

Pear-Shape Kirigami Decorative Lantern

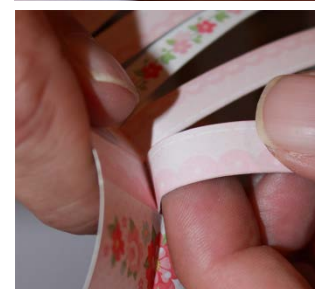
Materials

- 1 piece striped 12x12 scrapbook paper
- 1 piece contrasting 12x12 scrapbook paper
- Craft glue
- Stapler
- Craft knife
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Self-healing matt or something to protect your work surface from cuts with the craft knife.



Instructions

- 1) Lay the striped scrapbook paper flat on your work surface
- 2) Use a ruler and a pencil to mark a horizontal line across the top and bottom of the paper 1 inch from the edges.
- 3) Using the craft knife, slowly cut along the vertical lines in the striped pattern from the top pencil line to the bottom pencil line. Each cut should be at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch from the previous cut. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch distance between cuts is preferable. In the project shown above there was a mixture of $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch cuts.
- 4) Using the diagram on the next page cut the last right strand out. Save this strand. This strand will be used as the handle/hanger.
- 5) Use the craft glue to attach the left and right sides of the paper so that you have a tube.
- 6) Carefully fold the bottom of each strand.
- 7) Leave the top of each strand unfolded.
- 8) Make a tube out of the contrasting paper and insert it into the tube with the cut strands.
- 9) Push the outside tube down to a desired position and with a pencil mark the inside tube where the top of the outside tube ends.
- 10) Remove the inside tube. Measure and cut off the excess above the line just created. Consider saving this for embellishments.
- 11) Use craft glue to fix the contrasting paper in a tube.
- 12) Insert the tube into the cut strand tube.
- 13) Match the tops of the inside and outside tubes and glue them together
- 14) Match the bottoms of the inside and outside tubes and glue them together.
- 15) Glue the strand that was cut from the right side of the main paper to the top of the lantern forming a handle.
- 16) Add embellishments if desired.



In the diagram below:

- Red dotted lines are cut lines
- Black dashed lines are reserve lines. The black lines do not get cut.

