



Make a New Year Dragon Puppet!

Stirchley Art Room

2024 is the Year of the Dragon, beginning on February 10th, 2024.

In Chinese culture, the Dragon is an auspicious and extraordinary creature, unparalleled in talent and excellence. It symbolises power, nobility, honor, luck, and success.

The Dragon is the fifth animal sign in the Chinese zodiac cycle. If you were born in 2024, 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964, 1952, then your Chinese zodiac sign is Dragon.



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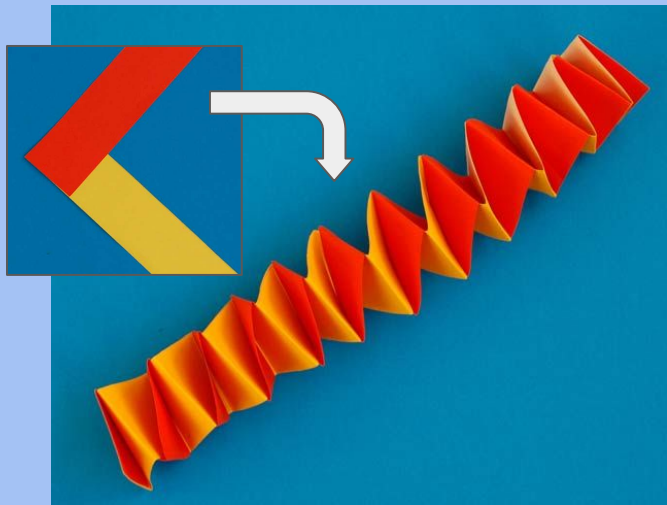
1. Draw a head and a tail for your dragon on white card.
2. Colour in and carefully cut out the head and the tail. Ask a grown-up if you need help using scissors.
3. Concertina fold a long strip of paper for the body
4. Glue the head to one end and the tail to the other end of the body.
5. Tape or glue a stick or straw to each end of your puppet.



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Next level ideas!



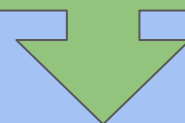
Make a more 3D concertina body by gluing 2 strips of paper together at right angles, folding the bottom strip over the top strip and then the top strip over the bottom strip repeatedly. Glue the ends together well.

Make a 'paperchain' body by looping strips of paper together.



Use cardboard and tape (eg. an old cereal box) to make a 3D dragon head.

A Japanese New Year's postcard for 1940, the Year of the Metal Dragon. Seiryū or Qinglong (the Azure Dragon) is a Sino-Japanese dragon, who shows five claws to indicate his Chinese origins, as native Japanese dragons have three claws.



Make a dragon costume!

Which Chinese zodiac are you?

RAT	OX	TIGER	RABBIT	DRAGON	SNAKE	HORSE	GOAT	MONKEY	ROOSTER	DOG	PIG
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911

