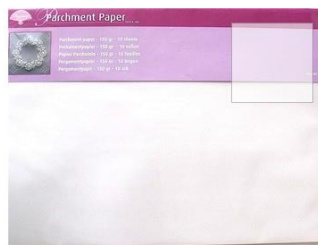# How to make your own Christmas *Dominion* Candle Shade

Materials needed:

- Computer with inkjet printer (laser printer might work too)
- 1 DIN A4 (or similar) size sheet of 150g/m² parchment paper (e.g. http://www.perfectparchmentcraft.com/shop/pergamano-parchment-paper-vellum/pergamano-parchment-paper/)
- 1 DIN A4 (or similar) size sheet of 115g/m² Christmas decoration parchment paper (e.g. http://www.creaktivo.de/Papier-und-Pappe/Transparentp-50x70cm/Transparentpapier-Sweet-Home-Weihnachten-50x70cm-Motiv-C::15397.html)
- Printing template (download at http://www.virtual-dreams.org/stuff/Dominion_CandleShade.jpg)
- Tea light
- Tea light holder (I recommend something like this: http://www.shiptogaza.org/tea-light-holders-for-wine-glasses/)
- Glue or double-sided adhesive tape (I recommend something like this: http://www.walmart.com/ip/Therm-3670-Sticky-Tape-Runner-25-Feet/28600704)
- Box cutter knife (possibly scissors if you prefer those)
- Ruler
- Pencil
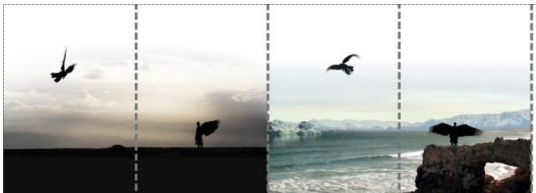- Cutting pad or solid cardboard sheet for box cutter

Disclaimer:
These materials were all purchased in Germany. They may not be available in other countries or may be called differently or come in other strengths and sizes. I'm sure there's a certain level of flexibility to these instructions. If you measure in inches, Google can tell you how to convert from metric to imperial units. ☺

Instructions:

Outer shade:
- Print the template with the Michaels and Gabriels onto one of the blank parchment paper sheets with your printer. The image should come out approximately 28 x 10 cm in size.
  CAVE: If you're using an inkjet printer, make sure you let the ink dry completely before you do anything else with it. Parchment paper is not as absorbent as regular paper, thus the ink will take longer to dry.
- Cut the excess paper away so that you end up with an approx. 28 x 10 cm sheet (plus the extra 0.5 cm strip for gluing)
  (I use a ruler and cut along its edge with a box cutter rather than scissors to get a straight and accurate line. It's recommended to put a cutting pad or solid cardboard sheet underneath to avoid cutting into the table.)
- With a pencil, lightly mark the four folding creases (approx. every 7 cm), including the one for the gluing strip.

- Use the box cutter to carefully cut along the folding lines, but **don't** cut all the way through. You still want to fold the paper, so it needs to be scored along those lines to make sure the paper folds where it's supposed to.
- Fold the paper along the scoring lines you just created.
- Glue the 0.5 cm strip to the opposite side of the candle shade so that you end up with rectangular box-like shape that's missing the top and bottom. This will be your outer shade.

Inner shade:
- Cut the Christmassy transparent paper into an approx. 28.5 x 10 cm sheet, but remember that each side needs to be 1 to 2 mm shorter so that it fits into the outer shade.
- Mark the folding lines (1 to 2 mm shorter than outer shade) and score the paper.
- Fold the paper along the scoring lines and glue the strip to the opposite end.
- This will your inner shade with the nice Christmassy pattern.

To complete the candle shade, put the inner shade into the outer one. It should fit snugly enough so that the pattern still shines through when you place the tea light holder and the lit tea light inside. Happy handicrafting! ☺

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