



CHINESE RED ENVELOPES

Chinese red envelopes—*hong bao*—are handy-sized paper envelopes that are presented to family and friends during the Chinese New Year. The red color of the envelope symbolizes good luck. *Hong bao* are traditionally filled with money and is given as well-wishing blessings for the New Year.

To make your own *hong bao* you will need:

1. This sheet of red paper with the outline of the Red Envelope
2. Scissors
3. Glue
4. A gift of money

INSTRUCTIONS

- Cut out the above outline and fold it along the dotted lines, folding in the direction away from the printed Chinese character.
- Straighten the packet out again, and turn it over so you are looking at the side without the Chinese character.
- Now fold over flap A and apply a little glue or tape along its right edge.
- Fold over flap B and press it firmly onto the glued edge of flap A.
- Apply a little glue to flap C and press it firmly onto flap B.

Flap D is the top flap of the envelope and a little glue can be applied to seal it - don't forget to put your money gift inside first before you give it away. You now have your Chinese gift packet!