How to Make a Hong Bao:

Required: scissors, glue stick, color printer (or red construction paper).

1. Print out pages 2 and 3 on a color printer. (Or print out page 2 and use red construction paper to make the packet.)
2. Holding 2 pages together, cut out the two Hong Bao shapes along the thick black lines.
   > **Tip:** cut the long lines first, then trim the corners.
   > **Tip:** to ensure the pages don't slip apart while cutting, you can put a little tape along the sides, or staple the 4 corners.
   > Fold the red cut out along the dotted line indicated on the template.
3. Using a glue stick, place a line of glue along the long side flap and then press the back on top of it. (The back will cover the glued flap.)
4. Place a line of glue along the bottom flap. Fold it up and press down to join it to the back of the packet.
5. Add money to the envelope.
6. Place a line of glue along the top flap. Fold it down and press down to join it to the back of the packet.

Traditional Greetings:

xīn nián kuài lè
新年快乐！
Happy New Year!

gōng xǐ fā cái
恭喜发财！
May the New Year bring you wealth and treasure!

shēn tǐ jiàn kāng
身体健康！
Wishing you good health in the New Year!

shēn tǐ jiàn kāng
身体健康！
Wishing you good health in the New Year!

wàn shì rú yì
万事如意！
May everything go your way.

Hong Bao Etiquette:

1. For politeness, always give a Hong Bao with two hands and always receive a Hong Bao with two hands.
2. It is customary when you give and receive a Hong Bao to also exchange a traditional greeting. And don't forget to say thank you! xiè xiè
3. It is customary to not open the Hong Bao in front of the giver.