Paper Lanterns

You will need: two sheets of colored paper, scissors, a pencil, a stapler, and a hole punch and string (optional).

1. Cut two one-inch strips down the long side of one of the sheets and set them aside.

2. Fold the second sheet of paper in half to form a long, skinny rectangle.

3. Draw pencil marks about two inches apart, as a guide, and cut along the lines with scissors, starting from the folded edge. Be sure not to cut all the way to the other edge of the paper - leave about an inch at the end.

4. Open up the paper and roll it to connect both ends. Staple the edges together.

5. Roll up the first sheet of paper and insert it into the lantern. Staple it into place.
6. Use the strips of paper you first cut off to decorate your lanterns, if desired.

Punch holes in the top and run a string through if you would like to hang your paper lanterns.