



Chinese Paper Lantern

Junior Primary - Middle Primary

LESSON PLAN

TITLE: Chinese Paper Lantern
YEAR LEVELS: Junior Primary - Middle Primary
TIME FRAME: 1 x 1 hour lessons

LEARNING GOALS

Develop skills and techniques in drawing pattern and creating tissue paper collage.
To understand the art elements of shape, line and repetition in art

SKILLS

In this lesson students will explore shape, line and repetition to create patterns inspired by Chinese art. Students will draw these patterns on a paper lantern before adding colour to the negative space of the lantern with tissue paper. Students will then construct their lanterns into a 3D form.

MATERIALS

Gold and Silver Markers
Tissue Paper
Glue Sticks
Paper Lantern Template
Tea Lights
String

ACTIVITY BREAKDOWN

Lesson 1

Students explore lines, shapes and patterns used in Chinese art. Discuss how repetition creates pattern. Discuss the significance of lanterns in Chinese culture, what they are used for and what they may represent. Students draw out different patterns to use on a lantern template using different coloured markers to make them stand out on the black paper.

Once students have finished decorating their lantern shape they can use tissue paper on the inside of the lantern in between the negative space to add colour. Students tear small pieces of tissue and glue it in to their lantern. Once complete students can fold their lantern, so it stays upright.

Students can present their finished lanterns as a class by standing them in the room with a tea light or hanging them with string.

REFLECTION / EXTENSION

Reflection: Students can reflect on how they have used Chinese shapes and patterns in their work. Discuss how the works can be displayed as a class.

Extension: Students can create their own unique templates for their Chinese lantern by cutting out card as the base of their work instead of using a pre made template.