

MAKE YOUR OWN...

Chinese paper cuts



What is Chinese paper cutting?

Chinese paper cuts (剪纸 **jiǎn zhǐ**) are used to decorate (装饰 **zhuāng shì**) windows during the Chinese New Year (春节 **Chūn Jié**). They are commonly red (红色的 **hóng sè de**), as it is regarded as the symbol of happiness (快乐 **kuài lè**) and good luck (好运 **hǎo yùn**).



You will need :

- an A4 sheet of thin card (卡片 **kǎ piàn**)
- a pair of safety scissors (剪刀 **jiǎn dāo**)
- 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 template – try adding in some red.



- 3 Carefully cut (剪 **jiǎn**) along the dotted lines.





