

# MAKE YOUR OWN...

## Chinese paper lantern



### What are Chinese lanterns?

Lanterns (灯笼 **dēng long**) are hung on Chinese New Year's Eve (除夕 **Chú Xī**) and stay until the end of the Chinese Lantern Festival (元宵节 **Yuán Xiāo Jié**), fifteen (十五 **shí wǔ**) days after the Chinese New Year (春节 **Chūn Jié**). Common Chinese lanterns are red (红色的 **hóng sè de**) and round, with Chinese characters or drawings printed on them.



### You will need :

- an A4 sheet of thin card (卡片 **kǎ piàn**)



- a pair of safety scissors (剪刀 **jiǎn dāo**)



- glue (胶水 **jiāo shuǐ**) or tape (胶带 **jiāo dài**)

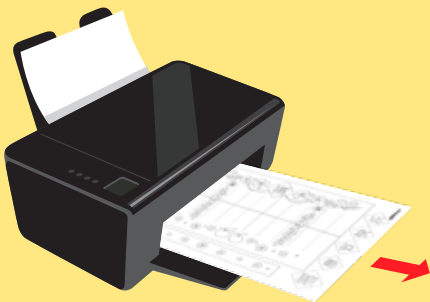


- coloured pens (水彩笔 **shuǐ cǎi bǐ**) or pencils (铅笔 **qiān bǐ**)



### Method :

- 1 Print out (打印 **dǎ yìn**) the template onto an A4 sheet of thin card.



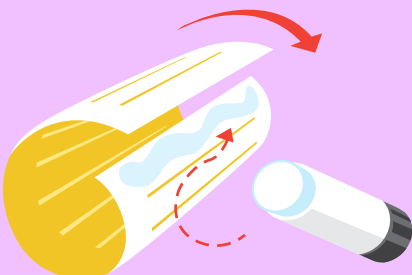
- 2 Colour in the flowers (花 **huā**) and add the Chinese characters provided or any pattern that you like.



- 3 Fold (折 **zhé**) the card in half long ways, and carefully cut (剪 **jiǎn**) along the dotted lines.



- 4 Fold the card around on itself, so that the cuts run from top (上面 **shàng miàn**) to bottom (下面 **xià miàn**), and use the glue or tape to hold it together.



- 5 Bend the smaller rectangle (长方形 **cháng fāng xíng**) template into an arch and stick it to the top of the lantern as a handle.





Cut out.

Fold here.

