

Chinese “Spring” Lantern Paper fold and cut



The Chinese character
“chun” means **SPRING**

In Asia, spring starts at the end of the lunar New Year. This festive spring lantern is a perfect decoration for Chinese New Year celebrations. It can be hung with a ribbon or used as a table centerpiece.



Materials

Light cardboard and utility knife for template
12" x 12" red paper
Glue stick or double-sided tape
18" ribbon or string
Scissors
2 Round gold stickers or other shapes

Instructions

1. Print the template from the website www.binghamton.edu/artsofasia and trace it onto light cardboard and cut it out with a utility knife to make the template. Pre-make one for each person in your group. The template provided is for 12" X 12" paper, but you can reduce or enlarge it for other paper sizes. (templates can be kept and reused)
 2. Fold paper corner to corner to make a triangle. Fold again corner to corner, and again corner to corner. You should now have a triangle 8 layers thick with two 6-inch sides. Orient the paper so that the open edge with no folds is towards you, the upright side of the triangle is on your left.
 3. Lay the template on the paper triangle with the “foot” to your right, and trace the parts of the template to mark where the paper will be cut away. Cut out the marked area with scissors.
 4. Unfold the cut paper and refold it corner to corner to make a triangle. Pull the center fold to you and do the same on the other side. The four long “feet should stick out like spokes.
 5. For a hanging lantern, nip off the top point of the lantern for the ribbon or string to feed through. Use a glue stick or double-sided tape to secure the ribbon between the center folds, turn over and do the other side.
 6. Add two gold stickers (or any shape, using glue) sticky sides together, to both sides of the ribbon below the lantern so that it does not pull out. You can also add a tassel.
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