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Making Chinese Lanterns

In this week's *Scholastic News*, you learned about Asian Lunar New Year. During this holiday, people decorate homes, businesses, and streets with hanging red lanterns. Read the directions to learn how to make your own lantern out of paper. Then answer the questions.

MATERIALS	DIRECTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• red paper• pencil• ruler• scissors• tape	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hold the paper horizontally. Measure 1 inch from the top of the page and draw a line across the long side of the paper. Cut on the line and put the strip aside.2. Fold the paper in half lengthwise.3. Make cuts going up from the fold. Each cut should be about 1 inch apart. Do not cut all the way to the top. Stop about 1 inch from the top.4. Unfold the paper.5. Join the short ends of the paper with tape.6. Take the strip from step 1 and tape it to the top to make a handle.



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1. How is this text different from the article "Lion Dancer"?

2. What should you do after unfolding the paper? _____

3. What happens to the strip of paper cut in step 1? _____

4. What is the purpose of the ruler in this activity? _____

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