

Varsity's Choice

LIGHT as You Go



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Imagine a blackout. Everyone is panicking, searching for a torch. You calmly take out a card lamp from your wallet and switch it on. Everyone gives you a big smile.

The card lamp is the size of a credit card, but a little thicker so it can be slipped into a wallet and carried wherever you go.

To light it up, first, you insert a button cell into the bottom part of the light bulb. Then flip the light bulb to a standing position, so the light is on. To switch it off, just push the light bulb back down into the card.

as a conventional lamp or torch, but provides fair illumination for its size. User Olivia Cheung Wing comments that it is not very bright but she likes the design very much. “You shouldn’t rely on it in complete darkness. Yet I think its design is quite cute. I put it into my wallet. Therefore, it is quite handy when I need light.”

If you think a white card is too plain, then you can go for blue, green or even pink. As for the light bulb, you can choose either white light or yellow light.

And if those colours aren’t enough to tickle your fancy, there are also

Christmas, New Year and Valentine’s Day versions. For the Christmas and New Year versions, the light bulb is green and shaped like a Christmas tree. A red heart-shaped light provides some romantic ambience on Valentine’s Day.

Besides personal use, the card lamp is a good gift for your loved ones. On Valentine’s Day, you could arrange dozens of card lamps into a heart shape and place them on the sand at a beach. You could even put them onto a cake for a special occasion.

Some shops offer to print logos or words onto the card, so you can have your own personalised card lamp.

The card light is available at many stationary shops. Or you can enter the phrase “card light” into an online searching engine and a lot of online shops will pop up. The price ranges from about HK\$10 to HK\$30, depending on the versions you pick. *Carina Chan* 