



Chinese New Year

Recycled Roll Chinese Lanterns for Chinese New Year

You will need:

- Spare cardboard rolls or tubes – eg toilet rolls, or kitchen rolls cut in half
- Red paint with gold glitter + paint brush
- Strips of paper to make the handle.
- Glue dots or tape
- Scissors
- Paint and paintbrushes

How to make it.

So, start by folding your cardboard tube in half – so that it forms a short square shape.

Snip down from the fold, creating around 4 snips (whatever fits nicely), this will give the shape to your lantern and allow it to fold out. Once unfolded, you might need to add an extra cut at each side, to allow the tube to fold out into the lantern shape. It can be a bit tricky to cut through two layers of folded cardboard, so young children will probably need help with this cutting stage.

Once you have your tubes cut into the lantern shape, you're ready to paint. You can use any colour you would like and even add some glitter or stickers if you have any.

Once the painted lanterns are dry, all you need to do is add a handle. Cut a strip of paper per lantern and attach with a glue on each end, or some tape or blue tack if you don't have glue to hand.

Your Chinese lantern is already to hang or carry around!



Chinese Lanterns Sun Catchers

You will Need:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Cellophane squares
- Contact paper

How to make it:

First draw your Chinese lantern. Make sure you leave lots of spaces to fill with colour.

Cut pieces of red cellophane into small pieces and placed the Chinese lantern on a piece of contact paper.

When you have filled all the spaces, place another piece of contact paper over it to seal it. Then cut round the lantern to remove any extra pieces, before placing it on your window for the light to shine through.

