

Chinese Paper Lantern



How are Lanterns Used?

Before electricity, lanterns were used as a source of light. Today, lanterns are still important in many countries and cultures around the world. In China, they come in many shapes and sizes, and are used for the annual Lantern Festival, which marks the end of the Chinese New Year celebrations.

<https://www.chinahighlights.com/festivals/lantern-festival.htm>

You'll Need:

- Construction Paper
- Markers or Crayons
- Tape or glue
- Scissors

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Step 1



Draw a design on your lantern. You can use crayons, markers, pens, or even paint.

Step 2



Fold your paper in half, length-wise (like a hot dog). Cut slits up from the fold. Leave space at the top.

Step 3



Unfold the paper. Hold the shorter sides and roll into a cylinder. Glue, tape, or staple the sides to-

Step 4



Glue, tape, or staple the handle to the top.

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Chinese Paper Fan



Step 1



Fold your paper like an accordion. Go back and forth until you reach the end.

How are Fans Used?

Paper fans are a great way to keep cool on a hot summer day. In Fuli, a small town in the southeastern part of China, they are famous for their painted paper fans.

<https://www.chinahighlights.com/yangshuo/attraction/fuli-town.htm>

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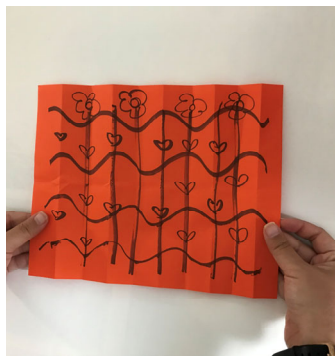
- Construction Paper
- Markers or Crayons
- Tape or glue
- Scissors

Step 2



Your paper should look like this when you have finished.

Step 3



Unfold the paper and make a design with markers, crayons, or colored pencils.

Step 4



Fold your paper back into an accordion. Fold in half, and glue two of the sides together.

Step 5



After the glue dries, spread out the pleats, and you're all done!