

Making Chinese Lanterns

You can have a go at making your own Chinese lanterns.

In **Chinese** culture, the red **lantern** is the symbol of booming life and prosperous business, so they **are** always hung on important festivals such as **Lantern Festival**, **Chinese** New Year and **Chinese** National Day in parks or along main streets. ... They **have** become a symbol of **Chinese** culture worldwide.

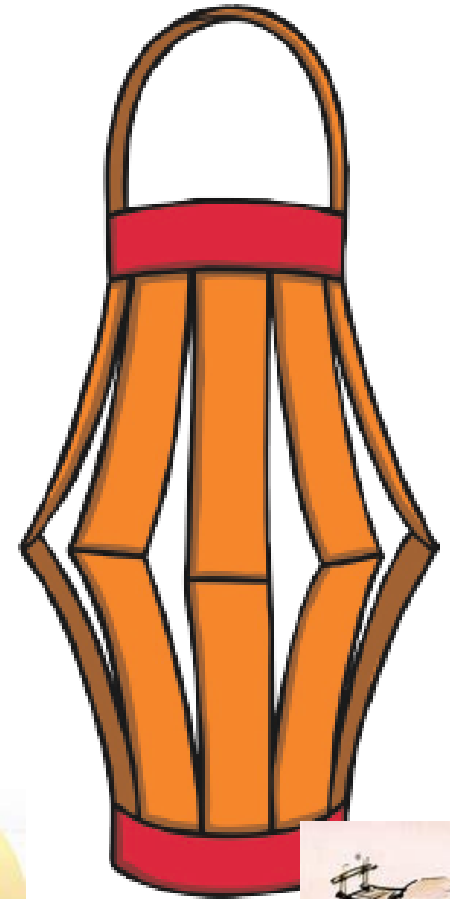


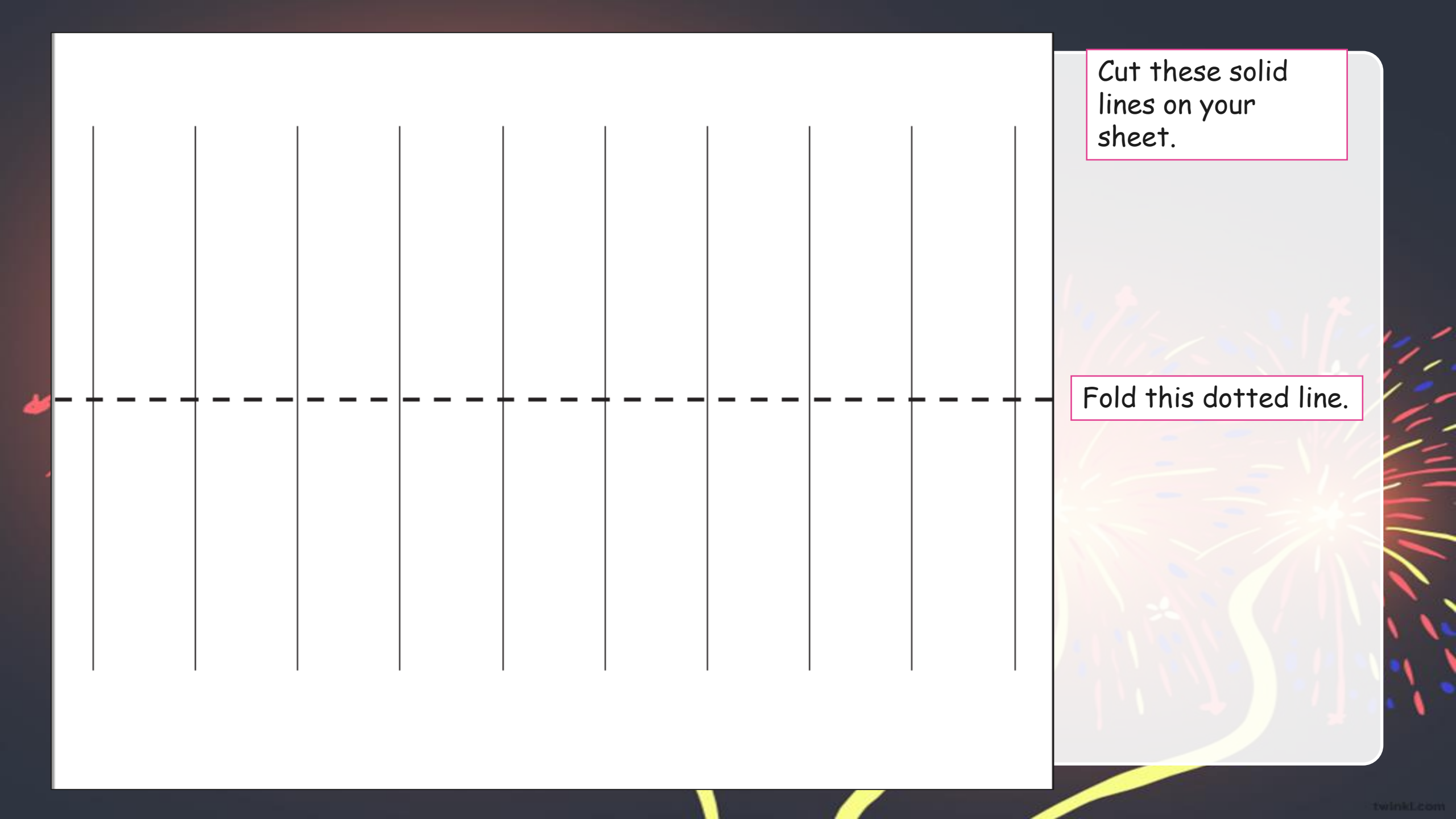
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CeZKYGmuZn0>

How to make a paper lantern:

1. Cut off one end of the paper. Set aside to use as the handle.
2. Decorate the sheet using coloured pens, paint or glitter.
3. Fold your paper in half lengthwise along the dashed line.
4. Cut the marked lines along the sheet. (Do not cut to the edge of the paper).
5. Unfold the paper.
6. Match the long edges together on the lantern and use tape to hold it in place.
7. Staple the handle to the top of the lantern.

You can decorate your lantern before sticking it all together. Why not look back at our Chinese letters from last week? Here are some images you could use as inspiration.





Cut these solid lines on your sheet.

Fold this dotted line.