



GET CREATIVE



20 MINUTES



IN THE
CUPBOARD

CHINESE LANTERNS



▶▶ GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Celebrate Chinese New Year by creating a Chinese lantern in just a few simple steps.

Each child will need a piece of A4 coloured paper or card. Coloured paper / card works best.

- 1) Start with the paper/card in landscape. Cut off a strip from one end, roughly 3cm wide. This will become the handle later on.
- 2) Fold the paper in half lengthways. (bring the bottom of the card to meet the top).
- 3) Starting from the folded edge, cut a straight line upwards. However stop cutting about 3cm before you get to the edge. Start your first cut about 3-4 cm from the right hand side and then continue cutting lines every 3-4cm until you reach the left hand side of the rectangle.
- 4) Unfold the card into a large rectangle and then bring the left and right-hand sides together to create the lantern shape. Overlap the card slightly and staple / tape the card into shape.
- 5) Tape / staple the strip of card from earlier to the top of the lantern, to create a handle.
- 6) Using colouring pens, decorate the lantern (optional).

For a step-by-step guide on how to make a Chinese lantern check out our tutorial video at <https://vimeo.com/500911213>

✓✓ WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- A4 Paper / Card
- Scissors
- Stapler / Sellotape
- Colouring Pens

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Please take care when using scissors. If completing as part of a virtual session, an adult for each child should be on hand to assist with the cutting.