

## Chinese Lantern

Materials:

- Construction paper OR Parchment Paper from the kitchen (9" x12")
- 12" ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue stick



Begin by cutting a 1" wide strip of paper off the 12" side. This will be the lantern's handle; set it aside. Then draw a line on the open side 1" down from the top of the paper. Next, fold the remaining paper in half so the shape remaining is 12" x 4". On the creased side, measure the 12" side into 1" pieces. Draw those marked lines up to the line at the top of your rectangle.

You are now ready to cut.

Cut along the lines from the folded edge to the line 1" down from the open edge. When you are finished, open the lantern from the opening at the top. Glue the left and right sides together with a little glue placed on the entire side that is now 8" long. Your lantern should open so you can see the insides and the belly is greater than the top or bottom.

To use your lantern, get a battery operated "tea light" and set it on the table, the lantern will glow from the inside. The kitchen parchment paper will give off more light than construction paper.

**DO NOT USE A REAL CANDLE, YOUR LANTERN IS FLAMMABLE!!**

## Lino-cuts

Materials:

- Meat Tray from the grocery store-WELL WASHED!
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Tempera or acrylic paint for "ink" or water-based printing ink
- Brayer or a brush
- Smooth piece of plastic to prepare the "ink"
- White paper 8 ½" x 11" or so.
- Wooden spoon

Begin by cutting the sides off the meat try so you have a flat piece of Styrofoam. Before you draw a design or picture on your plate, remember that everything will be backward when you print. Before you put words on the plate, try it on a piece of paper and hold it up to a mirror. Draw your picture; it is the line that is important. Don't worry about shading.

Put a very small bit of ink on the plastic and roll it with the brayer (or brush it thin with a brush). Roll the ink over your "lino-cut". Do not get the ink too thick. Do not let it fill the drawn lines; if it does, wash you "plate" and begin again.

Work quickly to cover your plate with "ink"; put the paper over the plate-be sure to center your image on the paper. Rub the paper with the back of the spoon. Your printed image will appear. Take the paper off and allow it to dry. Sign your print just under the image.

Acrylic paint might need just a drop or two of water. You can purchase water-based printing ink at an art supply store for this activity.

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