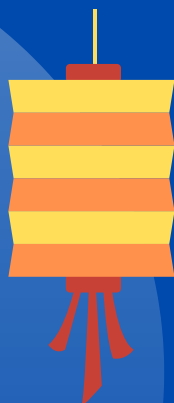


MOON FESTIVAL 2020

At Home with Maribyrnong Libraries





Celebrate the Moon Festival at home with Maribyrnong Libraries!



The Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is celebrated every year by many countries in Asia. It follows the lunar calendar and falls in the middle of Autumn in countries like China, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Korea and Japan (but for us in Australia, it's in the middle of Spring). Known as **中秋節** (in China) or **Tết Trung Thu** (in Vietnam), it is also related to Chuseok (in Korea) and Tsukimi (in Japan). This year it falls on 1 October.

The festival traditionally celebrates the gathering of friends and family, good harvesting of crops and thanksgiving and good fortune during the time when the moon is the fullest and most beautiful.

For some festive cheer while being stuck at home this Moon Festival, Maribyrnong Libraries has this helpful guide to celebrating at home!



Mooncakes Galore!

Mooncakes are a specialty eaten during the Moon Festival, they are dense cakes filled with a variety of fillings. Some popular fillings are lotus bean, nuts, and even durian! You can get them with a salted egg inside or without. It's all enveloped in a tender pastry pressed with intricate designs or words of well wishes. Click on the links below to check out the video by [Food Insider](#) to see how they're made, or [Katherine Kwa's](#) tutorial for a more homemade version!



Make Your Own Lantern!

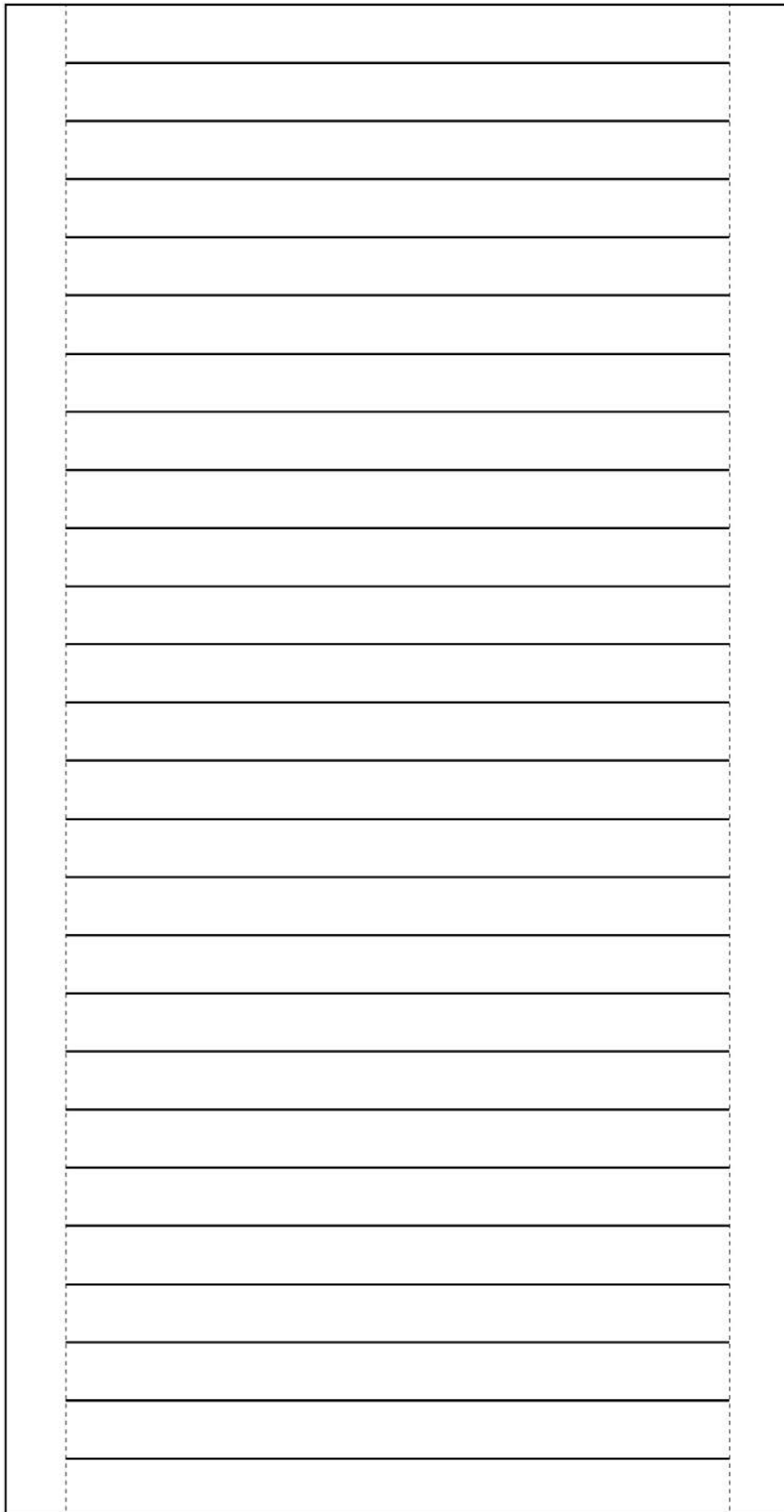
What Moon Festival would be complete without lanterns to view the moon at night by. Youtubers [SGWonderwall](#) and [WhiteSandsSG](#) have some great instructional videos to help you make a lantern at home. Click to view them below.



What you'll need:

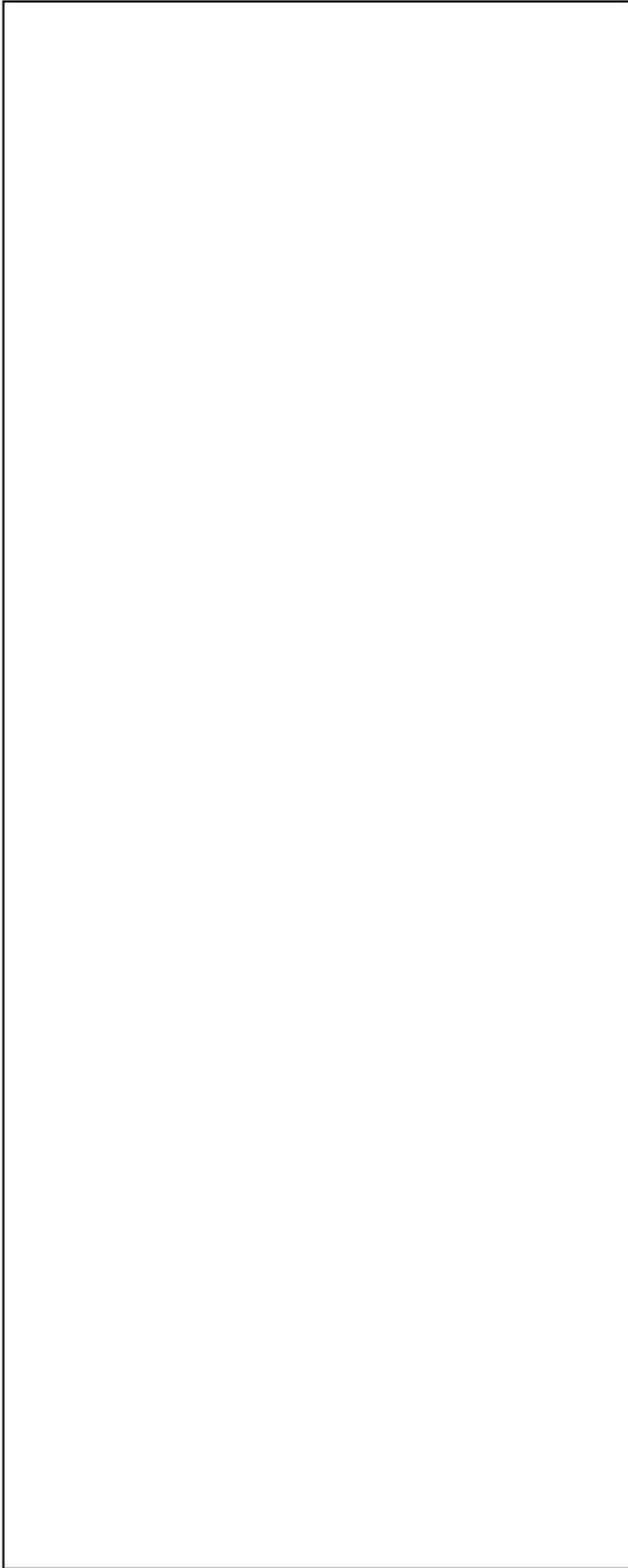
Paper, Stapler, Sticky tape
String, Coloured pencils/markers
Scissors, Stanley knife
Paper plates, Doilies, Glue
Cylinder/cup

The following pages have templates to help you on your way! Feel free to experiment!



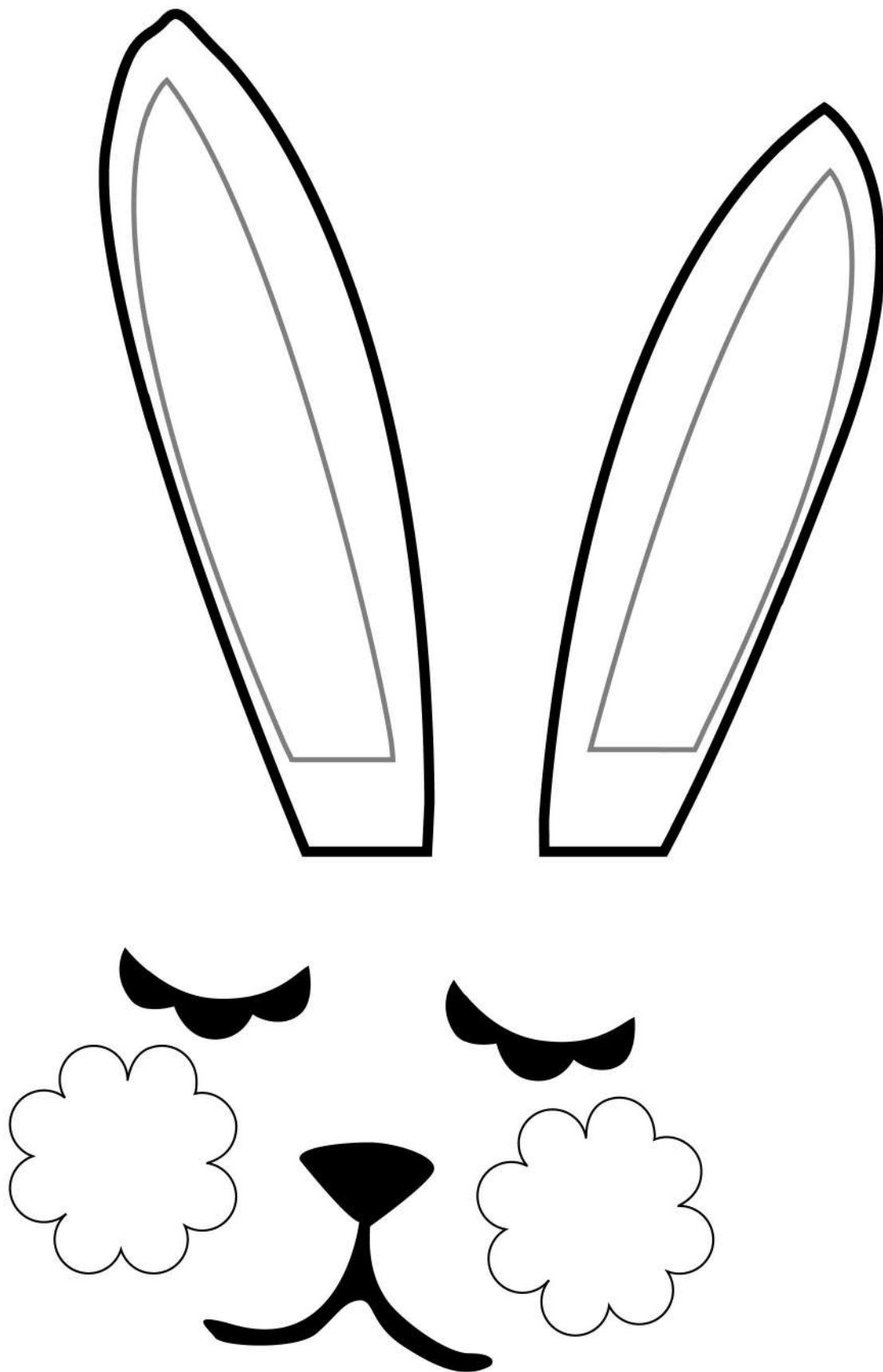
lantern outer body

*cut along solid lines
fold dotted lines



lantern inner cylinder

*optional for making inner body

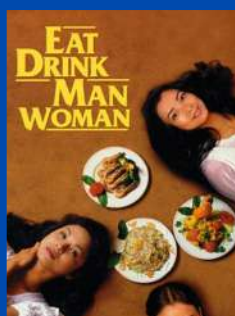


rabbit face cutouts
for lantern

*for paper plate size 18cm

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Bring Art Galleries to Your Home!

Many art galleries have virtual tours and videos of their collections that you can visit without ever leaving the comfort of your home! There are some amazing exhibitions to be seen. Click on the images below to check them out!



A snippet of teamLab Planets exhibition in Tokyo. teamLab is an international art collective with works all over the world. Check out more videos of their work [here](#)!



How is a silk painting made? The delicate process is detailed in this [video](#) from the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.



Learn about Chinese scroll paintings in this New York Times interview with Maxwell Hearn from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Check out more from the MET [here](#).

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