



How to make a Chinese Dragon



You will need...

- 2 x sheets of A3 paper in two colours (we have used red and yellow)
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Green card, felt or foam
- White card (we have used corrugated card)
- 2 x skewers or sticks
- Feathers
- Stapler
- Sticky tape
- Scissors
- Small side plate (to draw around)
- Pencil
- Black marker pen
- Ruler
- Small sheet of red card, felt or foam (we have used red corrugated card)



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Instructions:

Head

Using a small side plate draw a circle on your green card or foam to make the head of your dragon. Now cut this out and fold it in half (if you are using foam or felt you may need to add some staples to keep it in shape) and stick on your googly eyes!



Tongue and Teeth

Next we need to create a tongue for your dragon. To do this cut a strip (approx. 4cm x 10cm) from your red card, felt or foam. Create horizontal folds in the tongue by concertina folding (or zig-zag folding) the card on itself to create a wavy effect. To make your dragon more serpent-like, add a fork in your dragon's tongue by cutting a triangle from the end. Fix the tongue into your dragon's mouth so that the tongue sticks out – we secured ours using a stapler. Using the white card you now need to cut out two rows of jagged teeth for your dragon and using PVA glue or sticky tape. Next fix one row of teeth to the top of the circle and one row to the bottom – ideally you want them so the teeth protrude



Body and Tail

Place the dragon's head on one side whilst we make a start on the body and the tail. You can make the body as long as you want simply by using longer a strips of paper. Using your coloured paper cut three strips from each sheet approx. 8cm wide. Now tape the strips (end to end) to create two extra long strips (one red and one yellow)



Using your stapler fix the end of your red paper strip to the end of your yellow strip – so you create a right angle with your strips (see above) Now turn over your paper strips so that the sharp end of the staples is facing up and covered by paper

Next you need to fold one strip over the other (repeatedly) so you are creating a thick square shape from your paper strips Continue doing this until you have used up all the paper and are left with a small square shape (you may need to trim off any excess to tidy it up)



Holding onto the end of your paper, so it doesn't unfold, pull the folded strips out so it reveals a concertina effect similar to that shown above Staple the end of your dragon's body so it holds its shape and take the head of your dragon and fix this to one end of your dragon's body

Now we need to create a tail for your dragon. You can either do this by gluing some colourful feathers to the end or by curling some paper strips (as shown below). When you are happy with your dragon's tail stick this to the end of its body