

Project : Dragon Finger Puppet

Everybody loves dragon dances during the Chinese New Year. Dragons symbolize supernatural powers, along with fertility, vitality and strength. Chinese New Years in the US always feature the dragon in its parades.

Have a miniature parade as students play with these finger puppets!



Time length : 30 minutes
For ages- 5-9 years old

Materials:

Construction paper and other art/ colored paper
Tape or glue
Markers
Scissors
(Optional) other embellishments, such as sequins, glitter, feathers, etc.



Instructions:

1. Mark and cut a 4inch by 4 inch square on the construction paper.
2. Roll construction paper into a cone and tape. Taped side will be the “back side” of the dragon.
3. Insert 1 or 2 fingers into cone. Mark desired height of puppet. Cut straight across.
4. Cut a rectangle that will serve as the dragons head. Draw a dragons face. Cut and tape the dragon’s tongue, ears, hair as desired.
5. Tape rectangular head to top of cone. Make sure all taped sides are at the back side of dragon.
6. Cut a 3-inch by 7-inch paper the same color as cone and head. Crumple in hand, and pull apart again. This crumpled piece will be the tail of the dragon.
7. Tape 1 side of crumpled paper to the backside of dragon’s head. Fix to look like a tail. Embellish if desired.
8. Place on finger and play with your miniature dragon!

Note: Finger puppets can also be used when children practice reciting the latest Chinese lesson.