

Chinese Lantern instructions:

Materials Needed:

- (optional) Paper lantern template (see other attachment)
- 1 sheet of 8.5 x 11" red or gold construction paper.
- Pencil and ruler
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers, stickers, or crayons for decoration
- String (optional, for hanging the lantern)

Steps for Making Your Lantern:

- (Optional) Print the lantern template onto your piece of colored construction paper, if desired. You can also use your construction paper without the template if you prefer.
- Cut the bottom edge of the paper, about $\frac{3}{4}$ "-1". This will be the future handle.
- Fold the paper in half "hamburger style" the long length of the paper.
- Cut slits through both sides of the paper. Make sure to stop before you get to the end of the paper to keep the strips all connected.
- Unfold the paper and loop both edges together. Seal edges on both ends with clear tape (or a stapler).
- Tape or staple on your handle.
- Optional: Decorate and hang as desired!

How to decorate paper lanterns

- For decorating, you can get as creative as you like. I keep mine fairly simple with washi tape and a gold paint pen. But the kids can go wild with stickers, stamps, drawings, and whatever else they like.
- **Tip:** It's easier to make the drawings and patterns on the paper before you cut it, especially if it's something a little more complicated.