

## MINI-LANTERN- YEAR OF THE DOG

If you were born in 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006 or 2018, this is your year! The 'dog' is loyal, sincere and cooperative.

Celebrate the Chinese zodiac this Lunar New Year by making this easy mini-lantern decoration. During the Spring Festival, decorations are placed all around homes and businesses to attract good fortune. The lantern is a symbol of the Lantern Festival, marking the 15th day of the first lunar month.

You can follow these instructions, or take the dog design and Mandarin character and apply them to any other project you have in mind!

### Tools and Materials:

- Red (and second color) bond or cover weight 8 1/2" x 11" paper
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Chenille stem and twine or yarn
- Hole punch
- Tassel (optional)

### STEPS:

1. Print or copy the Dog PDF, cut out shape and punch holes
2. Fold and cut mini-lantern from 8 1/2 x 5 1/2" red paper (1/2 sheet) following diagram
3. Staple lantern top and bottom and punch two holes for handle
4. Trim stem length for handle and add to lantern
5. Tie twine to handle and thread through lantern to tie on dog art
6. Add tassel or charm if desired

**Year of the Dog 2018**  
Lantern Decoration Template

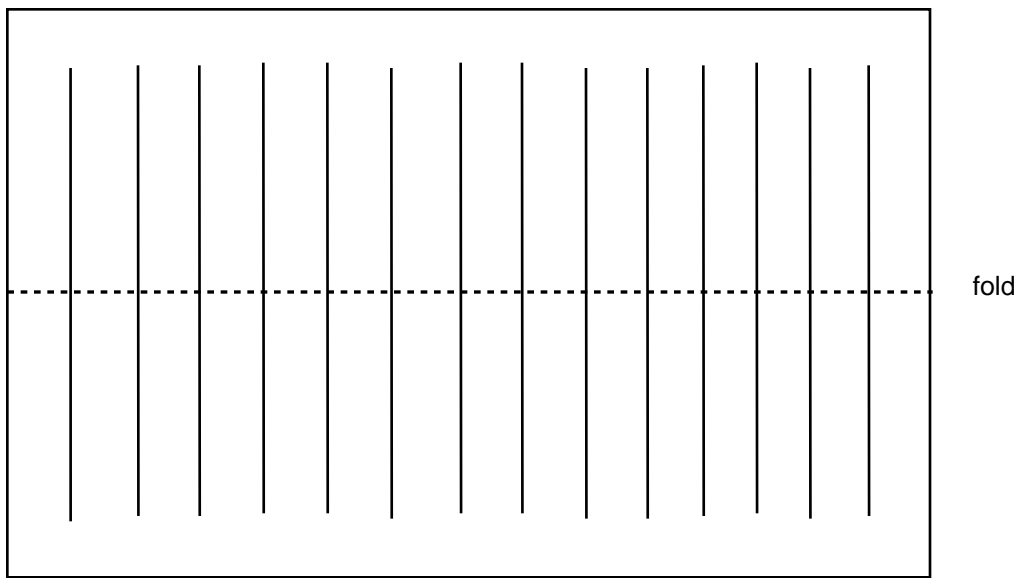


diagram only- use 8 1/2" x 5 1/2" red paper stock- a half of a standard sheet

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