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## **Crafting Luck: Exploring Tradition Through the Chinese 福 Symbol**

Symbolism and Craft: Reflecting on Culture Through Making

# The Story of 福 (FU)



A Symbol of Luck and Prosperity



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# 福 (FU)

福, pronounced '*fu*', translates to 'good fortune' or 'happiness.' It represents a wish for luck, prosperity, and blessings.

福 is often displayed **upside down**

In Chinese, the word 倒 (dao, upside down) sounds like 到 (dao, arrive). So, when we stick 福 upside down, it symbolises 'good fortune has arrived!'

It's a playful and meaningful tradition we've passed down for generations.“



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# Unity and Best wishes : Togetherness Through Craft

Families often prepare these decorations together, fostering connection.

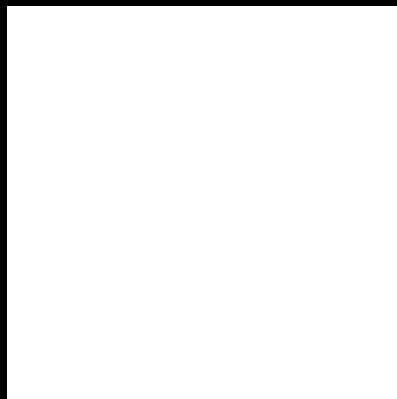
The red colour and 福 character are both symbols of blessings and protection against bad luck. it's a hope for a better year."



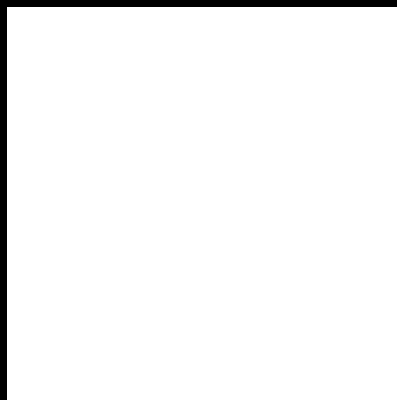
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**Create your own 福**



# Step guides

Paper cutting  
your 福

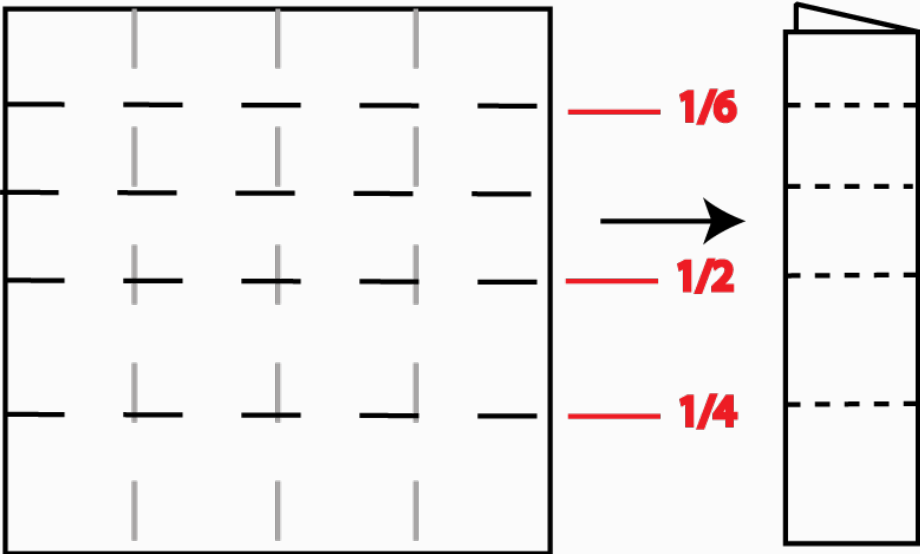
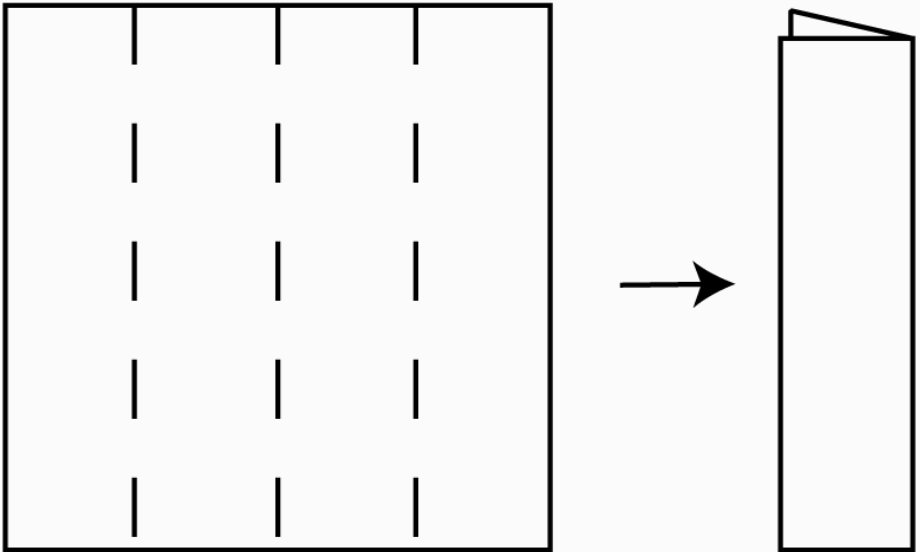
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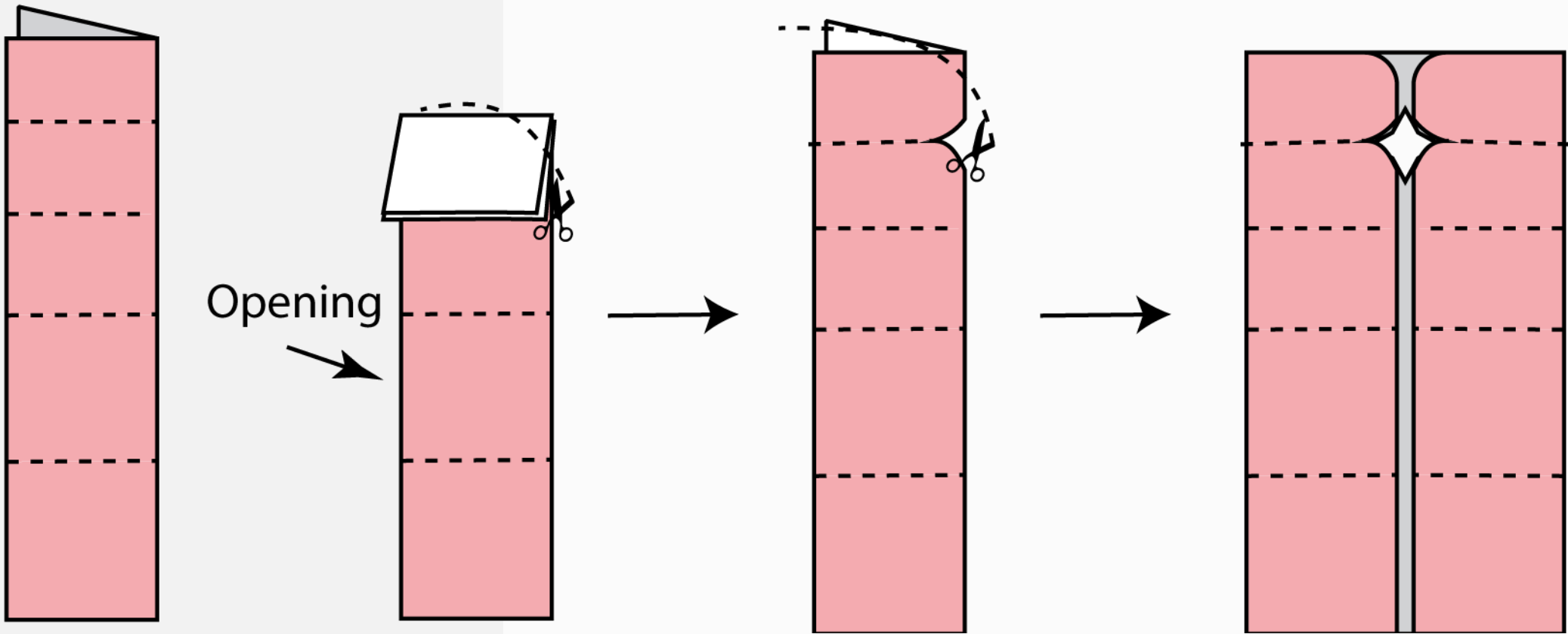
Fold your paper



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# Step 2

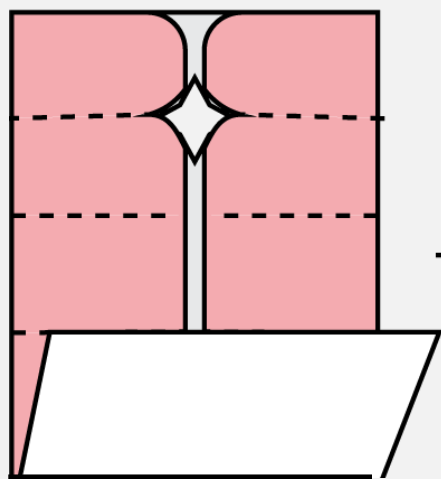


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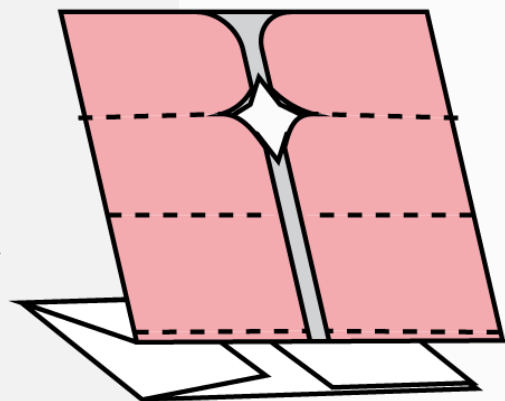
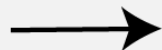




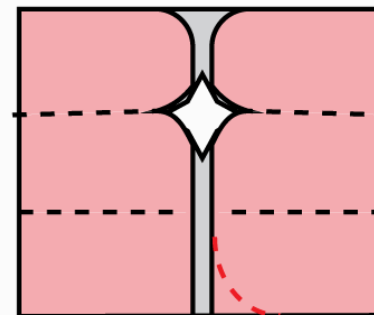
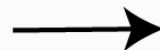
# Step 3



Fold the bottom horizontal  $\frac{1}{2}$  up outwards



Fold the other horizontal  $\frac{1}{2}$  up backwards



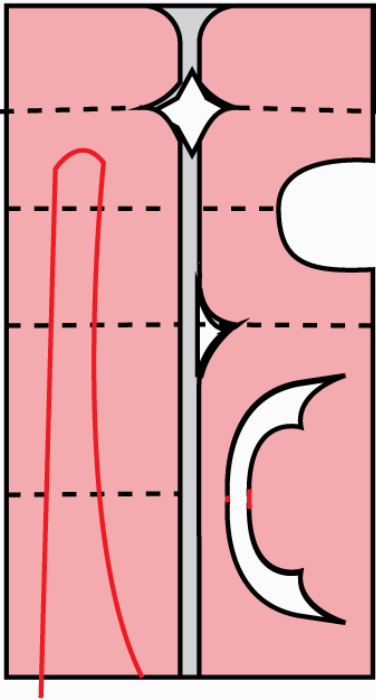
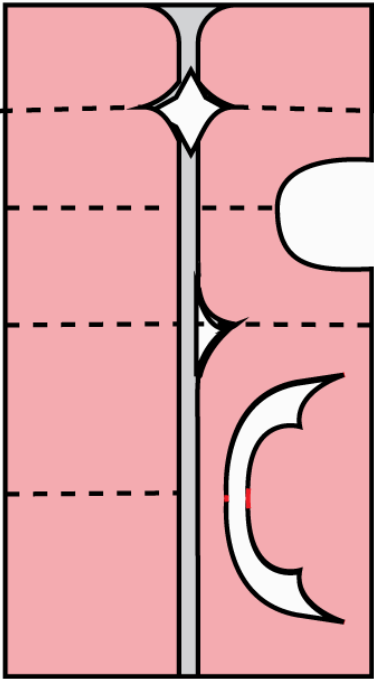
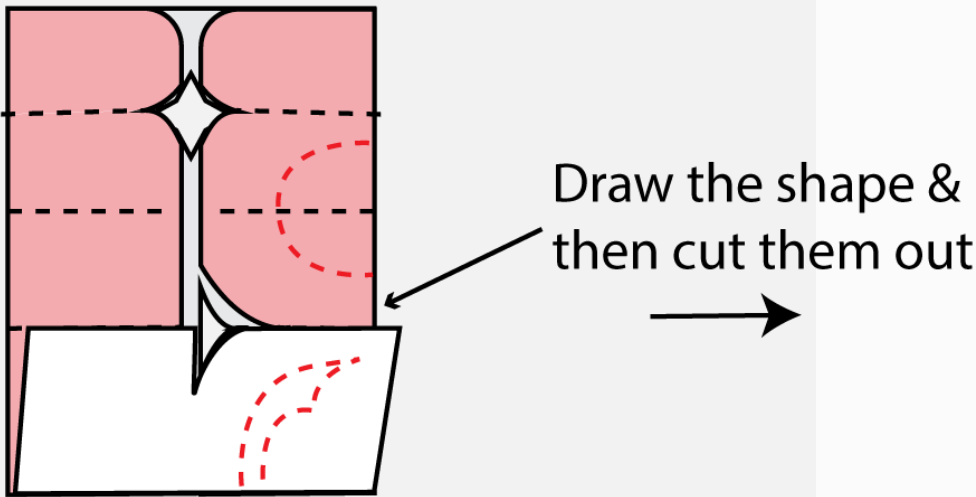
Draw a arc & then cut it out



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# Step 4

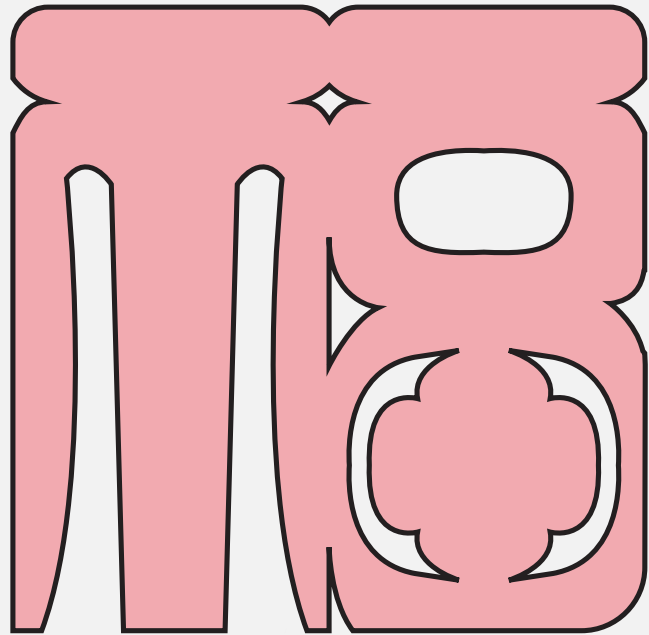


Draw this shape then cut it out

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# You got it!



Use the decorations or pens provided  
to customise your own Lucky 福

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# Showcase your craft

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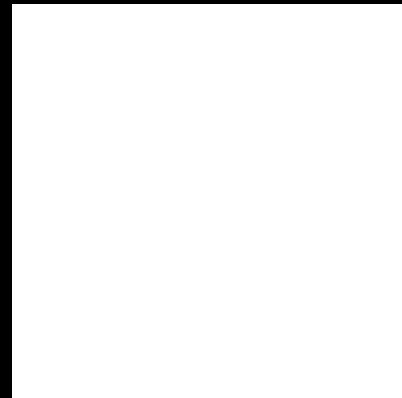
# Reflection

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**Thank you**



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