



Chinese New Year

Let's make some...

Chinese Lanterns!



How to Make Chinese Lanterns

Chinese lanterns are important symbols during the Chinese New Year celebrations. Letting go of a lantern symbolizes letting go of the past, and preparing to start a new year. Let's make a lantern together!

1. Pick out any size paper in any color
2. Cut off a strip of paper a 1/2 inch thick - keep the strip for step 9
3. Fold the rest of the paper in half lengthwise
4. Measure 1/2 inch from the top of the open edge, and draw a line straight across
5. Measure 1/2 inch marks along this line, then for each mark, draw the line across to the folded edge of the paper (this will make the 1/2 inch strips for the lanterns)
6. From the folded edge, to the line you marked in step 2, cut straight across, through both layers of paper
7. Open the paper, and bring the edges together like a cylinder, so the cut shapes are vertical
8. The folded part should be on the outside, then tape the edges together at the top, in the middle, and at the bottom
9. Add the strip of paper you cut in step 2 and tape it like a handle

**Do not add any sort of candle or fire to this lantern. This is meant just for a project or hanging decor!

