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Activities at Home

Make your Own Paper Lanterns

The Lunar New Year, marking the start of Year of the Ox, begins on February 12, 2021. To kick off your celebration, create some Lunar New Year paper lanterns. They're super easy and fun to make!

Supplies:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Stapler
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Glue, glitter, sequins (optional)

Instructions:

1. Use your ruler to measure and cut one inch off the short end of your paper. Do not throw out. Fold paper in half lengthwise (photo 1).
2. Draw a line one inch from the end of the long edge of the paper opposite the folded edge. This will be the line where you *stop* cutting.
3. Measure and mark lines one inch apart starting at the folded edge and moving towards the "stop cutting" line (photo 2.) Cut on the marked lines. Unfold paper (photo 3.)
4. Match the long edges together on the lantern and use tape to hold it in place (photo 4.)
5. Using leftover strip of paper from step 1, staple the handle to the top of the lantern (photo 5.)
6. Make several lanterns, decorate as desired, and hang throughout the house.



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