

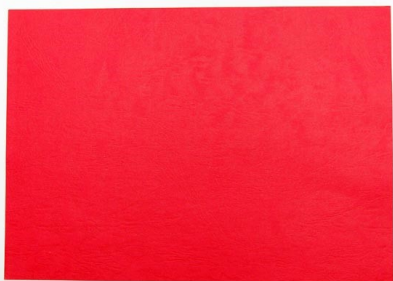
Paper Lanterns



SUPPLIES NEEDED

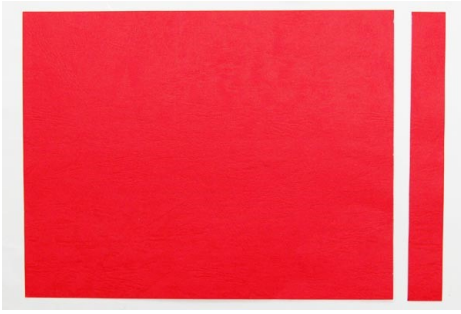
- Paper or cardstock (preferably red or yellow)
- Scissors
- Stapler or tape
- Glue
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Things to decorate your lantern with: gift wrap paper, washi tape, ribbons, sequins, stickers, glitter glue, small buttons, etc.

STEPS



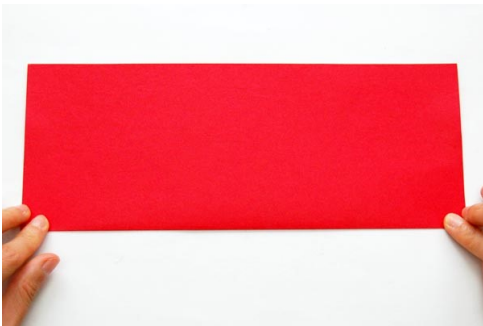
1 Prepare the paper.

Start out with an A4, Letter size, or any rectangular sheet of paper or cardstock.



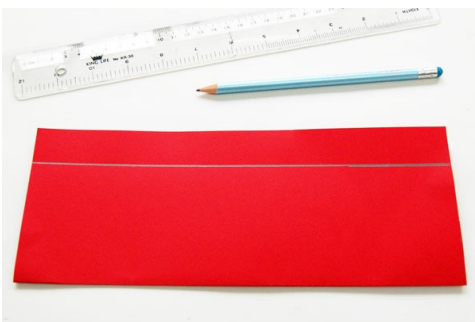
2 Make the handle.

Cut a 1-inch wide strip off on one short side. Set this aside for the handle.



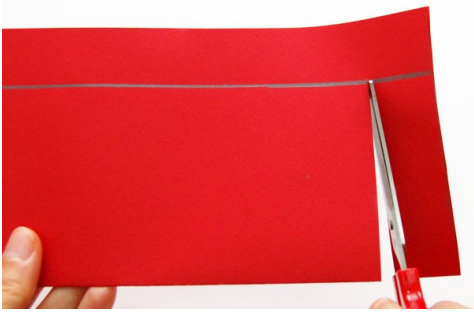
3 Fold the paper in half.

Fold the paper in half, lengthwise.



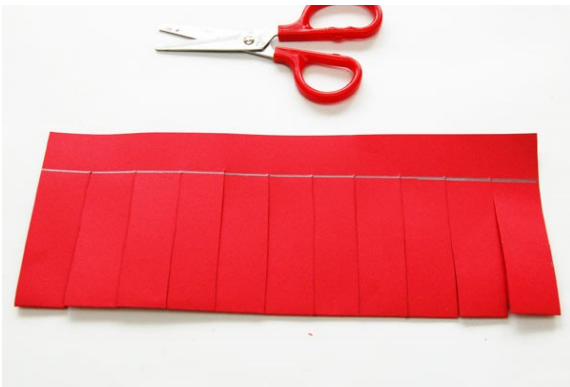
4 Draw a horizontal line.

Draw a horizontal line one inch from the long edge opposite the fold.



5 Cut the first slit.

Starting from the folded edge, cut a straight line about an inch from one short edge, all the way up to the horizontal line.



6 Cut more slits.

Continue to cut more straight lines about 1 inch apart until you reach the opposite short edge of the paper. Remember that the horizontal line marks the point where you stop cutting each straight line.



7 Unfold the paper.

Unfold the paper. The paper will have several vertical slits along the middle. Erase any pencil marks or re-fold the crease the opposite way to hide the pencil marks at the back.



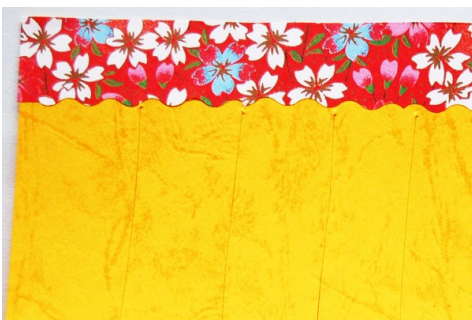
8 Decorate the top and bottom edge.

You can keep your lantern plain or decorate the top and bottom edges. Here are some ideas you can try:

a.) **Paint or color** - make a border by painting or coloring the top and bottom edge of the paper.



b.) **Draw details** - create patterns and details with glitter glue, puffy paint, or colored markers.



c.) **Glue a band** - glue a strip of gift wrap paper, patterned paper, washi tape, fabric, lace or a wide ribbon to make a border.



d.) Glue shapes or notions - glue craft foam or felt shapes, small buttons, beads, sequins and other notions.

Remember to leave at least ½-inch of undecorated area on one top corner. This gap will allow you to connect the two edges of the paper to form a lantern.



9 Form the paper into a lantern.

Transform the paper into a lantern by forming it into a tube shape. Overlap the long edges at least ½-inch. Staple or tape at the top and bottom of the overlap.



10 Glue the handle.

Take the paper handle you made in Step 2. Glue the ends on the inside of the lantern's top edge. Decorate the handle if you like.



Make lanterns in various colors.

Besides the typical red and yellow Chinese lanterns, you can make them in your favorite colors or in hues that go with a particular occasion (e.g. orange and black for Halloween, pastels for Easter) or with your room's color scheme.

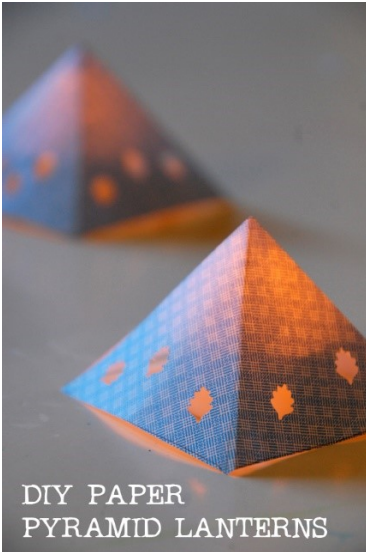


Decorate the entire lantern.

You can also decorate the strips in between the slits of your lantern. Glue small paper or fabric shapes, draw designs with markers or crayons, or put small stickers all over.

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DIY Paper Pyramid Lanterns



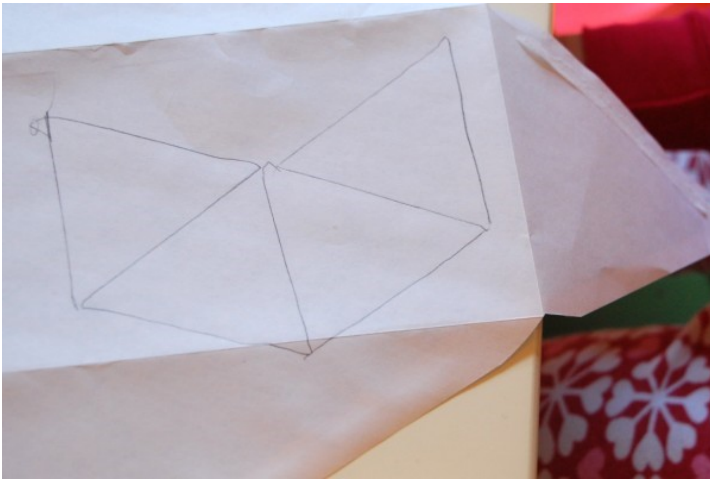
These were inspired by the Paper Lanterns from Willowday, and if you change up the paper patterns (or maybe make your own), these could become party decorations, Halloween luminaries, or bedroom night lights.

How to Make Paper Lanterns

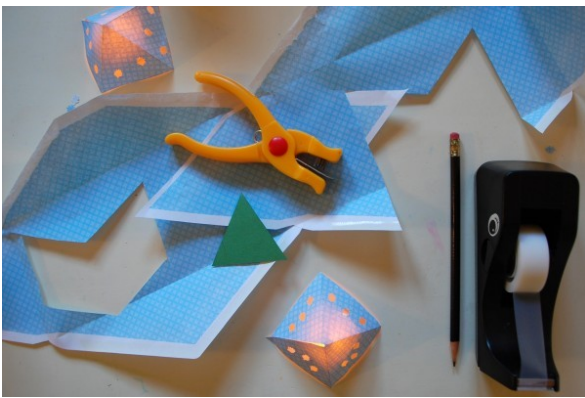
- Paper
- Pencil
- Hole Puncher
- Clear Tape
- Ruler
- Battery-operated votive candle



Step 1: Draw an equilateral triangle (or scale and print it) and cut it out.



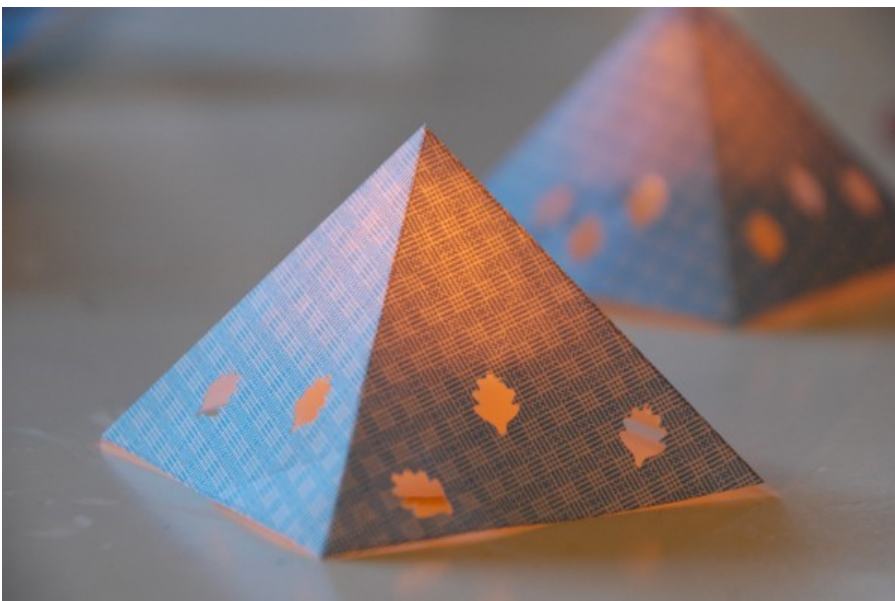
Step 2: Trace it onto a sheet of paper FOUR times.



Step 3: Cut the whole shape out.

Step 4: Tape it together and punch holes into the sides if you'd like.

Step 5: Add a battery-powered tea light (not a real candle, please, safety first) and decorate like mad.



<https://tinkerlab.com/diy-paper-pyramid-lanterns/>

Parchment Paper Lanterns

These Parchment Paper Lanterns are based on the Leaf Lanterns done by Red Ted Art.

You will need:

- Parchment Paper
- White Cardstock
- Clear Tape or glue
- Materials for decorating
- Battery-operated votive candle

Step 1: Cut 1-inch wide strips from the cardstock to use as the top and bottom of your paper lantern. You can decide how wide you would like your lantern to be, but you'll probably need to cut more than one strip for the top and for the bottom, and put them together around the parchment paper.

Step 2: Color whatever designs you'd like on the parchment paper. It's probably easier to color on the side that feels more like paper than on the side that feels more waxy.

Step 3: If you'd like, you can also decorate the cardstock strips.

Step 4: Glue the cardstock strips to the top and the bottom of the parchment paper, then bring the two ends together to make a round cylinder with the paper. Tape or glue the ends together. You'll probably also need to tape the parchment paper between the cardstock strips together along the seam so it doesn't gap.

Step 5: Add a battery-powered tea light (not a real candle, please, safety first) and enjoy your lantern!



If you have another piece of parchment paper, you can try attaching real pressed leaves or flowers between the two pieces of parchment and decorate your lantern that way.

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