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 ¼ of an inch from the previous cut. ½ inch distance between cuts is preferable. In the project shown above there was a mixture of ¼ and ½ 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 of 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.