

# Chinese New Year Decorations

This paper Chinese Lantern is easy to make and looks great. Make lots and string them together for a cool decoration. Note: because this lantern is made of paper, **we do NOT recommend that you use it as a real lampshade.**



## Paper Chinese Lantern Instructions

1. Start with rectangular sheet of paper. Cut a strip of paper from the long edge of the paper (about 1" width). This will be used as the handle of the lantern.

Fold the paper in half lengthwise. Cut strips crosswise: cut from the folded edge towards the raw edge. Be careful to keep the strips connected and do not cut each strip off.

2. Unfold the paper.
3. Loop the paper around to form a tube. Join the short ends of the paper together with tape or staples.
4. Tape or staple on the handle made in step 1 and you're done! You can make many of them and string them together - use a small piece of tape to keep them equal distance from one another.

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