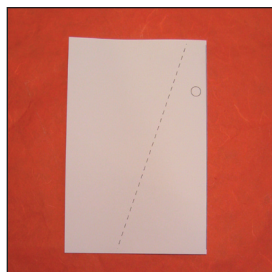
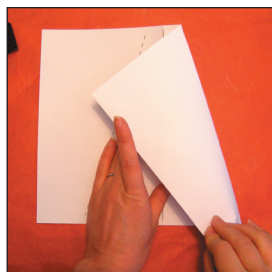


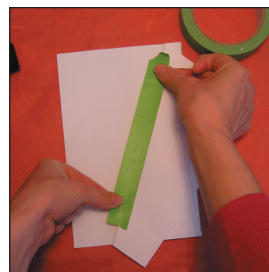
How to Make Your Kite



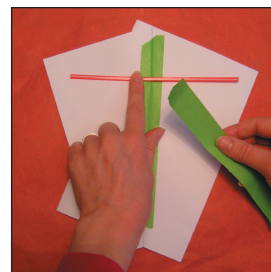
1. Fold paper in half along solid line



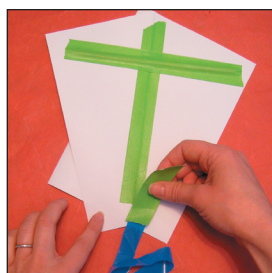
2. Fold along dashed lines toward center



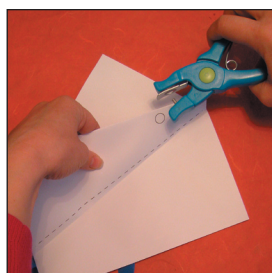
3. Turn over, match folded edges & tape



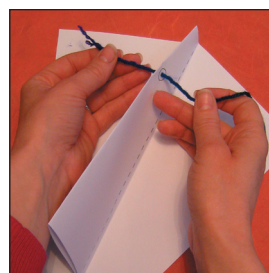
4. Tape straw across kite as shown



5. Tape tail to bottom of kite.



6. Punch hole through circles



7. Tie string through hole



8. Decorate kite and fly it!

Decorate Your Kite with Chinese Designs



PHOENIX

This mythical bird is the emblem of the empress. It represents beauty, peace, happiness and prosperity.



DRAGON

In ancient China, the dragon was the emblem of the emperor, so it represents power, wealth, wisdom and nobility. In folktales, dragons represent the spirit of water and have the power to control the rain and floods.

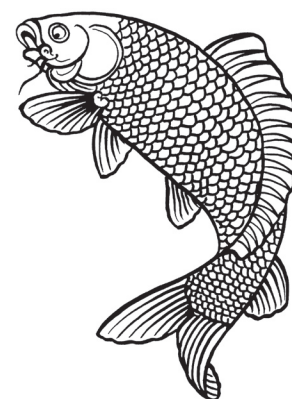


BAT

The Chinese word for bat, *bianfu*, has the same sound as the word for good fortune (*fu*), so bats represent good fortune. Five bats stand for the five blessings: long life, riches, health, love & a peaceful death.

FISH

Fish represent abundance in Chinese culture. Why? The Chinese word for fish (*yu*) sounds like the word for surplus (having more than enough). You'll see pictures of fish during Chinese New Year as everyone hopes to have plenty of everything in the coming year.



PEONY FLOWER

The tree peony, known as the "king of the flowers," is the most popular plant image in Chinese artwork, poetry and drama. It represents good fortune and wealth.

Decorate Your Kite with Chinese Characters

日

rì – sun

月

yuè – moon

花

huā – flower

云

yún – cloud

凤

fèng – phoenix

龙

lóng – dragon

鸟

niǎo – bird

鱼

yú – fish

中

Zhōngguó – China

国

美

Měiguó – America

国

爱

ài – love

友

yóu – friendship

喜

xǐ – happiness

福

fú – good luck

寿

shòu – long life

康

kāng – health

智

zhì – wisdom

安

ān – peace