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Golden Dragon



Crayola Supplies

- Glitter Glue
- Metallic FX Colored Pencils

Other Supplies

- construction paper (red)

Why?

Celebrate Chinese New Year, or explore the country's fascinating art and culture, with this colorful Chinese Dragon drawing.

How?

1. Look at drawings of several dragons from the Chinese culture. The dragon often appears in Chinese art and as a decoration on clothing, dishes, boats, and other items. Are the dragon expressions friendly or fierce? Are they breathing fire?
2. On red construction paper, use a Crayola® Metallic FX Colored Pencils to outline your dragon. Include the long neck and expression you found on the Chinese dragons.
3. Use a gold marker to color most of your dragon. Embellish the design with a variety of other metallic colors as well for scales, claws, and perhaps fire coming from its mouth.
4. Use Crayola® Glitter Glue to finish decorating your Golden Dragon. Dry. It's ready for a Chinese New Year celebration-or to celebrate Chinese culture and history any day!

When and Where Suggestions?

- "My son made a huge Golden Dragon for extra credit in social studies. His teacher was impressed!" Vicky T., mother of ages 9 and 11.
- "Residents made golden dragons with Chinese characters on red doorway banners for Chinese New Year." Hai K., retirement facility craft volunteer.

Interesting Information

Although the origin of the use of the dragon in Chinese art and culture is unknown, it predates written history. The next Year of the Dragon begins on January 23, 2012.

Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children age 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

Glitter Glue: WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD -- Small parts. Not intended for children younger than 3 years of age. Not intended for use as face/skin paint.

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