your next step

If you’d like to keep going right away: In our online shop, you’ll find matching lampshade rings, “ lamp connection cable, ” paints, wire, and handy tools to create your lamp set in exactly your own style.

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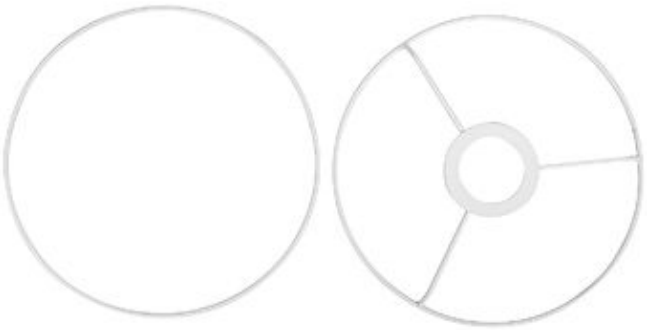
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Diameter (outside): 30 cm
Material: Metal

7,79 €

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Diameter (outside): 40 cm
Material: Metal

11,99 €

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240988	VBS Lamp rings, white, Ø 30 cm	1
241008	VBS Lamp rings, white, Ø 40 cm	1
240086-80	VBS Lamp connection cable set "E27"White	1
22955	VBS Handicraft blocksAsh wood	1
27863	VBS Acrylic metallicBronze	1
12052403	VBS Brush assortment "BASIC", set of 5	1
13428	DREMEL 3000-2/25 Arts & Crafts, 2 attachments, 25 pcs. accessories, bag	1
29517	Florist wireblue-annealed	1
970014	VBS Assortment of pliers, set of 3	1
27864	VBS Acrylic metallicAntique bronze	1