

Chinese Lanterns

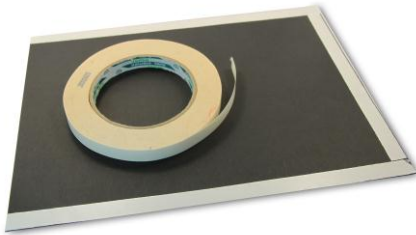
One of the most commonly recognized and highly regarded symbols of China is the enduring red lantern. Here is a way to make a simple version out of paper streamers.

You will need:

- black paper or card 20 x 27cm approx.
- red paper streamers
- double sided tape (or a glue stick)
- scissors



Method



1. Stick 3 pieces of double-sided tape along the edges of the black card. 2 pieces along the long edges and 1 along the short.



2. Peel off the backing tape and roll the card into a cylinder. Attach the short sides together. Make sure the tape on either end of the cylinder is facing out.



3. Cut the streamer into approximately 25cm strips. The width of the streamer will determine how many strips you will need. For this project, 33 streamers were required



4. Begin by sticking a strip to each end of the cylinder. Start on the seam of the black card. This way you will ensure that the first streamer is laid straight.



5. Stick on another piece of streamer in the same way, but this time, overlap the edges.



6. Overlap by about half the width of the streamer.



7. Repeat all the way around the cylinder.



8. Punch 2 holes into the top of the lantern and tie a loop of string to hang the lantern. Decorate the top and bottom of the lantern using tassels or curling ribbon.



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Variations:



Roll the cylinder so the double-sided tape is on the inside. Attach the streamers to the inside lip of the cylinder. The lantern will be rounded in shape.



Attach the double-sided tape to either side of the long edge of the card. This way one end of each streamer will stick to the inside and the other end will stick on the outside. This method will form a bell-shaped lantern.



Change the size of the black cylinder card.