

# Design Your Own Red Packet

Red packets ('hong bao' in Mandarin, or 'ang pow' in Hokkien) are an essential tradition in many Chinese festivals and rituals, as the colour red connotes good fortune and abundance, while the act of giving money serves to bless the receiver with bountiful wealth. Design your own auspicious red packet at this fun craft station, and learn more about the symbolism of red packets in Chinese culture!

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Learn more about the fun facts of red packet giving
2. Design your red packet in auspicious colours and patterns using any craft materials you have
3. Cut along the thick lines; fold along the thin lines; and glue edges of red packet together

## DID YOU KNOW?

Married adults are expected to distribute hongbao, but are not required to give them to older, unmarried relatives; in this case, hongbao should be given to unmarried, younger siblings or cousins, and on rare occasions, to older unmarried nephews. Another common practice is that money packed into the hongbao should be an even number which is considered lucky and auspicious, as odd numbers are associated with condolence money given at funerals.

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