

CHINESE LANTERNS



GET CREATIVE



20 MINUTES



IN THE CUPBOARD

GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Create a Chinese lantern in just a few simple steps and get involved in celebrating Chinese New Year (12th February).

Coloured paper / card works best, but you could use plain paper and then decorate it. For a step-by-step guide on how to make the Chinese lantern check out our tutorial video at <https://vimeo.com/500911213> or follow the instructions below.

- 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. A grown-up may need to help with the cutting.
- 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).



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

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



NOTES FOR PARENTS & CARERS

All activity should be supervised by an adult. Please take care when using scissors. Share a photo of your Chinese lantern with your BB group or post on social media using #BBatHOME. An adult should initiate any contact with the BB group and/or share on social media.