



The oldest and most important festival in China is the Chinese New Year. The date of the holiday varies from late January to mid February. The festival traditionally lasts till the 15th day of the month and ends with the 'Lantern Festival'. Houses are decorated with colorful lanterns, and special foods are eaten.

You can make: A fun paper lantern to decorate your home for Chinese New Year. Make many lanterns of different colors or decorations and hang them around your home.

What You Need

Construction paper

Scissors , Tape , Stapler , Ruler , Pencil

Glue, glitter, sequins, if desired to decorate your lantern

How To Make It

Use your ruler to measure and cut 1" off the short end of your paper. Set aside to use as the handle.

Fold your paper in half lengthwise. Draw a line 1" from the end of the long edge of the paper opposite the folded edge. This will be the line where you stop cutting. Measure and mark lines 1" apart starting at the folded edge and moving towards the "stop cutting" line. (see diagram).

Cut on the marked lines up to the "stop cutting" line. Unfold the paper. Re-crease the paper in the opposite direction. This will hide any pencil marks.

Match the long edges together on the lantern and use tape to hold it in place.

Staple the handle to the top of the lantern. (see photo)

Make as many lanterns as you wish and display them around your home. If you wish, add glue, glitter, sequins or other things to decorate your lanterns.

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