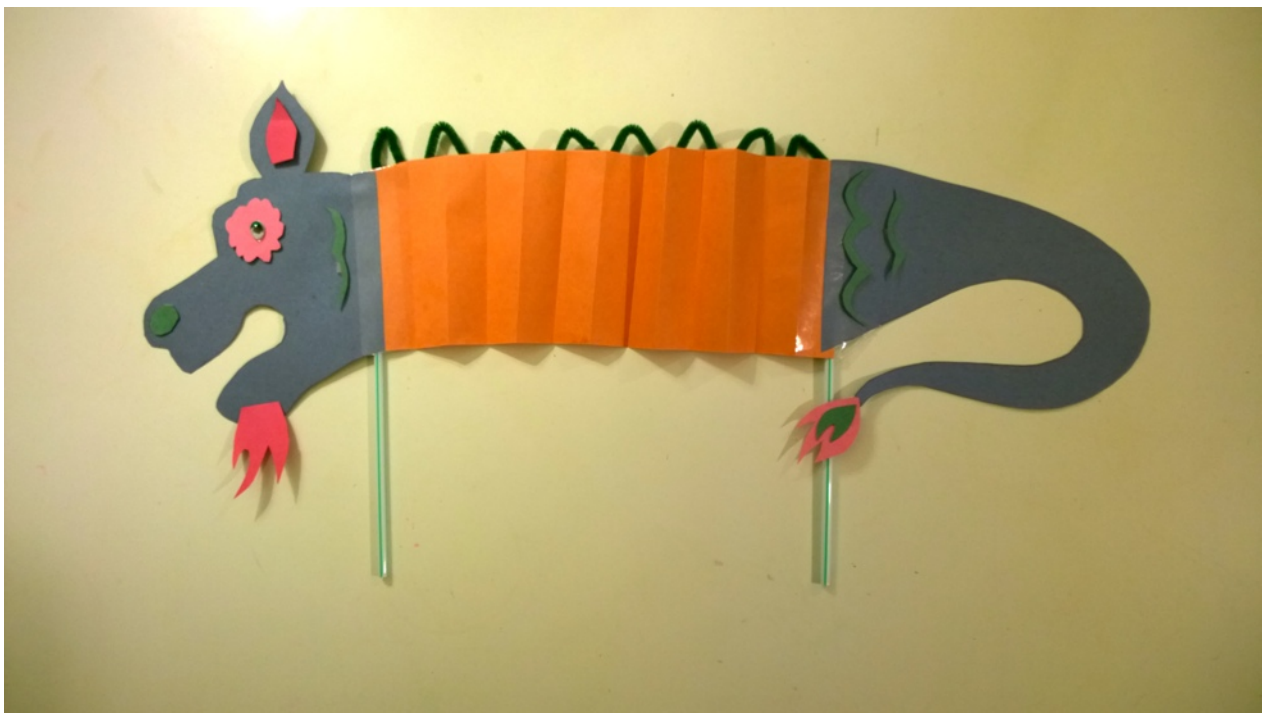


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Chinese Dancing Dragon

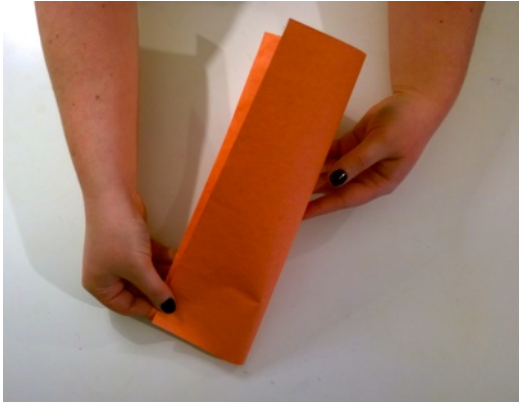


Tools and Materials:

- Sellotape
- Pencil
- Drinking Straws
- Pipe Cleaners
- Scissors
- Coloured Paper
- Googly eye



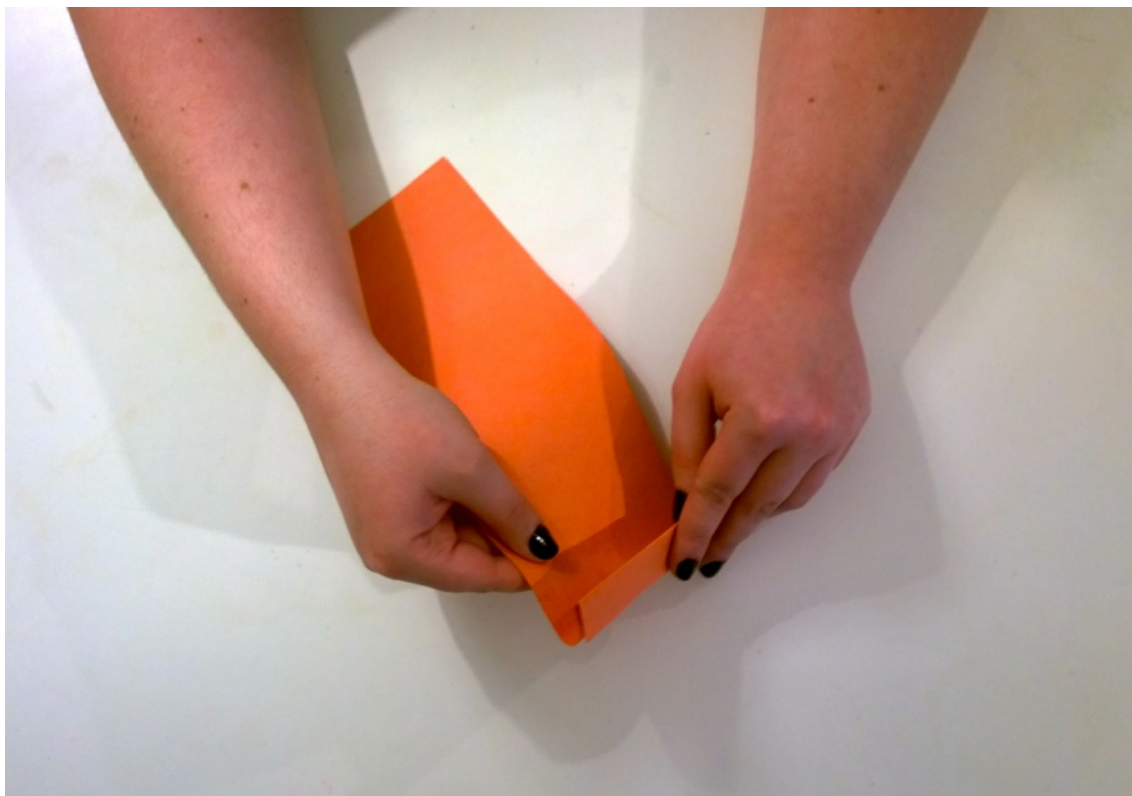
What better way to celebrate Chinese New Year than creating your very own Chinese Dancing Dragon! To start choose the piece of paper you want to make the body, fold it in half lengthways, score the paper and cut along the line made by your thumb.



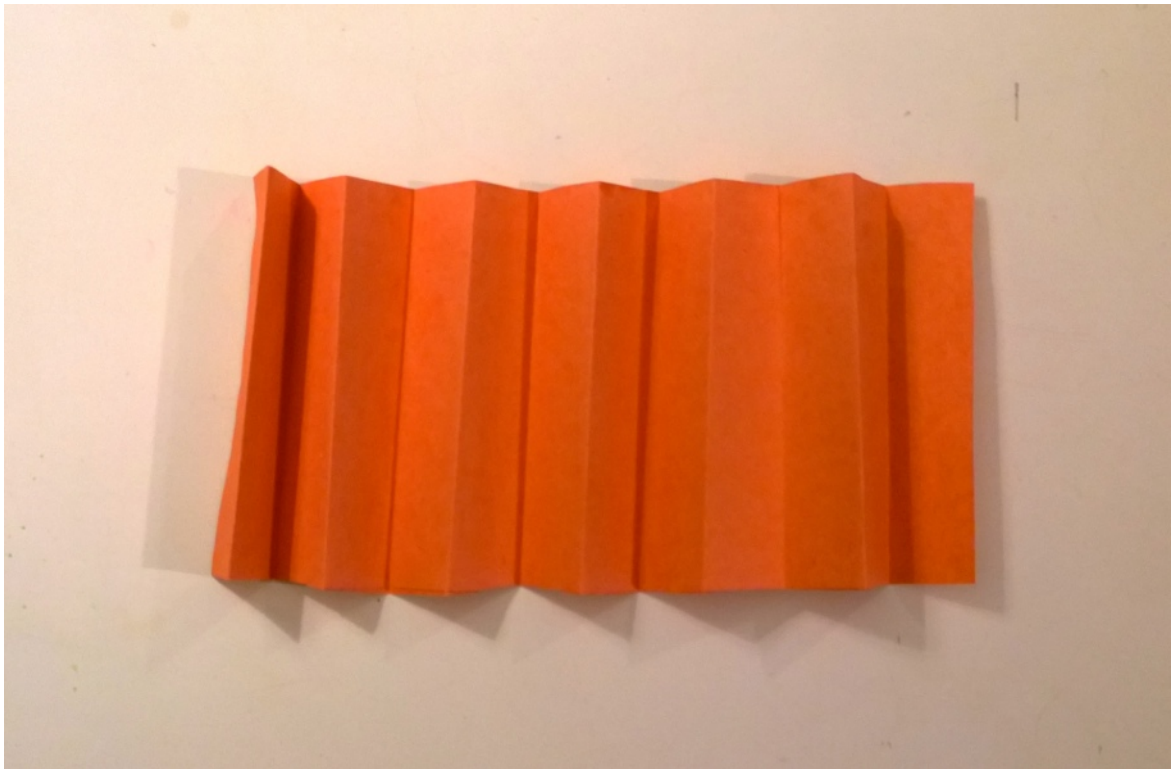
You only need one of the bits of paper so you can make 2 dragons or one really long one if you attach the bits of paper together



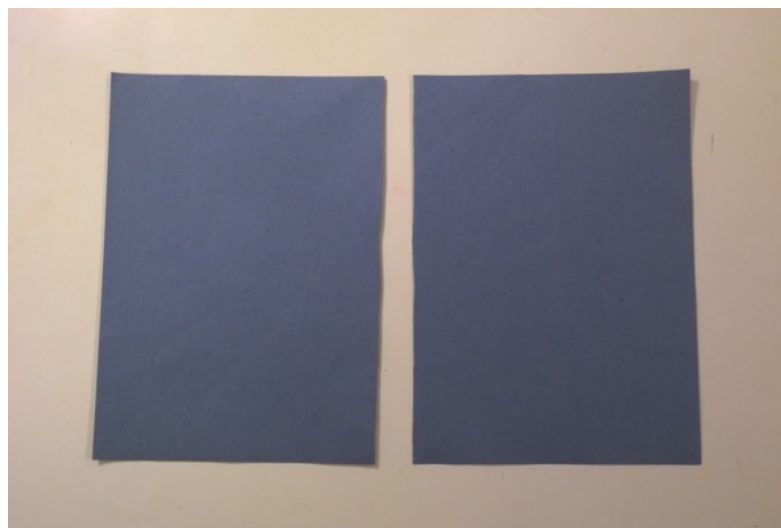
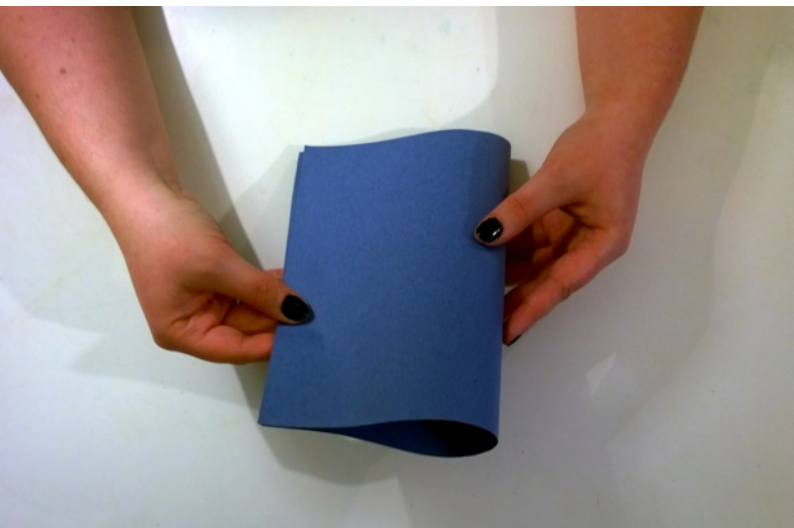
To make the body you need to fold it over alternatively much like when you make a fan, start by folding it towards you (about 1-2 cm wide) then turn it over and fold the same amount, keep going till you reach the end



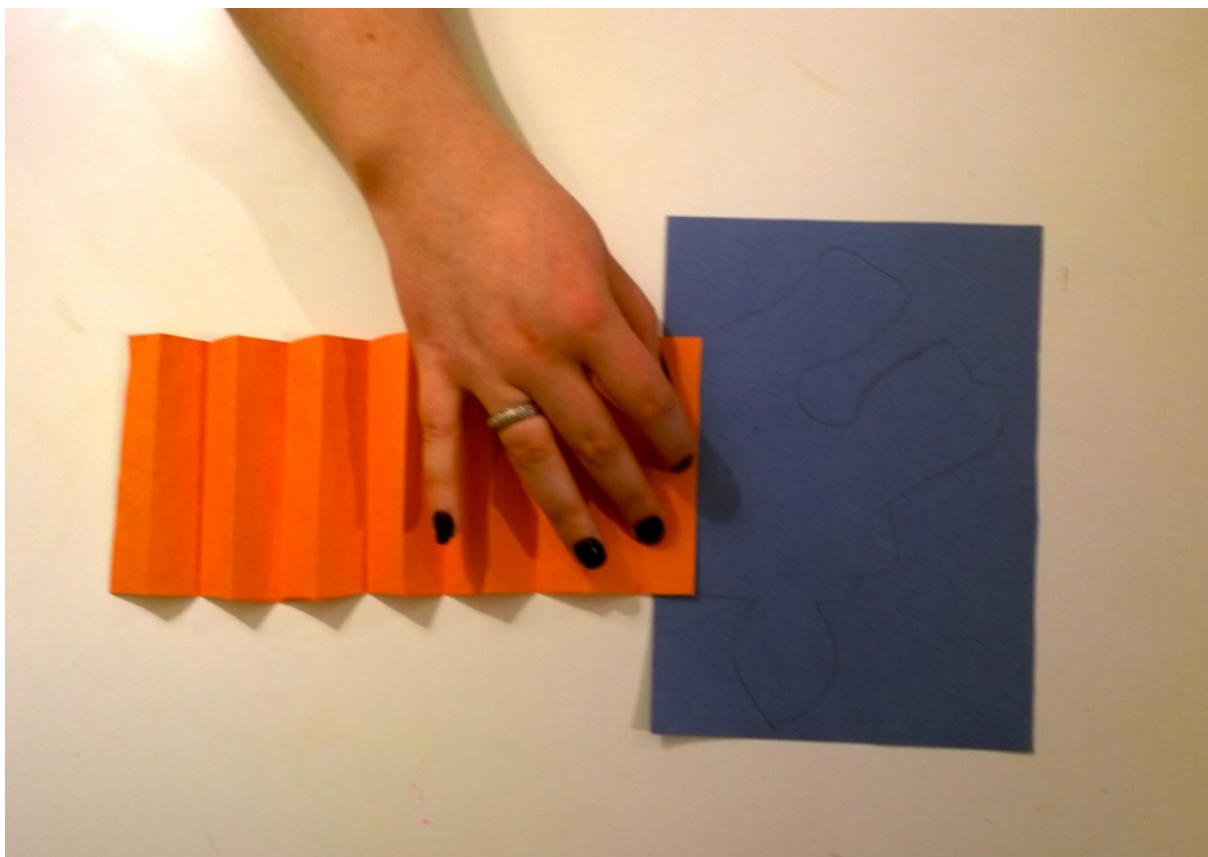
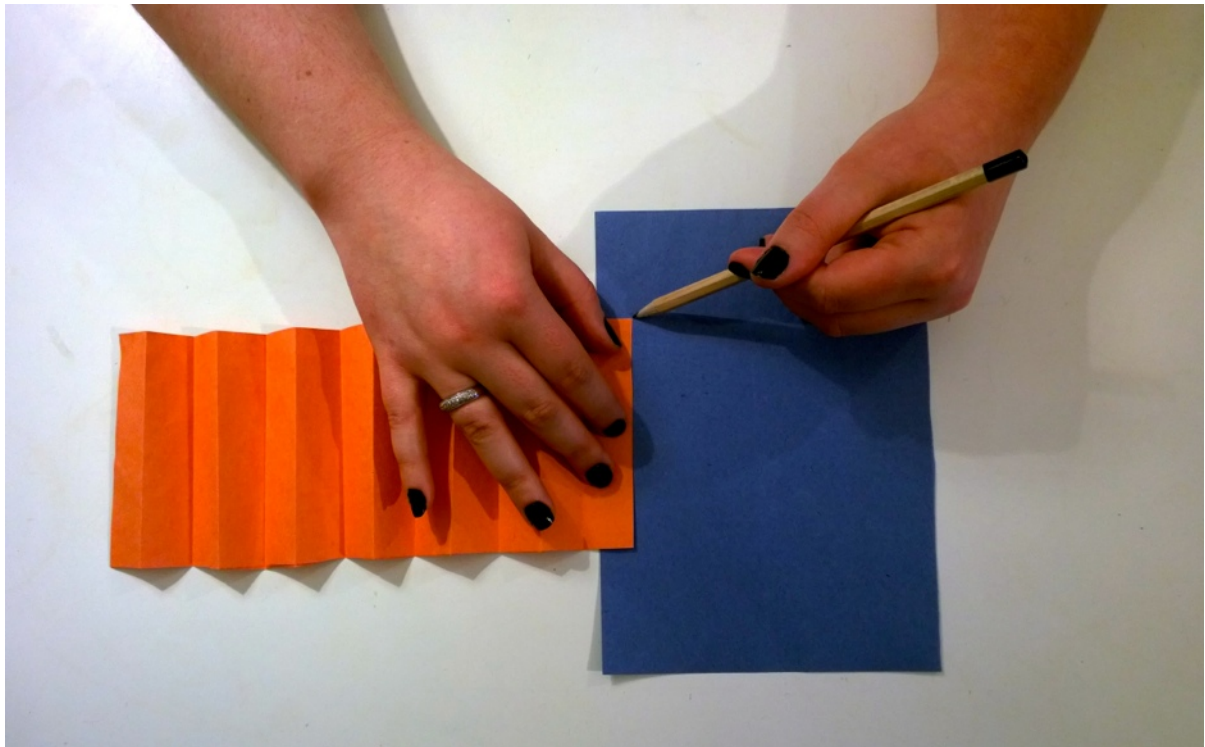
The body should end up like this - like an accordion!



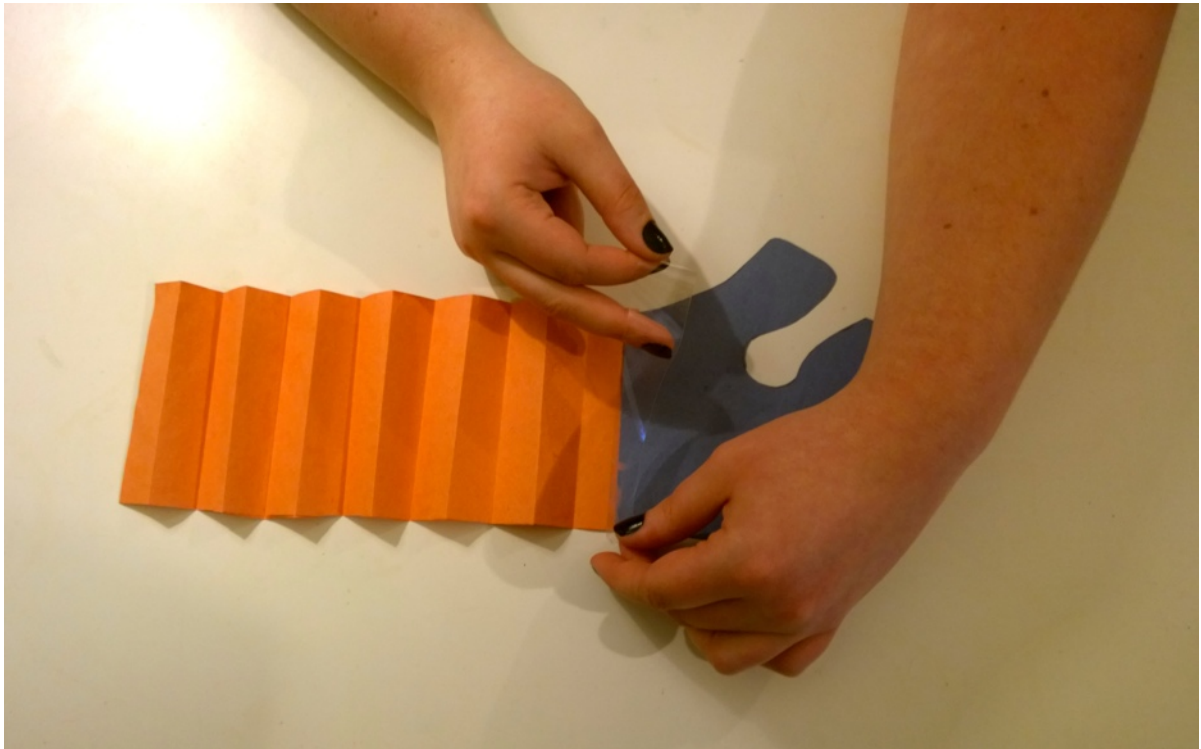
Now to make the head and tail, choose a contrasting coloured bit of paper - it just makes the dragon look more interesting than being all the same colour, fold your paper in half as if you were making a card



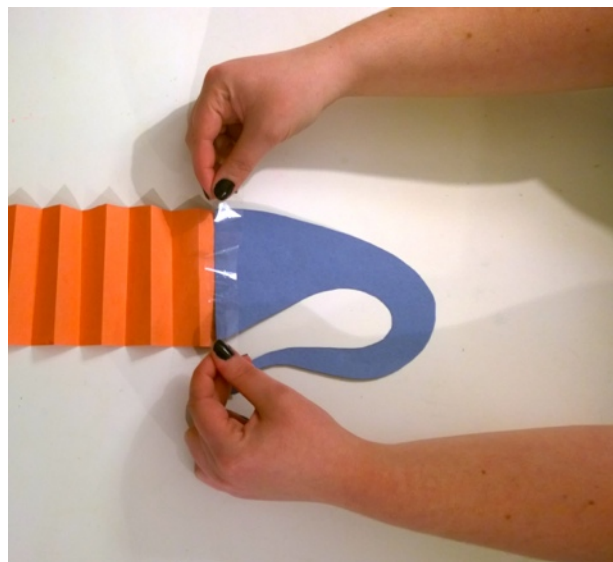
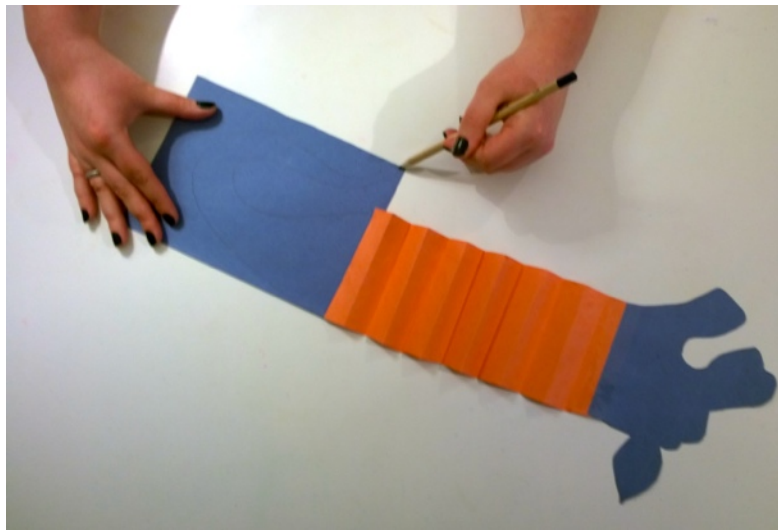
Measure the body against the paper for the head to figure out where the neck needs to be



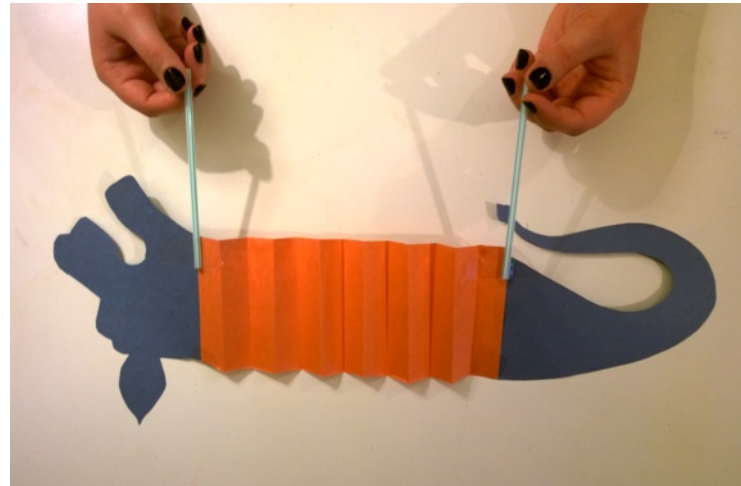
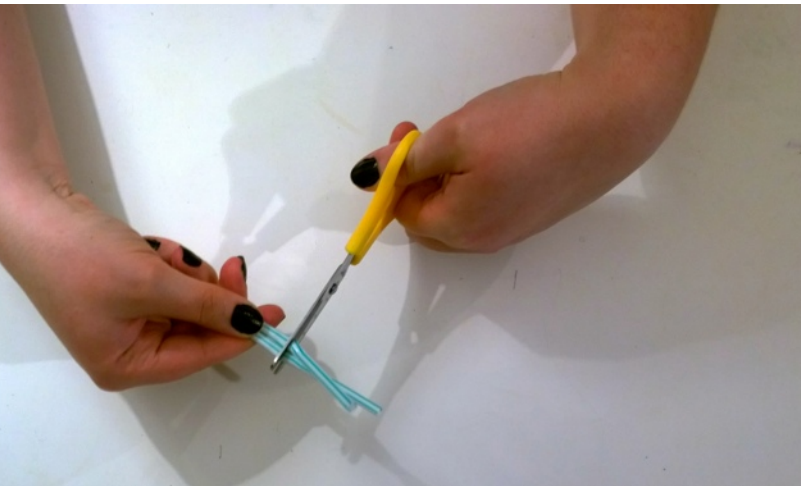
Cut it out and stick it on like so



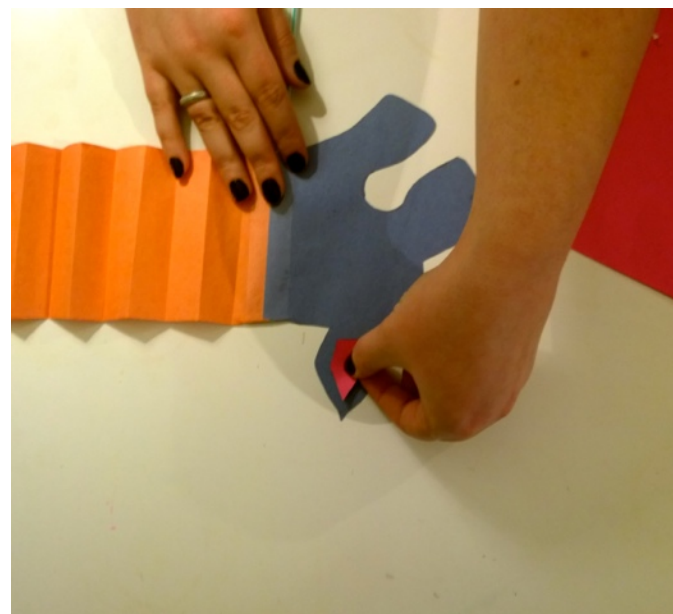
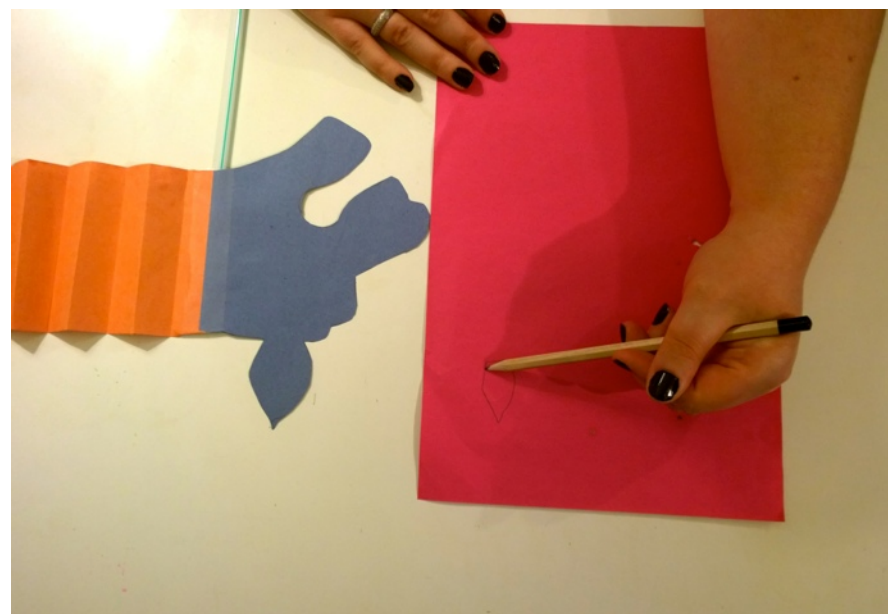
Measure out the tail and repeat the process of cutting and sticking



Now take your straws to be able to make your dragon dance! If you have bendy straws cut them just under the bendy bit - otherwise you will end up with a wonky dancing dragon! Stick them on with tape to the side you want to be the back of your dragon



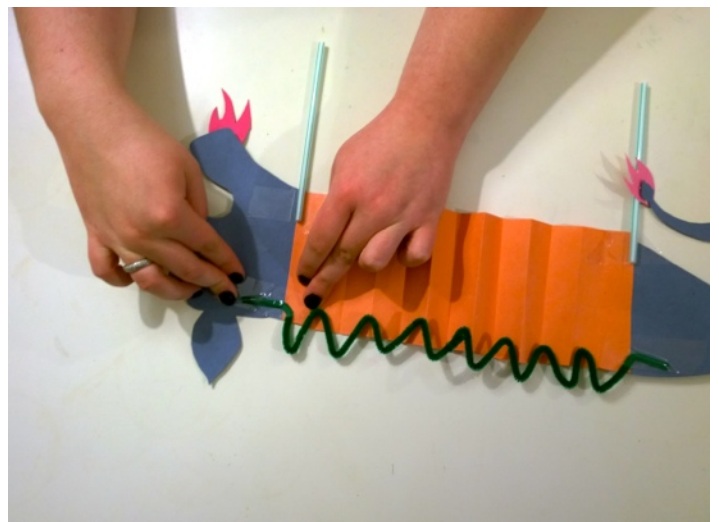
Now to decorate your dragon! Using the other colours of paper think which shapes and colours will look the best on your dragon, contrasting or complimentary - the choice is yours! Cut them out and stick them on, we folded sellotape on itself to make the decorations have a 3D effect!



Once you have finished with your paper stick on the googly eye then the final decoration is making spike from the pipe cleaners, you could of course also use pipe cleaners to make flames from your dragons mouth if you wanted. Bend the pipe cleaners into triangle shapes, you can bend them around each other to attach them to make a longer one



Then tape to the back of your dragon, tape it at either end plus another one in the middle to secure it, but not all the way along otherwise it will be hard to bend your dragon!



And there you have your Chinese Dancing Dragon!



