

LUNAR NEW YEAR CRAFT: PAPER DRAGON ROLL

Paper Dragon Roll



Dragons are very important to Chinese culture during Chinese/Lunar New Year because of the role they play. During this time of celebration, dragon dances are performed, as a ritual to scare away evil spirits. It is said that the dragon dance brings good luck to people, so the longer the dance, the more luck is brought to the community.

This paper dragon roll is fierce, funky and fun. It'll be a hit with the kids and dragon enthusiasts around. The light weightedness of the tissue paper flames allows you to blow through the paper tube, making the flames fly around and move, just like a fire!



You will need:

- [Craft Paper Rolls](#) (Paper Towel Rolls or Construction Paper will be fine)
- [Transparent Glue Sticks](#)
- [Elmer's School Glue](#)
- [Construction Paper](#)
- [Coloured Pom Poms](#)
- [Black and White Wiggle Eyes 10mm](#)
- [Tissue Paper - Assorted](#)
- [Handmade Lokta Paper Flowers](#) (Optional)
- [Sharpie Retractable Markers](#)

1. If you have a finished roll of paper towel and have a cardboard tube, cut it in half. (Skip this step if you don't have one)
2. Wrap construction paper of your choice or Handmade Lokta Paper around the tub and use the glue stick to glue it on. If you don't have a paper towel tube to use, simply cut the construction paper in half, and roll that into a tube shape.
3. Using yellow and orange tissue paper, cut out long, thin, strips of paper. You can taper one end to a point as well to look like a flame. Cut out about 6-8 strips or so, depending on how dense you want the flames. They should be around 9-10" in length.
4. Choose 2 pom poms which will be for the eyes. Take 2 wiggle eyes and glue them onto the pom poms. Let it dry.
5. Glue the pom poms beside each other, on one end of the tube.
6. Using a black marker, draw two nostrils on the other end of the tube.
7. On the end with the nostrils, you'll be gluing your strips of tissue paper to the inside of the roll or

"mouth" of the dragon. You'll only need tissue paper on the top of the roll. Take your glue stick and roll it inside the opening. Attach the strips inside.



Now all you have to do is take a deep breath, and blow! Watch the flames flicker as the dragon roars!

I decided to go with using the Handmade Lokta Paper because of the paper design in the pack. I felt it totally resembled dragon scales or a dragon skin type of design!

The kids will have endless amounts of fun with this fire breathing dragon!

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