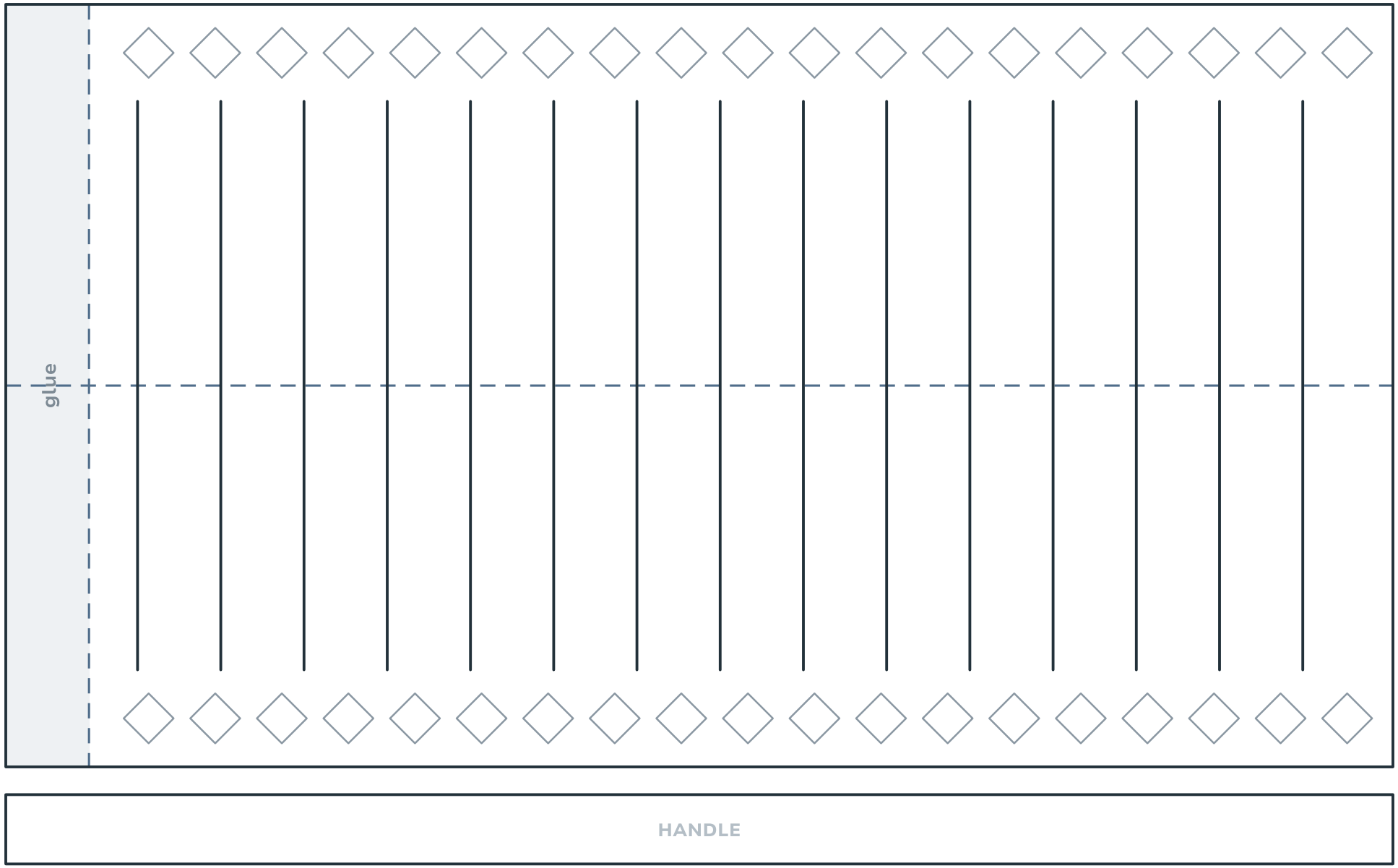
Paper lantern

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fold



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Paper lantern for the Lantern Festival

Ages 6-12 | 25 min | Mess: Low | Red or yellow paper, printed landscape

You need

- Printed sheet
- Scissors
- Glue stick or tape
- Markers

Skills practiced

- Cutting from a fold to a stop line
- Rolling a cylinder

LESSON LINK

The Lantern Festival falls on the 15th day of the first lunar month and ends the Lunar New Year celebrations.
Grades: 1-6
Ties to: Social studies: holidays and traditions. Math: equal spacing.

Source: USC U.S.-China Institute, https://china.usc.edu/event/lantern-festival-2012

Steps

1. Color the patterned bands at the top and bottom.
2. Cut out the big rectangle and the handle strip.
3. Fold the rectangle in half the long way on the dashed line, printing outside.
4. Starting at the fold, cut along each black line. Stop when you reach the patterned band.
5. Unfold, roll it into a tube and glue the gray strip under the other end.
6. Press down gently so the middle puffs out. Glue the handle inside the top.

Tip: Some families write riddles on paper strips and hang them on lanterns. Try tying riddles to yours.

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