



Lunar New Year Horse Paper Cut Instructions

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Make your own decoration for the Lunar New Year! This papercut incorporates the Chinese character for spring, so that a lucky horse brings in our year.

You need:

- this horse template printed
- a 10x10in (25x25cm) piece of red origami paper
- a hole puncher (preferably with a small hole- 3mm)
- a stapler
- a pair of small, sharp and pointed scissors
- a pair of large scissors (optional)

Steps:

1. Cut along the grey line of the printed template. You should be left with a rectangular shape.
2. Fold the origami paper in half.
3. Place template onto the folded origami paper so that the horse's ear is coming OUT from the folded edge. Staple the template onto the folded origami paper; but only staple through the BLACK areas of the template (important)!
4. Carefully punch holes in all the inner, black shapes that do not touch an edge of a paper (the horse's eye, the inner shapes, etc).
5. With your pointed scissors, cut all the black shapes you punched holes into. It is important to cut these FIRST as your papers will come apart if you do not start there. The holes you made with the hole punch should allow you to insert the scissors and cut the shapes with ease.
6. When finished, cut away the remaining black shapes. This should be the large area around the snake. You can use larger scissors here.
7. After cutting the last black shape, the template should be detached from the origami paper. Set the template aside and unfold your origami paper.
8. Ta-dah! You now have a horse paper-cut! Hang it on your door or window and have a lucky Year of the Horse!

