

Colorful Chinese Lanterns

Supplies:

Assorted color construction paper (2 colors per lantern)

Scissors

Stapler

Glue dots or tape

Markers, crepe paper streamers, stickers, other decorative items

Instructions

1. Choose one piece of construction paper to be the inner color. Cut a 1-inch strip off the short side of this piece of paper. Save this strip for the lantern's handle.
2. Fold the piece of paper in half the long way.
3. Cut strips on the folded side an inch wide. Cuts should stop 2 inches from the end. There should be about 10-12 strips.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 with your second piece of paper (different color).
5. Unfold both pieces of paper and place them horizontally in front of you.
6. Roll the first piece of paper to look like a tube. The folded end should be facing towards you. Overlap the long edges about an inch and secure with the stapler.
7. Repeat again with the second piece of paper. Make sure that your outer lantern is slightly larger than your inner lantern.
8. Slip one lantern inside the other. Make sure the slits are slightly offset so that you can see both colors.
9. Take the slip of reserved paper. Staple one end of the handle on the top of your lantern, and repeat by stapling the other side on the other end.
10. Your lantern is ready for hanging!