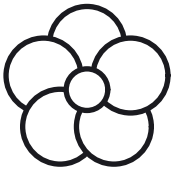
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Printing tips

- Print at actual size (100%), not "fit to page".
- Solid lines are cut lines. Dashed lines are fold lines.
- Red and gold paper looks great. You can also color white paper.
- Lunar New Year is February 6, 2027. The Lantern Festival is February 20.

Prints on US Letter and A4.

Classic Paper Lantern

Fold on the dashed line, cut the slits, open, roll and glue

Handle: cut out and glue inside the top

Decorate this strip

fold here

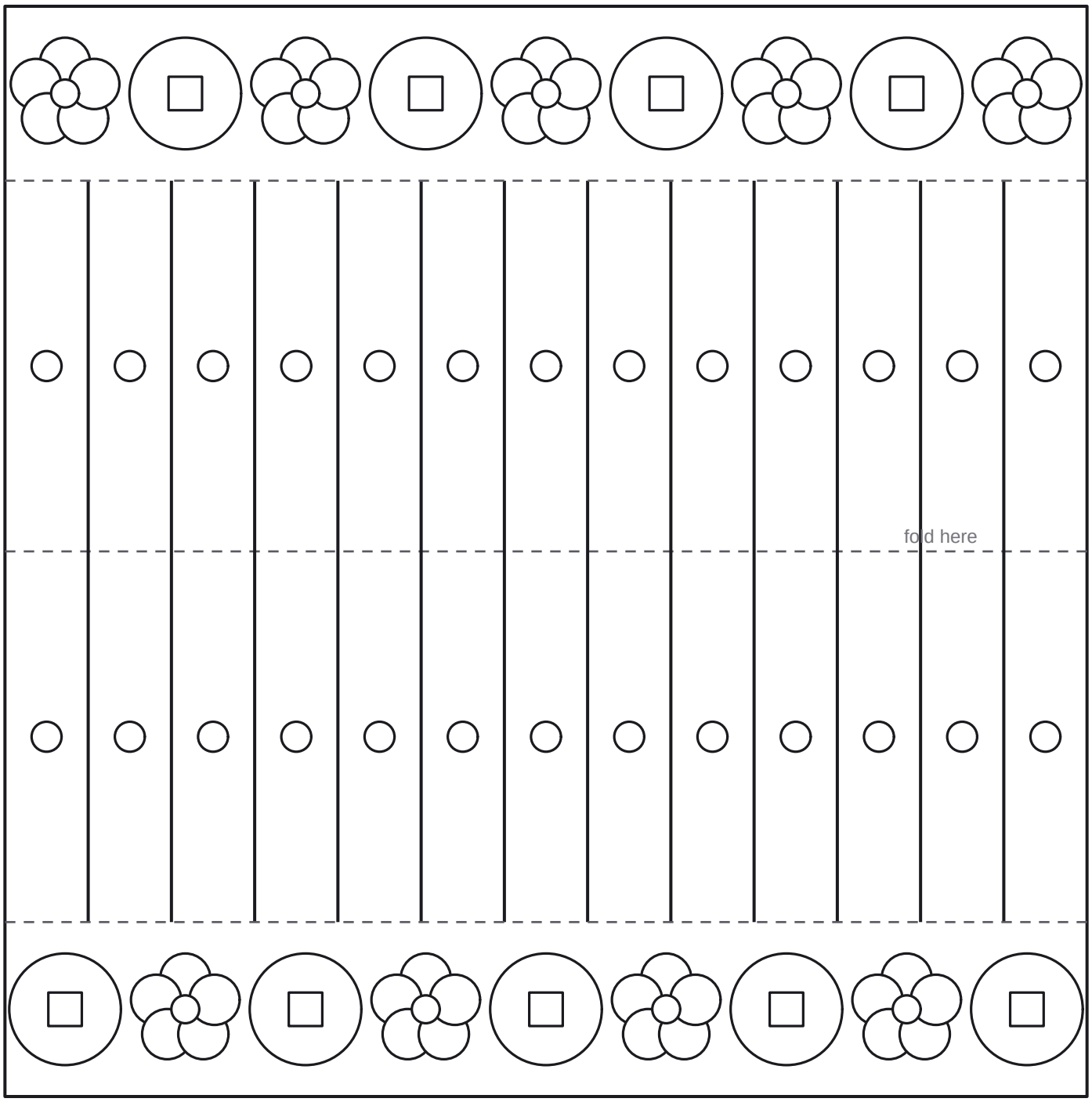
Decorate this strip

Cut out the big rectangle. Fold it in half the long way, cut along the slits from the fold, then unfold, roll and glue.

Paper Lantern With Patterns

Fold on the dashed line, cut the slits, open, roll and glue

Handle: cut out and glue inside the top

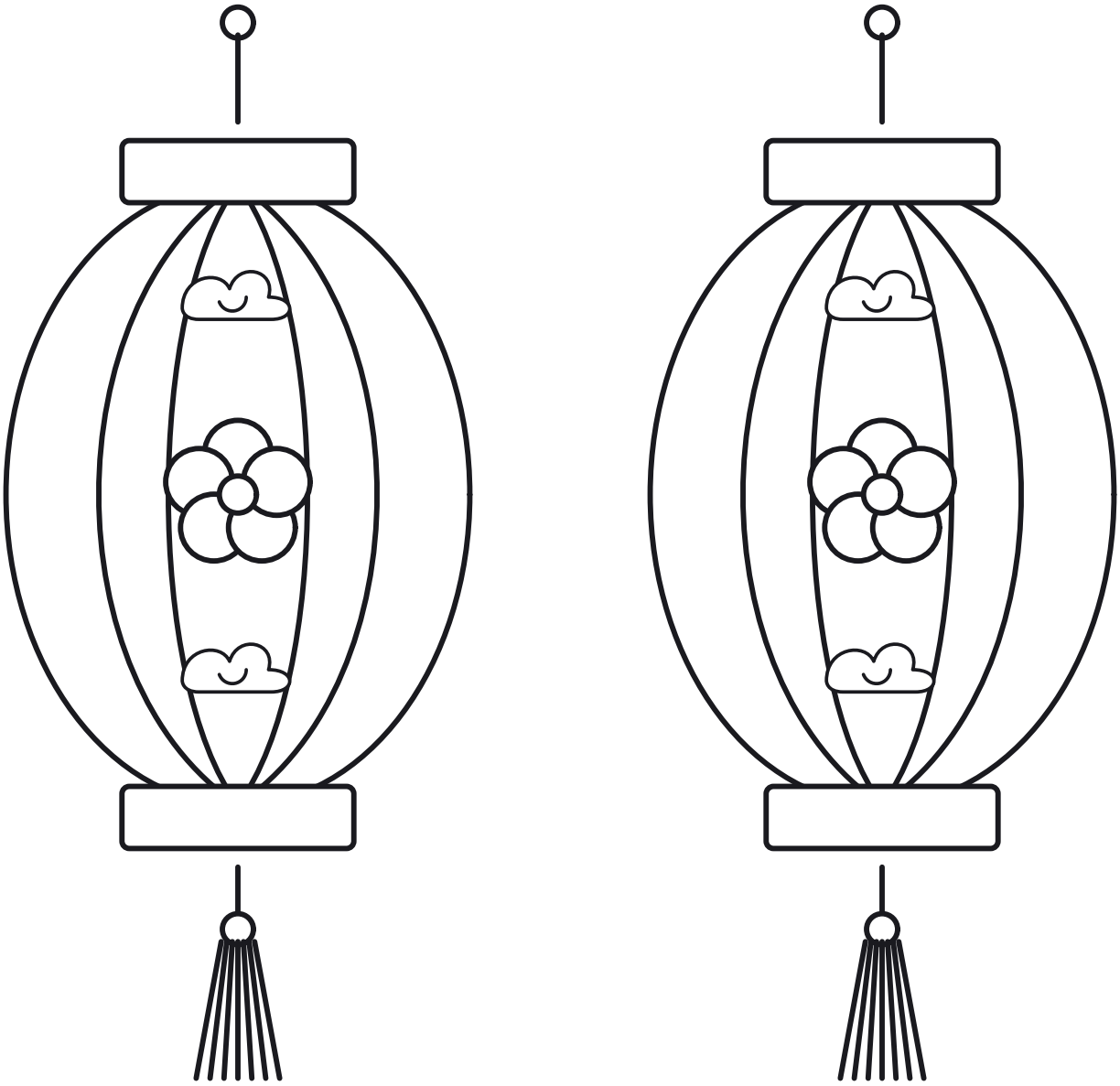


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Round Lanterns to Color

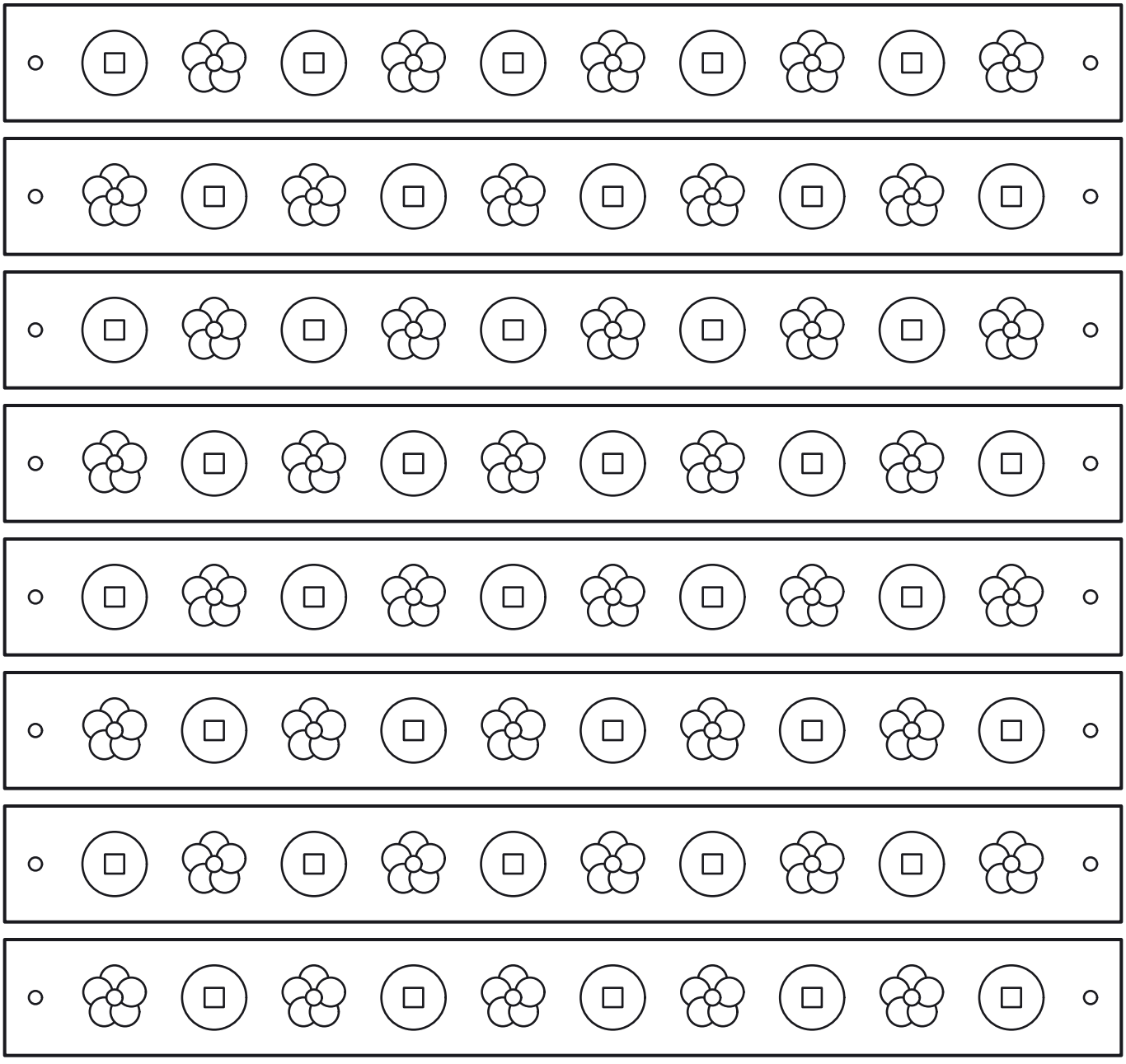
Color, cut around the outline, punch a hole and hang



Happy Lunar New Year!

Paper Strip Ball Lantern

Cut 8 strips, stack them, poke a brad through both ends, then fan them out



How to make it

1. Color the strips and cut them out.
2. Stack all 8 strips and push a paper fastener (brad) through the holes at one end.
3. Bend the stack into an arch and push a second fastener through the holes at the other end.
4. Fan the strips out evenly into a ball. Tie a string to the top fastener to hang it.

Lantern Festival Riddles

Cut out, fold in half and hang on your lanterns. Answer inside!

What has hands but can't clap?	What gets wetter the more it dries?	What has a neck but no head?
A clock	A towel	A bottle
What can you catch but not throw?	What has many keys but can't open a door?	What goes up but never comes down?
A cold	A piano	Your age
What has one eye but can't see?	What runs but never walks?	What is full of holes but still holds water?
A needle	Water	A sponge
What has bark but no bite?	What has legs but can't walk?	What shines at night and lights the way?
A tree	A table	A lantern

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Mini Lantern Garland

Color, cut out, punch holes and thread on a string

