

Chinese New Year 2021: Ox Lantern All Ages

Lanterns are displayed during the Chinese New Year because they symbolize the wish for a bright future. Red lanterns decorate streets during the Chinese New Year celebrations. Lanterns hung for the Chinese New Year are thought to scare away the hungry Nian Shou 年獸 monster and bring good luck. The first day of the Year of the Ox is February 12, 2021. Bringing a close to Chinese New Year festivities is the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the first lunar month, which is February 26, 2021.

Lanterns are typically red, a symbol of happiness, and gold, symbolizing wealth.

In Chinese culture, the ox is a valued animal. Because of its role in agriculture, positive characteristics, such as being hard-working and honest, are attributed to it.

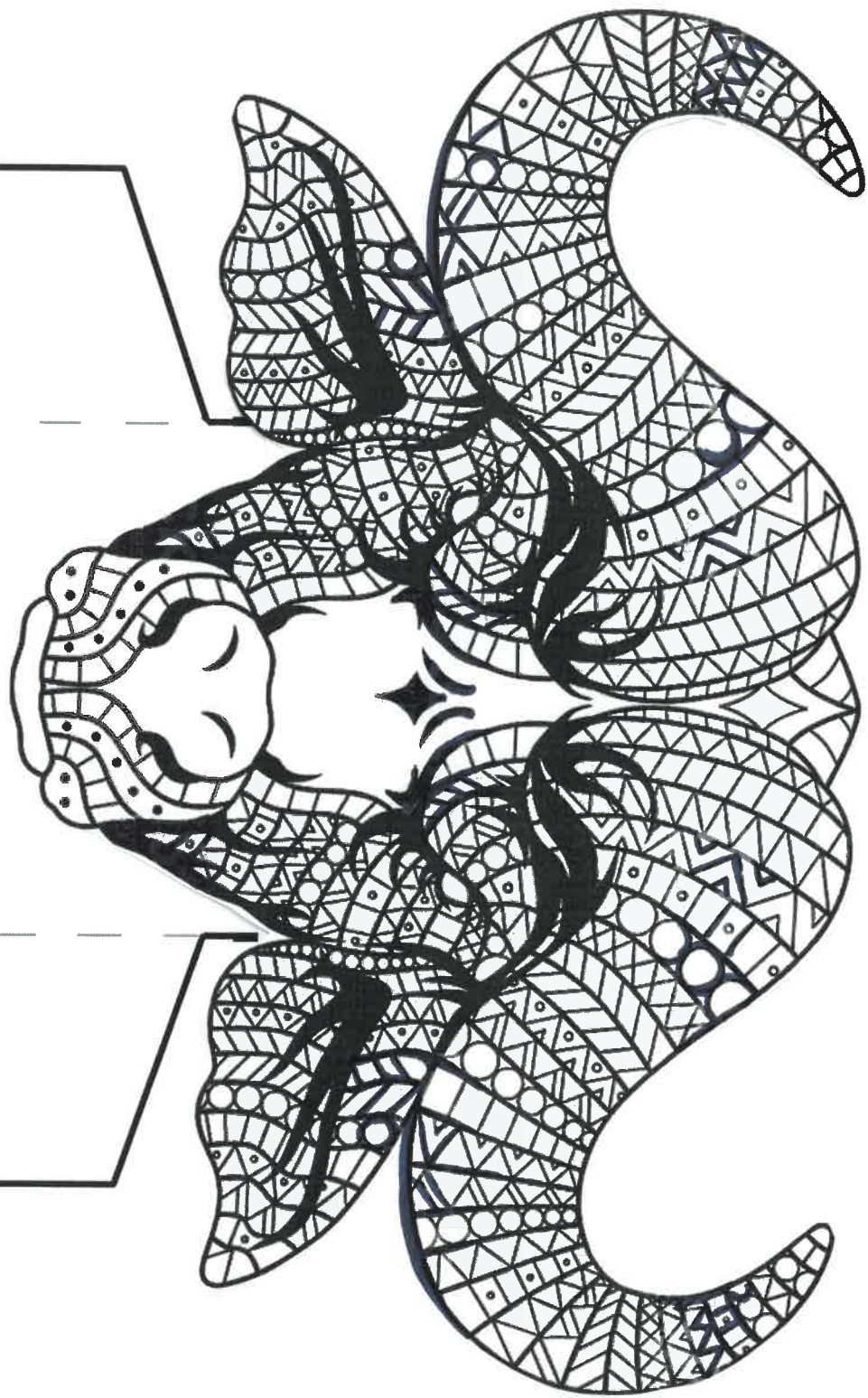
MATERIALS

- Lantern template: it can be printed on 11 x 17 red cardstock paper, or printed in white and colored in with red markers
- Scissors
- Tape or glue
- Markers to decorate your lantern (Gold markers if you have them)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut out the ox lantern template around the outside of the box shape and the ox head. Do not cut the ox head off the rest of the box, and do not cut on the dotted lines.
2. Fold along all the dotted lines, all folding the same direction, so that the writing is on the outside of the box shape, rather than the inside.
3. Tape or glue the flaps inside the box, so that it becomes a sturdy box.
4. Optional: You can use the extra pieces of paper you cut off the template to cut a strip to glue on as a handle.
5. Decorate the lantern with the traditional red and gold colors of the Chinese New Year, or any colors you choose.
6. Place a battery operated tea light in the inside of the box, hang it up as decoration, or use it to hold things.
7. Happy New Year!





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