

# Art Activity

## Construct a Handprint Rabbit!

Celebrate Chinese Lunar New Year, Year of the Water Rabbit, by creating your own handprint rabbit! The Year of the Water Rabbit occurs every 60 years and is known to bring peace and prosperity. In Chinese culture, the element water represents calmness and reflection, while the rabbit is a symbol of patience and luck!

Follow the steps below to create a rabbit using your own handprint!

### Materials:

- Markers
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- **Optional:** Wiggly Eyes



### Instructions:

1. Start by using a pencil and a sheet of construction paper to trace your handprint. Trace the lines around your fingers slightly bigger, these will be the ears and arms of your rabbit.



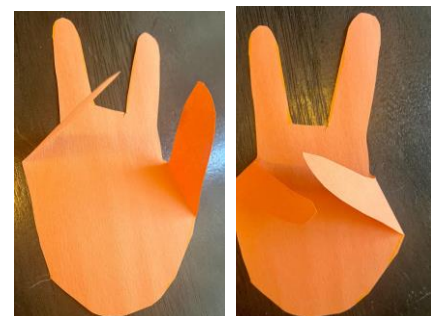
2. Use scissors to cut out your handprint.



3. Use scissors to cut off the center finger so that you have 4 fingers total.



4. Fold down the thumb and pinky fingers towards the center (palm). The two fingers may touch in the middle to create the arms of your rabbit.



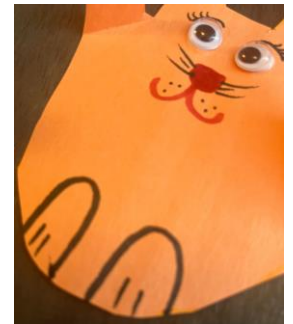
5. Use a marker or pencil to draw ovals on the remaining standing fingers. Color in the ovals to create the ears of your rabbit.



6. Consider different expressions (happy, surprised, hungry, etc.) and use a marker to draw the eyes, nose, and whiskers of your rabbit.



7. Lastly, use a marker to draw two “n” shapes at the bottom of the center (palm). Add 2-3 lines inside each shape; these will be the paws or feet of your rabbit.



8. Hop into the VMFA's *ChinaFest* celebration with your new handprint rabbit!



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