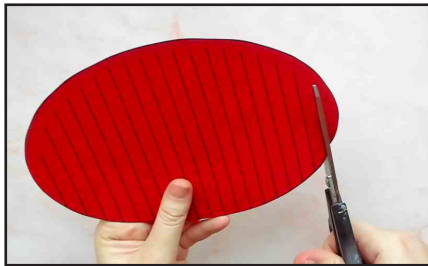


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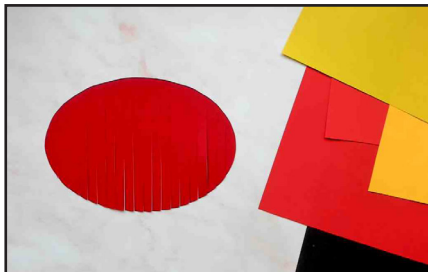


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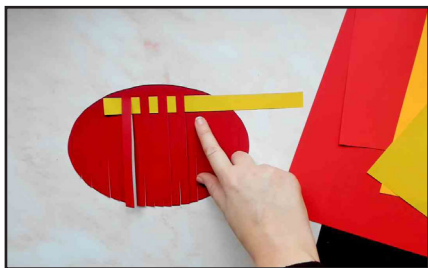
- Printed template of your choice (best on colourful card)
- Strips of colourful paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- (Optional) Felt tip pens



1) First, cut around the edge of your chosen template and up each weaving line.



2) Next, cut colourful strips of paper. You can choose colours to suit your colour theme. I have chosen reds and golds. You can decide how thick your strips of paper will be. It can look effective to have a mixture of strip widths.

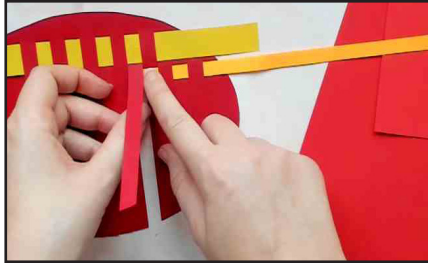
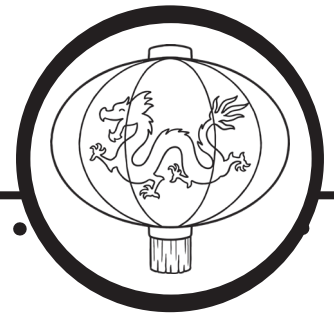


3) The trickiest strip is the one at the top of the lantern. You may only be able to weave it through some of the middle strips, so we recommend to start weaving from the middle for this strip.

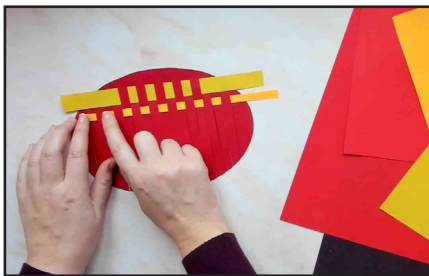


4) After you have finished weaving each strip, add a bit of glue to either end of the strip to secure.

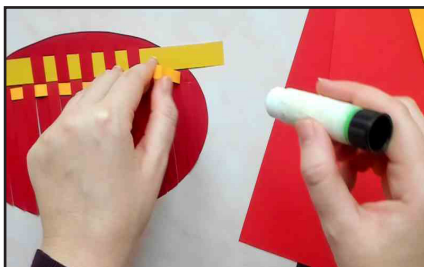
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5) Then start weaving the next strip. Remember, this strip should follow the opposite pattern to the one above it. If the top strip is under, this strip will be over.



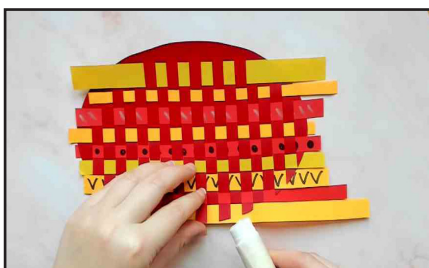
6) Make sure to push each strip up as far as it will go so it sits as close to the bottom of the previous strip as possible.



7) After each strip has been woven, secure with a small dab of glue.

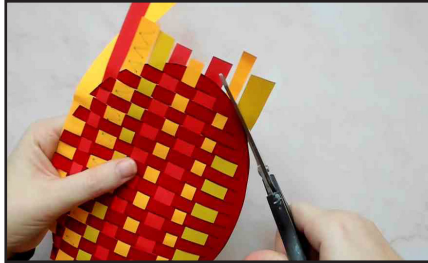
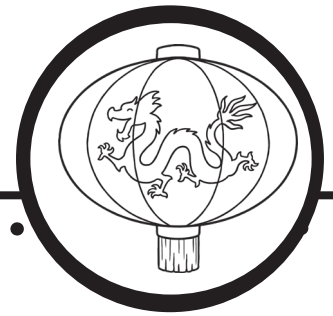


8) If you do not have many different colours of paper, try using felt tip pens to add patterns to each strip before you weave it. This can make some really interesting woven designs.

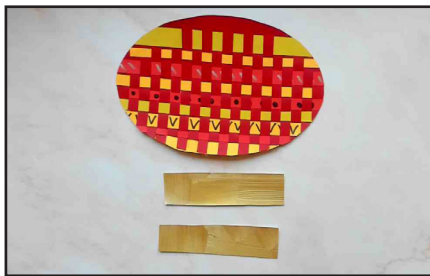


9) When you have finished weaving the last strip, go along the whole bottom securing the ends of the original cut strips. If you see any loose ends, add a dab of glue to secure them.

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10) Then, turn your lantern over and trim the overhanging strips away from the edge of the template.



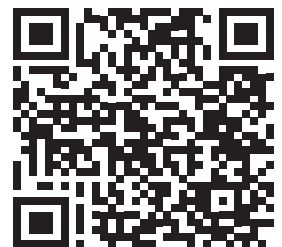
11) Glue two rectangles of card to the back, at the top and bottom of your lantern.



12) You can then choose to add some extra strips of paper to the bottom of your lantern, and some string to the top.

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