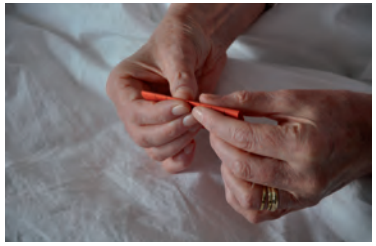
Make a Chinese New Year lantern card



Take the card template and fold it in half along the long black line. Keep holding it folded in two and cut along the seven shorter lines. When you unfold it, you should see that the outside shape made by your cut lines is roughly oval. Turn your card so that the folded edge is against the palm of your hand. At the end of each line, make a crease that joins it to the end of the next line - you should see that the shape you're creasing is the same oval shape that your cuts made.

Once you've finishing creasing all the way round your oval - and this is tricky, so take your time - you should see that if you fold the card down its middle again and then open it, the lantern pattern stands out. You can fold it in half properly just to make the centre crease firmer. Write your good wishes for New Year inside the card - and you're ready to make its envelope!

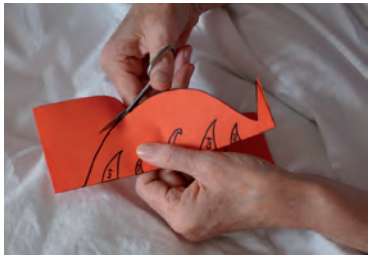
Make a good luck envelope

Take an envelope template and cut round the black outlines. Fold along the 4 dotted lines and fold each triangle into the centre.

Using a glue stick, carefully rub a little glue onto the inside point of one of the side triangles; press it down on top of the second side triangle. (If you use too much, you'll stick the side flaps to the inside of the envelope, so TAKE CARE!). Similarly, carefully rub a little glue along the outer edges of the bottom triangle and stick it down onto the already stuck side flaps.

Decorate the outside of your envelope - pour any unused glitter back into the tub please! - pop your card inside, fold in the envelope's top flap, and it's ready to give to someone!

Make a paper-cut fish



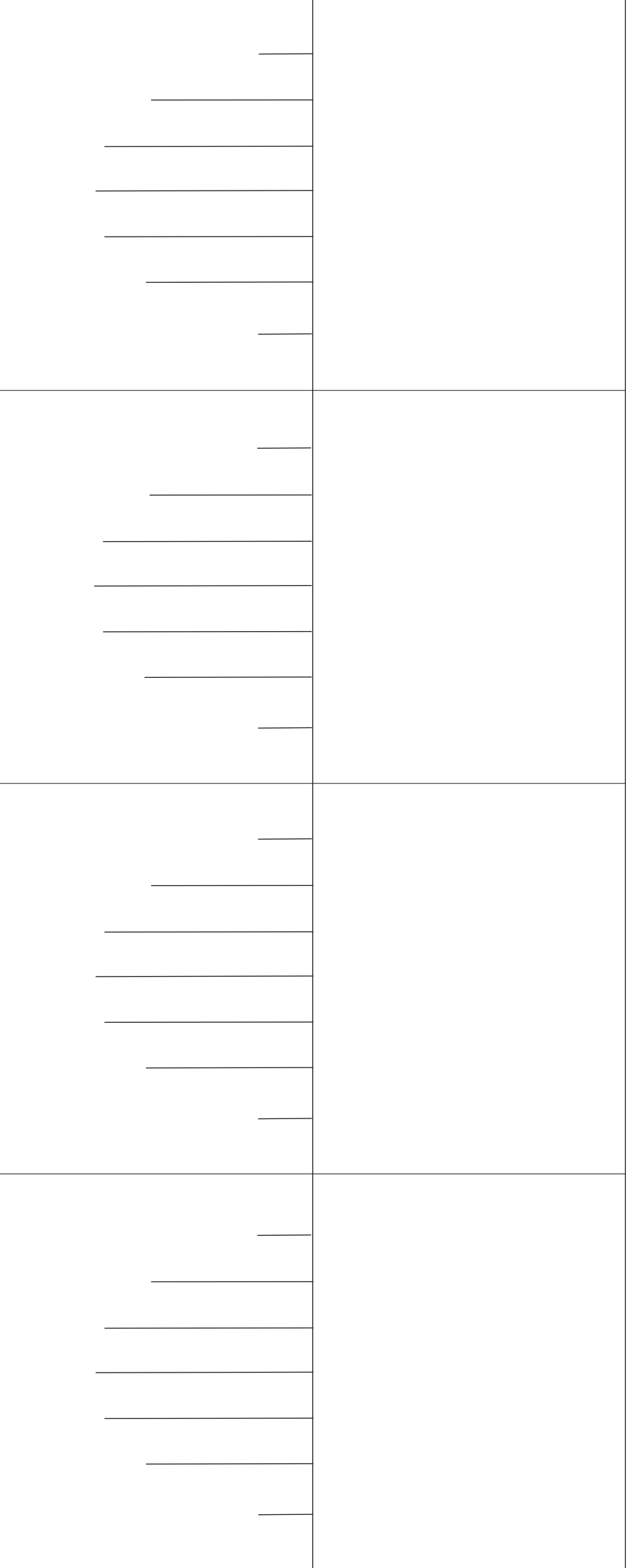
Take the fish template and fold it along the centre line. Keep holding your folded fish and cut round its outline.

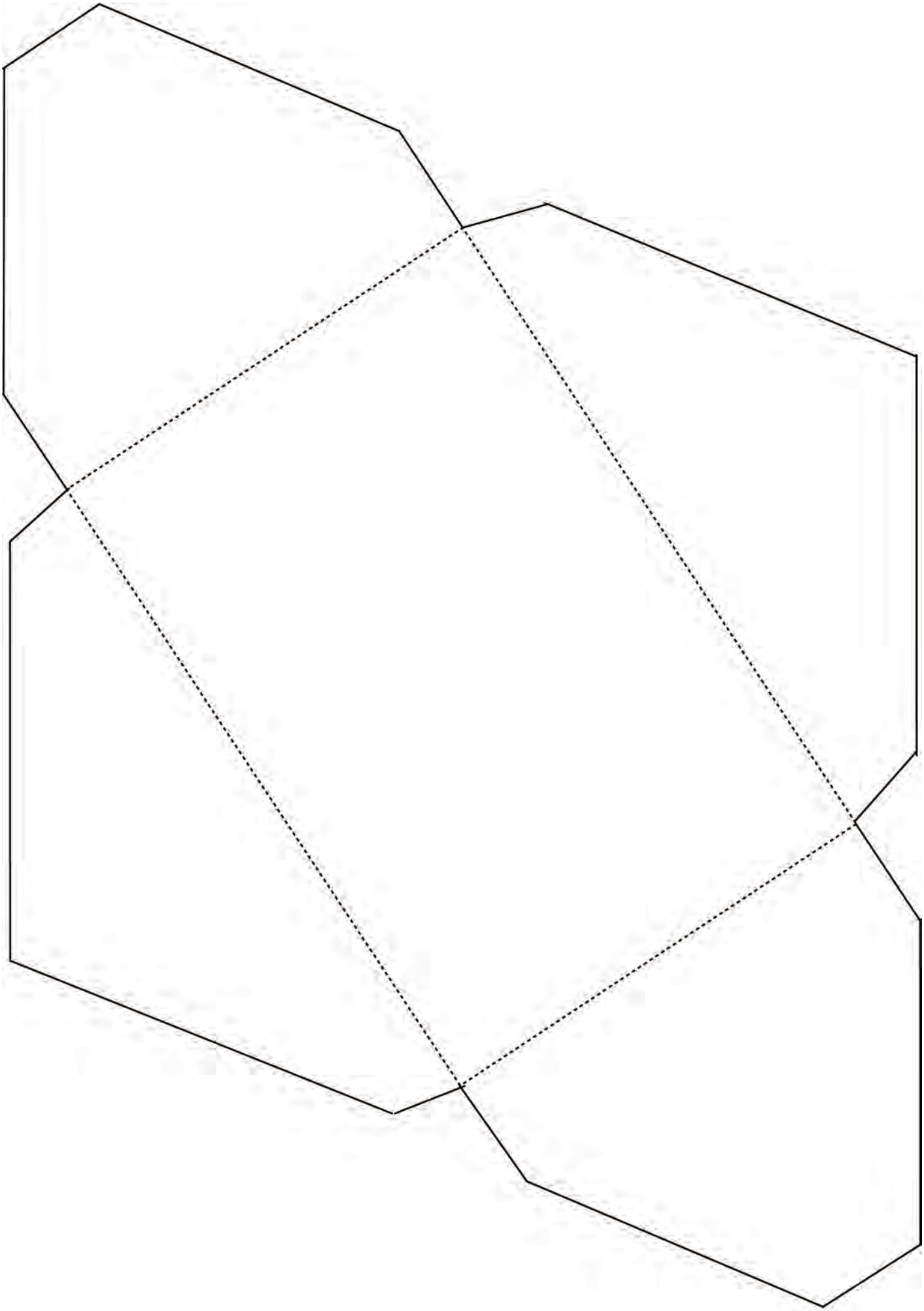
Still holding the fish shape folded in half, cut out the shapes from the centre (they're marked 'cut'). When you unfold your fish, you'll find you've made an interesting cut-out pattern. Give your fish and eye on either side. You can decorate your fish if you like or leave it plain. Attach a piece of thread or wool and hang it up, or add it to our festive 'bunting' in the Activity Space by pegging it to our gold washing line!

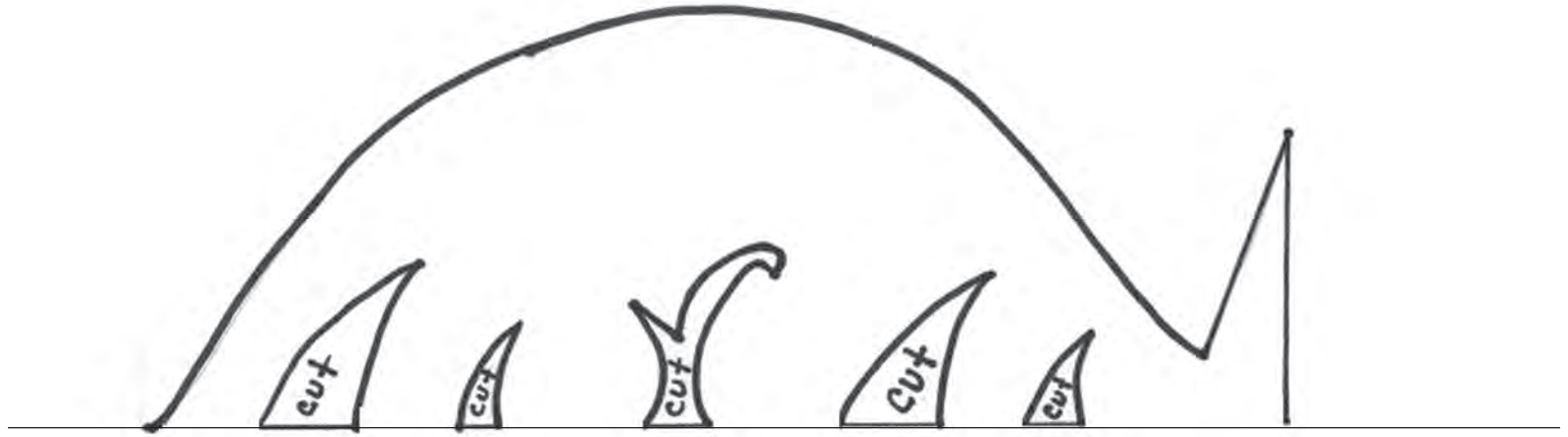
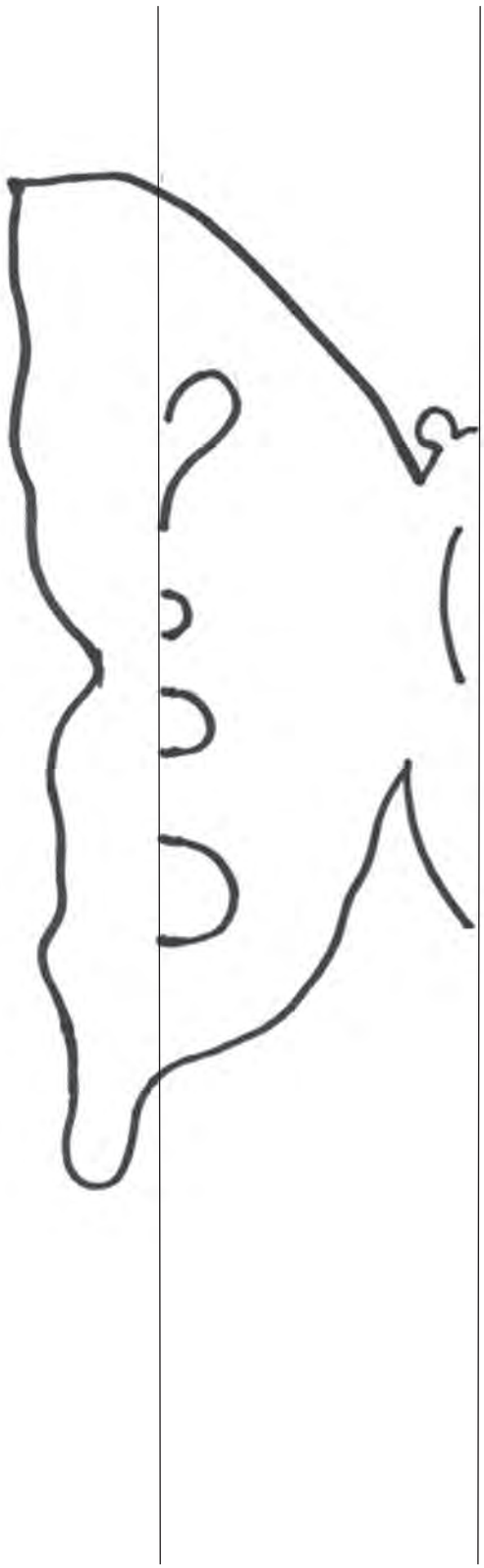
Make a paper-cut butterfly

If you've made the fish and would like to try a slightly harder paper-cut, have a go at this butterfly. First of all, take the butterfly template and fold it in half along the centre black line. Still holding it folded in two, cut round the black outline to get the shape of the butterfly. Also, cut out the shape in the centre of its body.

Now for the slightly tricky bit. Keeping your butterfly folded in two, fold again along the second line (where its wings are). Cut out the 4 shapes from the folded edge. This is harded because you're cutting 4 layers of paper now instead of just 2. Take your time. When you've finished, unfold your paper and you should have a beautiful butterfly! You can leave it plain or decorate it more. Attach a piece of wool or thread to hang it up or peg it onto our gold fishing line!



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