

Paper Lantern Craft

What you need:

- Paper lantern template
- Heavy construction or cardstock paper (colored)
- Scissors
- Glue or stapler
- Hole punch
- String
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- OPTIONAL: glitter, buttons, jewels, stickers, flowers



What to do:

- To make paper lanterns, each student will need two sheets of colored paper. One plain colored sheet and one sheet with the paper lantern template.
- Make enough copies of paper lantern template on cardstock or heavy construction paper for each student in your class.
- Begin by cutting two strips down the long side of the plain colored sheet, and set them aside.
- Next, fold the sheet with the lantern template in half to form a long, skinny rectangle.
- Have the students cut along the lines with scissors. Be sure not to cut all the way to the edge of the paper.
- Open it up.
- OPTION: If the students want more decorations on their lanterns, they need to do that before stapling or gluing them together.
- Roll it to connect both of the ends. Staple or glue into place.
- Roll up the first sheet of paper and insert it into the lantern. Staple or glue it into place.
- Use the strips of paper you first cut off to decorate your lanterns.
- Make two holes at top of lantern with hole punch and attach string.
- When complete have a lantern parade. Hang lanterns to decorate the classroom.

Here's a link to a YouTube video showing how to make a simple Chinese lantern:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CeZKYGmuZn0>

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