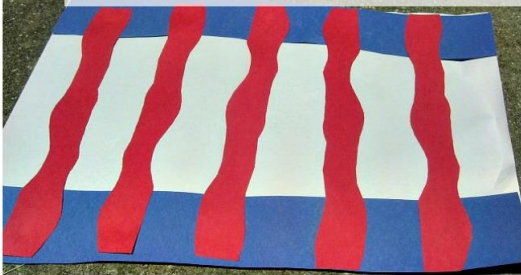


MEMORIAL DAY CRAFT: MAKE A PATRIOTIC LANTERN



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Some families hang flags outside their homes to celebrate patriotic holidays like Memorial Day. Why not hang a pretty paper lantern featuring patriotic colors? A single patriotic lantern could be hung on a tree outside of your house or you could fill a tree with them. They would surely share your joy in celebrating a national holiday. Read on to find out how to make this cute Memorial Day craft.

Supplies Needed:

- Red, white, and blue construction paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors

Directions:

Start by cutting out two long strips of blue construction paper. We chose to cut wide strips, but you could cut narrow ones if you like. It is really up to you.

Next, cut short strips out of the red construction paper.

We cut our strips out so they would look wavy. When a flag is waving in a breeze the strips look like this.

You can your strips with waves, with zigzags or just straight. Experiment with a variety of types of cutting styles if you like. The lanterns would look pretty with a mixture of strips too.

Next, arrange the red strips on the blue strips to make sure you like their spacing.

Once you start gluing it is really hard to move the strips, and sometimes they tear. It is a good idea to lay them out to make sure you like them.

As you glue, make sure that the red strips don't hang over the ends of the blue strips.



Finally, make white stars by cutting out a bunch of triangles out of construction paper. It is hard to cut out star shapes freehand, so we glued two triangles together to make our own stars.

When the glue has dried, add them to the red stripes on the lantern.

What a wonderful display of patriotic symbols! A fun way to show your patriotism during a special national holiday.