

GO BEYOND AT HOME!

Celebrate Chinese New Year by making and decorating your own ornate Chinese lanterns.

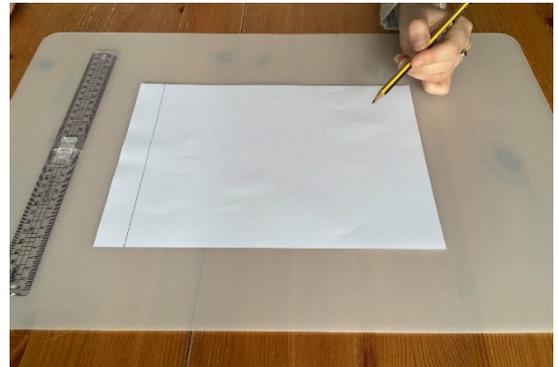
What you will need

- An A4 piece of paper or card
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Scissors
- Stapler or cello tape
- Pens etc. to decorate

How to make your paper lanterns

Step 1:

Place your piece of paper or card horizontally in front of you. Using your ruler, measure 2.5cm from the left-hand corner and make a mark. From this mark, draw a straight line down to the bottom of the paper.

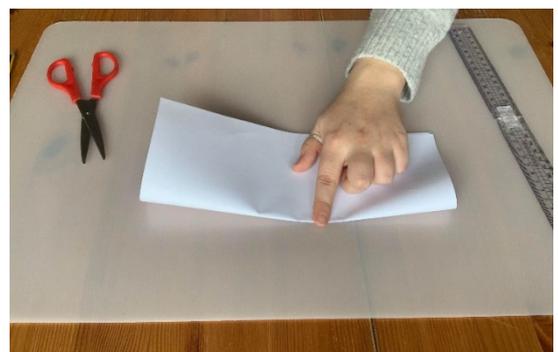


Step 2:

Using your scissors, cut along this line. Put this strip of paper to one side as this will form your handle later.



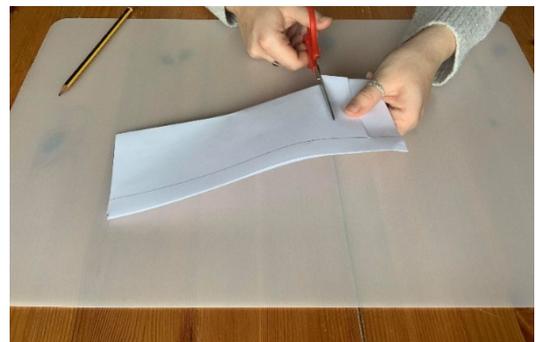
Step 3: Fold your piece of paper in half so that the longest edges of the paper meet. Run your finger along the edge that you have just created to crease the paper.



Step 4: Turn your paper around so that the folded edge is the closest to you and the end which opens is pointing away. Take your ruler and measure 2.5cm from the top edge of the card downwards and mark the paper before drawing a horizontal line across the page.



Step 5: Take your scissors and cut a straight line into the paper from the folded edge upwards. This cut needs to be approximately 2.5cm away from the short edge of the paper. Continue cutting your straight line until you reach the horizontal line you have just drawn.



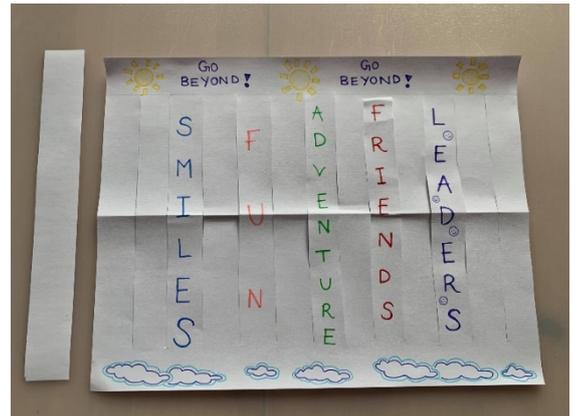
Step 6: Continue to cut more straight lines roughly 2.5cm apart until you reach the opposite edge of the paper. Remember the horizontal line marks the point where you need to stop cutting each line.



Step 7: You can now unfold the paper. The paper should have several vertical slits along the middle. If you would like to decorate your lantern, I suggest doing this now whilst the paper is flat. You can use coloured pens, pencils, paint or glue items onto it- go wild! When you have finished decorating, allow to dry before moving onto step 8 below.



Step 8: Now it's time to turn it into your lantern! Join up the two longest edges of the paper to form a tube shape. Overlap the long edges so that one is on top of the other. Take your stapler or cello tape and attach the edges to one another. This should form a lantern shape.



Step 9: Take the handle you cut earlier and attach it to the top of your lantern. You will need to tape or staple the handle in place inside the top of the lantern, making sure the other end of the handle is attached to the opposite side. It should create a shape that looks like a rainbow.



Your lantern is now complete! Yaaaay!

