

Lunar New Year Paper Cut Instructions

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Use my paper cut-out designs to make your own new Year decorations. Just follow my direction (or you can also watch this [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuBJOKZou9o&feature=youtu.be) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuBJOKZou9o&feature=youtu.be>) and you should easily be able to make your own Chinese-style paper cut! Hang it on your door or window to welcome in the spring!

You need:

-one of my templates printed:

OX: https://gracelin.com/wp-content/uploads/ox_cutout_template.pdf

TIGER: https://gracelin.com/wp-content/uploads/tiger_cutout_template.pdf

RABBIT (Simple): https://gracelin.com/wp-content/uploads/rabbit_simple_cutout.pdf

RABBIT (Complex): https://gracelin.com/wp-content/uploads/rabbit_complex_cutout.pdf

-an 8x8 in (or 20cm) piece of red origami paper

-a hole punch

-a stapler

-a pair of small, sharp and pointed scissors

-a pair of large scissors (optional)

Steps:

1. Cut the excess white from the printed template. You should be left with a triangular shape.



2. Fold the origami paper in so that it makes a triangle. It should be the same size as the template.



3. Place template onto the folded origami paper so it aligns. Staple the template onto the folded origami paper. **Only staple in the black areas of the template.**



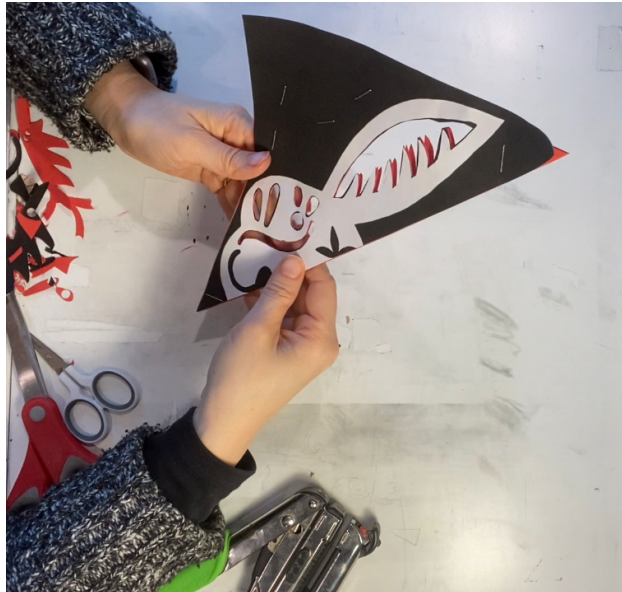
4. Carefully punch holes in all the black shapes that do not touch an edge of a paper (the animal's eye, etc).



5. Using your small, pointed scissors, cut out the black shapes that do not touch an edge of the paper. The holes you made with the hole punch should allow you to insert the scissors and cut the shapes with ease.



6. Still using the small scissors, cut the small black shapes that do touch the paper's edge. These small shapes should be where the origami paper is folded.



7. Using your larger scissors, cut away the remaining black shape. This should be the large area around your animal's head.



8. After cutting the last black shape, the template should be detached from the origami paper. Set the template aside and unfold your origami paper.



9. Ta-dah! You should have a Lunar New Year paper cut out!

