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## Chinese Paper Lantern

The Chinese lantern originated in Western Han Dynasty (202BC~8AD), which is more than 1800 years ago. Every fifteenth day of the first Chinese lunar month on Chinese Lantern Festival, people will hang red lanterns, which symbolizes family reunion. Traditional Chinese lanterns blend the skills of painting art and workmanship, paper cutting art, Chinese embroidery art and so on. These lanterns are a beautiful part of Chinese history and culture.

### Materials:

- Two sheets of colored construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Stapler

### Instructions:

1. Cut two strips down the long side of one of the sheets, and set them aside.
2. Fold the second sheet of paper in half to form a long and skinny rectangle
3. Draw pencil marks as a guide and cut along the lines with scissors. Be sure not to cut all the way to the edge of the paper, leave about an inch at the end.



4. Open it up, and roll it to connect both of the ends. Staple into place.



5. Roll up the first sheet of paper and insert it into the lantern. Staple it into place. Use the strips of paper you first cut off to decorate your lanterns, if desired.
6. You can add a string to the top and hang it up or use it as a centerpiece on a table!

