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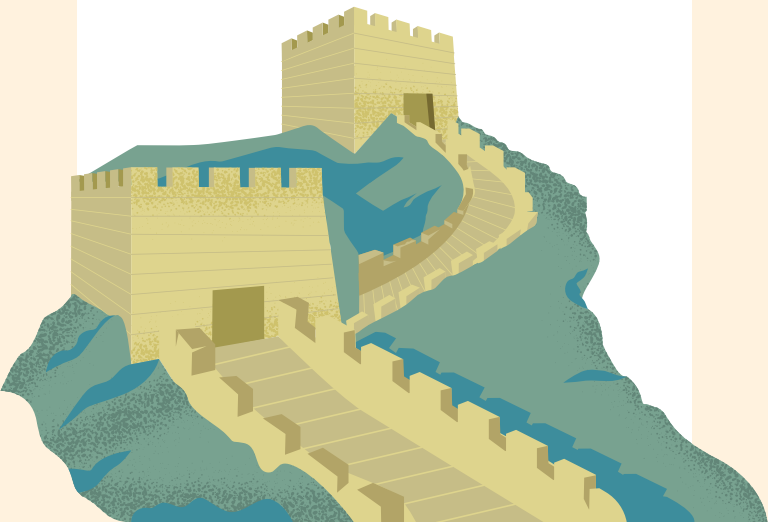
# Ancient China

## ACTIVITY #1: PAPER LANTERN

Create a paper lantern in the style of Ancient Chinese lanterns.

## ACTIVITY #2: FIREWORK PAINTING

Fireworks were first invented in Ancient China. Create your own firework painting to represent this invention.



# Survey



Thank you! Your feedback helps  
improve my Gold Award project!



# Paper Lanterns

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## ACTIVITY #1

🕒 30 minutes

### SUPPLIES:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Glue Stick

Lanterns have been used as decorations in China since ancient times. They symbolize good luck and prosperity. The first paper lanterns were usually made of bamboo and silk or rice paper.



Each color of lantern has a different meaning. For example, a red lantern represents wealth and prosperity, while a green lantern represents health and harmony.

# Paper Lantern

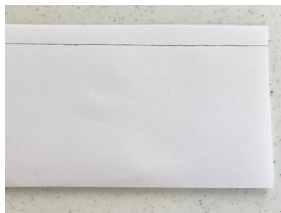
## INSTRUCTIONS



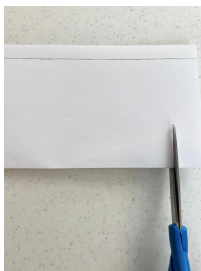
1. Take a piece of paper and turn it horizontally.



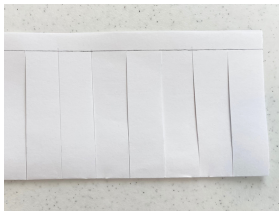
2. Cut a strip (about 1 inch wide) from one side. This will be used for the handle later.



3. Fold the paper in half lengthwise and draw a line along the paper opposite the fold.



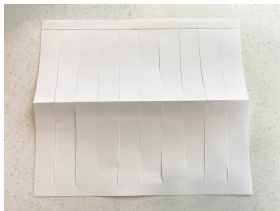
4. Starting from the folded edge, cut a line approximately 1 inch thick, stopping at the line at the top.



5. Continue to cut lines until you reach the end of the paper.

# Paper Lantern

## INSTRUCTIONS



6. Unfold the paper and add any decorations you would like.  
Don't forget to decorate the handle!



7. Roll the paper into a tube shape and glue the two overlapping sides.



8. Using the strip of paper you cut earlier, glue each side inside the top of the lantern.



# Firework Painting

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## ACTIVITY #2

🕒 30 minutes

### SUPPLIES:

- Paper
- Paint
- Paper Plates
- Forks

Ancient China was the birthplace of many inventions we still use today, such as the compass, umbrella, wheelbarrow, and fireworks!



The first fireworks were said to have been created accidentally when a piece of bamboo was dropped into a fire. Later, the bamboo was replaced with a paper tube and filled with gunpowder to create fireworks similar to the ones we use today!

# Firework Painting

## INSTRUCTIONS



1. Take a fork, a piece of paper, and the colors of paint you would like to use for your fireworks.



2. Dip the tines of the fork into one color of paint.



3. Make sure the tips of the fork are well-coated with paint.



4. Press the painted fork onto the paper and continue to rotate the fork to create a firework shape.

# Interested in Learning More?

## The Empty Pot

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## The Silk Princess

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## Life in Ancient China

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## Day of the Dragon King

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# FACTS ABOUT



# ANCIENT CHINA

## Traditional Clothing

Most people wore clothing made of hemp fabric. Wealthier people wore silk, a special fabric made from silkworm cocoons.



## Inventions

Many new inventions were created in ancient China, such as the wheelbarrow, paper, silk, fireworks, and porcelain!



## Discovery

A Chinese legend says that silk was discovered when a cocoon dropped into the empress' tea. The cocoon unraveled to reveal the delicate threads that would later be woven into silk.



## The Silk Road

The Silk Road was not an actual road but was an enormous trade route that spanned from China all the way to Africa! Merchants from China traded using goods such as jade, glass, pearls, and silk.

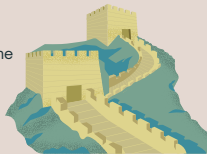
## Dragons

Dragons were an important part of ancient Chinese culture. They were seen as a symbol of the emperor and were heavily respected.



## The Great Wall of China

The Great Wall of China was built to protect China from invaders. It is also the largest man-made structure at 13,000 miles long.



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