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CHINESE  
LANTERN FESTIVAL

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# WHAT IS A CHINESE LANTERN?

- A lantern is a hand-made Lamp with lighting attached. It can be made from a variety of materials. Some are made of paper, glass, fabric, wire, clay, or wood.



# HOW ARE THE LANTERNS MADE?

1. An artist designs the lanterns and makes a picture.
2. Then workers make a frame or outline of the lantern from the picture.
3. After the frame is built, electricians then string lights inside the lantern.
4. silk is then glued onto the frame.
5. Then features on animals such as eyes, mouth, and nose are hand painted on.
6. Finally, the lantern is put into place, plugged in, and turned on.

# CREATING AN IDEA FOR THE LANTERNS

Artists pick ideas from their everyday life, traditional stories, and creatures from around the world. They then draw outlines from the ideas.



# PREPARATION

After designing the lanterns, other artisans start using metal and wire to weld the frame of the lantern.



# ADDING LIGHTS

Electricians then add lights to the frames of the lanterns.



# ADDING THE MATERIAL

The next step is to add material to the lanterns. They use paint brushes to spread glue on the frames then spread material across the frame.



# BRINGING THEM TO LIFE

An artists then hand paints the fine details of the lanterns.





# FINISHING TOUCHES

The final step is to place the lanterns where they will be seen best. This is a very important step.

