



Make Your Own Paper Lantern

A BAREFOOT ACTIVITY FOR KIDS AGES 4+

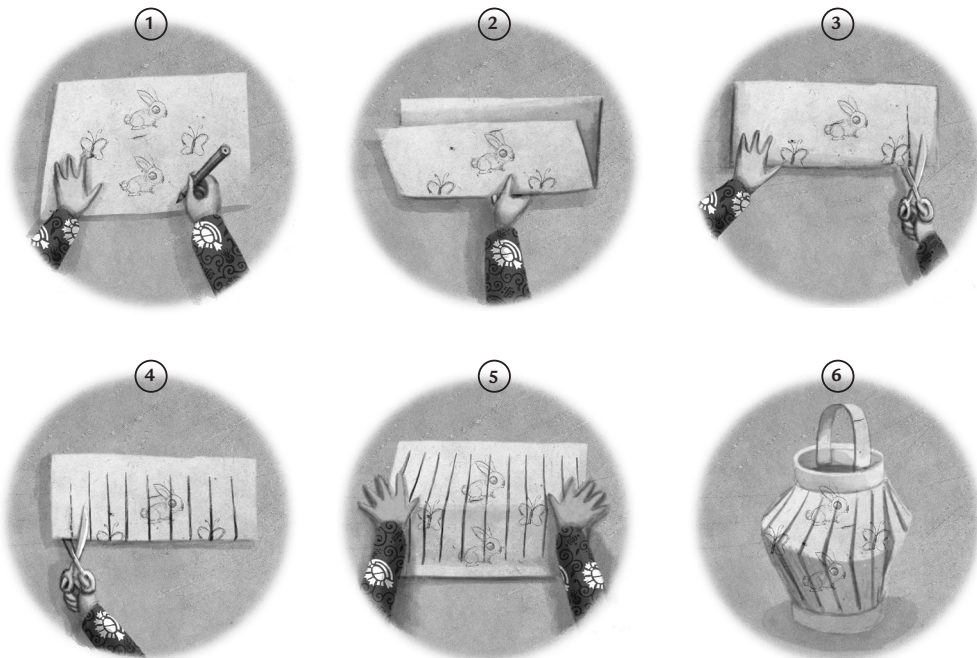
Chinese lanterns are made from paper and bamboo and formed into shapes such as rabbits, butterflies or lobsters. You can create your own lantern by following the instructions below.

WHAT TO FIND

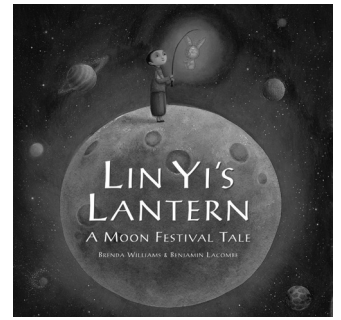
- 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper
- crayons, watercolors
- scissors
- glue

WHAT TO DO

1. Decorate a piece of 8 ½" x 11" paper.
2. Fold the paper in half lengthways. Crease the center fold sharply.
3. Hold the paper with the fold at the bottom, and start cutting toward the opposite open edge, approximately 1 inch in from the narrow side. Do not cut all the way up; leave approximately 1 inch of uncut paper at the top.
4. Repeat step 3, cutting eight more slits at 1 inch intervals along the center fold.
5. Open up the paper.
6. Apply glue to one short end, and roll and attach it to the other to form a "tube." Gently push the top down slightly to form the lantern shape. Cut a narrow strip of paper and glue it to the top of the lantern to make a handle.



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