

LUNAR NEW YEAR CRAFT: PAPER ORANGE



Why are oranges/tangerines significant for Lunar/Chinese New Year?

Tangerines have been seen to represent wealth, and oranges are a popular symbol of good luck. The associations are due to the similarity between the Chinese words for tangerine and gold, and the resemblance between the words orange and good luck. The bright and vibrant orange colours are also happy colours that associate with good fortune!

You'll almost always see people using these fruits as decorations, and exchanging them amongst friends and family.

This very simple and easy-to-do craft will be great as decor during this festive New Year celebration.

You'll need the following items:

- [Orange construction paper](#)
- [Green construction paper](#)
- [Scissors](#)
- Black Pen
- [Glue Stick / Stapler](#)
- [Twine \(Optional\)](#)

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1. Depending on the size of your piece of paper, your orange will vary in size. Take 1 sheet of orange paper, and start folding it like a fan. Fold the paper about an inch inwards, flip the sheet over, and do the same thing. Continue the process until the whole paper has folds in it, like an accordion. Now that you have your whole sheet folded together, fold the bundle in half length wise.

2. Staple or glue the 2 middle pieces of the paper together, giving you a fan shape. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for the second sheet of paper. You should now have 2 orange fans.

3. Glue/staple the bottom parts of the fans/semi-circles together, which will create the full circle of an orange.

4. Using a green sheet of paper, draw out the shape of a leaf. Cut it out. Draw any detailing on the leaf if you would like, with your black pen.

5. Glue it to the top of your orange.

6. Optional Step: Attach a string to your orange so you can hang it up!

A very simple orange that's perfect to use as decoration for Lunar/Chinese New Year!