

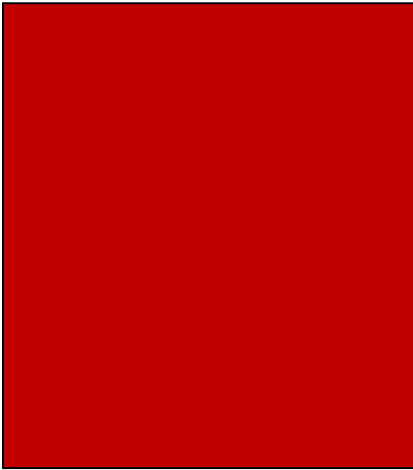
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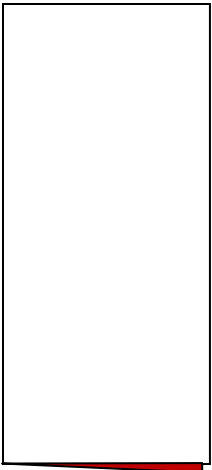
## How to cut a paper fish

There are four symbols for the Chinese New Year in this fish, can you find them?

1. Get a piece of paper



2. Fold it in half with the color inside



3. Draw the pattern on to the paper, making sure the middle of the fish is in the fold.



4. Cut out the fish and then open the paper, this is what you get.



5. Decorate and frame if you like



**Symbolism:**

1. Fish represents abundance as the pronunciation of fish (魚) in Chinese is “Yu” same as the word for left over (餘). Having left over every year means that you have more than you need, therefore you are blessed with abundance.
2. The character of spring (春) is embedded upside down in the fish. The word “arrive” (到) has the same pronunciation as the word “upside down” (倒). Therefore by putting the “spring” character upside down, it symbolizes the arrival of spring, the sign of growth.
3. There are two bats incorporated on the sides of the fish. Bats represent blessing as the word “bat” (蝠) and the word for “blessing” (福) are both pronounced “fu”.
4. Golden ingots are symbols of wealth and prosperity.

Pattern: Use the pattern below to make your own fish, make sure the side by the dash line is in the middle of the paper.

