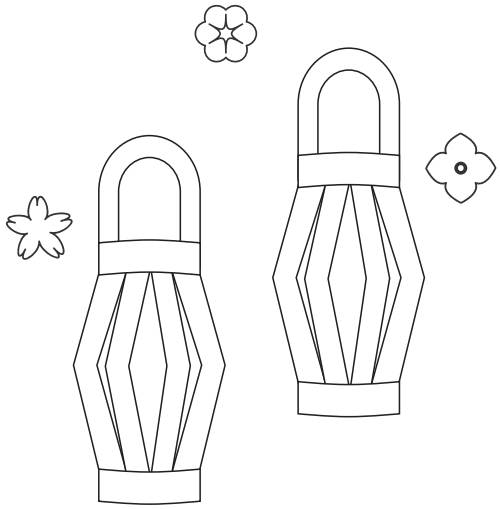
Lunar New Year Paper Lantern



Materials Needed

- A4 paper (red is traditional, but you can use other colours)
- Scissors
- Markers, crayons, or stickers (for decorating)
- Stapler or glue (for assembly)

Instructions

1. **Prepare the Paper**
   - Print out our template onto A4 paper.
   - If you're using plain white paper, you can decorate it with crayons, markers, or stickers first to make it extra colourful!
2. **Make the Handle**
   - Cut a strip of paper about 2.5 cm wide for the handle.
   - Attach the ends of the strip to the top of the lantern using glue, tape, or staples.
3. **Create the Fold**
   - Place your paper horizontally (landscape).
   - Fold the paper in half lengthways so the shorter edges meet.
4. **Cut the Slits**
   - Starting from the folded edge, cut the slits along the paper leaving about 2.5cm from the edge uncut. Be careful not to cut all the way through!
5. **Unfold the Paper**
   - Carefully unfold the paper so you can see the rectangle with slits running down the middle.
6. **Roll the Paper Into a Tube**
   - Roll the paper into a tube shape with the slits running vertically.
   - Overlap the edges and glue or staple them together to keep the shape.

Enjoy Your Lantern!

Happy Lunar New Year from SIMONDS