Create cute bunny baubles

On 22 January it's the start of the Chinese New Year, and for 2023 it marks the start of the Year of the Rabbit. There are 12 animal signs in the Chinese zodiac, each one with its own characteristics. People born in the Year of The Rabbit are believed to be clever, have lots of ideas and are vigilant (watching out for danger).
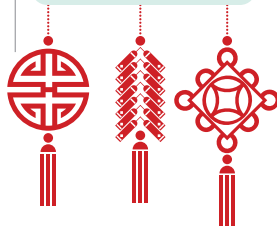
Traditional New Year decorations are often red because in Chinese culture red is associated with good luck, good fortune and happiness. Decorations often feature the animal of the year or other Chinese symbols of good luck, such as gold coins and lanterns. Join in with the celebrations by turning a room into a "hoppy" place with these fun baubles.

What you need
- Red card
- White card
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
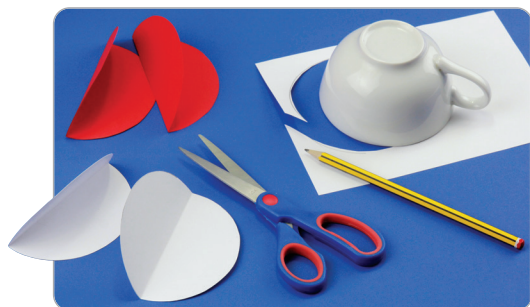- Felt-tip pens
- A glue stick
- String or ribbon

TOP TIP
Use a cup or small bowl as a guide when you are drawing the circles.

These bunny baubles will brighten any room.

BIG PARTY One sixth of the world's population will celebrate Chinese New Year, with festivities lasting for 15 days

1 Cut out the card
Take your red and white card. Cut out four circle shapes – two from the red card and two from the white card – that are about 10 centimetres in diameter. Then fold the circles in half.

2 Draw rabbit heads
Take four pieces of card that are 10cm long and 12cm wide. Fold one piece in half. Draw half a rabbit head on it and cut it out. Draw around the shape onto the other pieces of card so you have four rabbit heads.
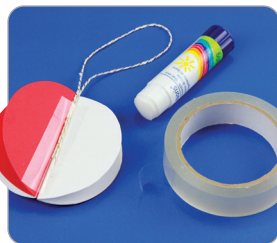

3 Glue the circles
Using your glue, stick the folded circles into a stack, one section at a time. Check that the shapes fit neatly on top of each other with the folded edges lined up. Leave them to dry.

4 Attach the string
Once dry, open out the stacked circles so you have a bauble shape. Measure a piece of string or ribbon using your ruler and cut it to the length you want your bauble to hang at. Then, make a loop in the string or ribbon. Place it down the middle of your bauble. Using sticky tape, attach it to your bauble.

5 Add detail
Draw a face on each head shape with felt-tip pens and decorate the body with colours or shapes cut out of card. Glue a head onto each of the four sections of the bauble. Press along the folds and check that the heads match up. Glue them on.

6 Make different shapes
Try different animal heads and decorate a room.

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