## A Paper Lantern Parade

## 花燈游

A parade in which families carry beautifully designed lanterns around their city or a nearby park is the highlight of the Lantern Festival. The lanterns often take fantastic forms and shapes, such as animals and magical beasts. Traditionally lanterns are illuminated by candles and are carried on sticks. The lantern described here is also hung on a stick, and the illusion of candlelight is created by a yellow lining.

## DIFFICULTY: AA TIME: 45 MINUTES

## **MATERIALS**

- 1 sheet of lightweight yellow paper, about 11" x 15"
- clear tape or glue
- 1 sheet of heavy red paper, about 11" x 17"
- scissors
- string
- stick
- tassels (optional)



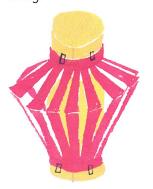


Provided the red paper in half widthwise.

Draw a line about one inch from the unfolded edge. Make cuts in the red paper about one-half inch apart, from the folded edge up to the line you have drawn. Be careful not to cut through the unfolded edge.

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3 Open the paper out, wrap the uncut ends around the yellow cylinder, and tape or glue it on. Then hang the lantern on the stick with the string.



If you like, you can add tassels. You can also make a longer cylinder and tape or glue several smaller red shades to it, one above the other.

