

## Paper Lanterns

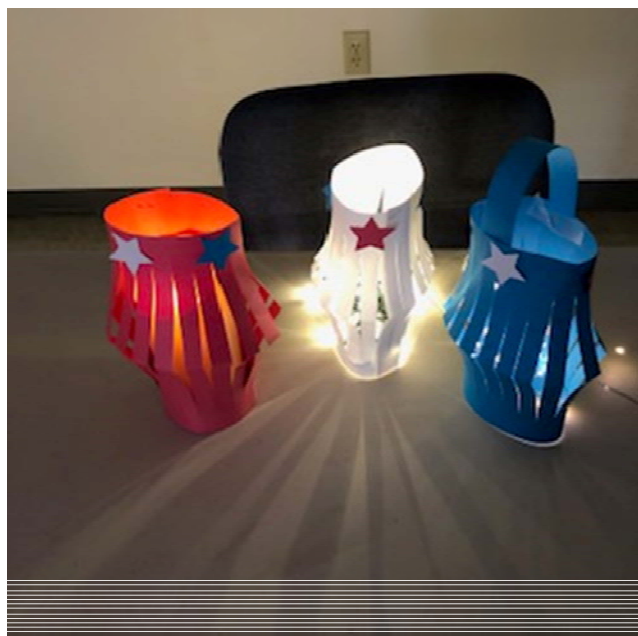
NOTE: These paper lanterns should never be used with real candles – use ONLY battery operated candles or string lights for this project and check often to make sure they are not getting too hot.

### Materials:

- Sheet of construction paper, cardstock, or copy paper in red, white, or blue. Paper can be 8.5x11; 9x12; or 12x12 (scrapbook paper)
- Additional paper to make decorations for lantern
- Glue; scissors
- Optional: red, white, and blue ribbon
- Optional: battery operated candle or string lights (plug-in or battery operated)

### Instructions:

- Fold the paper in half so that the long sides meet. Draw a border along the long edge of the paper – it should be about an inch wide. Note: this project works just as well if you are using 12x12 scrapbook paper or cardstock.
- Using a ruler or straightedge, draw lines (approximately 1/2 inch apart) from the fold to the border that you drew in step 1. Cut along these lines, stopping at the border line. Unfold the paper.
- If desired, cut out small stars from the other colors and attach them to the lantern. If using glue, allow it to dry.
- Attach the long edges of the paper to make your lantern. Miss Kathie stapled hers. If desired, trim the top and bottom with ribbon.
- To display you can put a battery operated candle under the lantern. No candles? No problem, you can also use a string of lights. (Miss Kathie used a battery operated pillar candle in the red lantern; part of a string of mini-lights in the white lantern; and battery operated fairy lights in the blue lantern). It is easier if you can put the lights in a narrow glass or jar, but Miss Kathie didn't have any narrow enough to fit inside her lanterns when she took her photos.
- If you prefer to hang your lanterns, take another strip of paper and attach it to the inside of the top of your lantern to use as a hanger.



## Shooting Star

### Materials:

- Red, white, blue construction paper or cardstock; or white paper and blue and red crayons, markers, or pencils. Miss Kathie used red construction paper and blue and white cardstock
- Glue; scissors
- Optional: star shape to use as tracer – can be any size
- Optional: glitter, confetti, buttons, pompoms
- Optional: ribbon, yard, streamer in red, white, and blue

### Instructions:

- Trace or draw a star on paper – can be red, white, or blue
- Cut red, white, and blue tails for your shooting star – this can be strips of paper or cardstock, (if using all white paper, you can color the strips); you can also use ribbon, yarn, or streamers. Miss Kathie used ribbons and streamers.
- Glue the tails to the back of your star. If desired, you can decorate your start and tails with glitter, confetti, or buttons. Miss Kathie used silver confetti glitter and white glitter
- If desired, poke a hole at the top of your star, use ribbon or year as a hanger, and hang your star in your window.
- Variation:
  - Cut stars in various sizes from all 3 colors and stack and glue them to each other before attaching the tails.



Shooting Stars – single



Shooting Stars - stacked