

## Ann's Creative Corner

### Project #111: Chinese Lanterns

- Fold a red or yellow piece of construction paper lengthwise
- With a ruler, draw some even lines starting at unfolded end to about 3cm (1 inch) away from fold.
- Cut each line but do not cut to fold. Children may need help with this and teach the older ones the concept of stopping at the 3cm mark.
- Unfold the paper.
- Add your design to this using felt markers, stickers, sparkles or sequins. Be careful not to put too much on it as it will not be able to bend into the lantern shape.
- After decorating create the circular lantern by bending and having the "Pleats" on the outside. Tape, Glue or Staple together
- Attach another 1 inch wide strip of construction paper to the top and bottom for strength and decoration.
- Add a paper strip for the handle or punch holes in the top for a ribbon or string.

Hand up near a window would look nice. Or under a lighted area.

**Activity:** Go for a walk and observe the houses with Chinese decorations for this Happy New Year. Discuss the animal of the year. Sing Happy Songs.

