





Chinese paper-cutting



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Introduction

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With a long history, the Chinese paper-cutting could be dated back to 2000 years ago according to the archaeological records. It originated in ancient ancestor worship activities in which people pray for their ancestors and gods.

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Paper-cutting, also known as paper carving, is a hollow art. With the widespread paper-cutting techniques and people's growing love, it gradually served as the decorations. Nowadays, paper-cutting has already become an integral part of Chinese traditional culture and serves as a window of the Chinese folk culture.

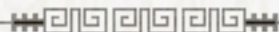






History and development

History



Paper-cutting can date from 17th century BC. During Western Han Dynasty, the emperor's wife died; The emperor missed his wife very much. So, he let a warlock draw his wife's picture on the paper, cut it down and hung it in his bedroom. This is probably the earliest paper-cutting.

Paper-cutting is the most popular traditional decorative folk art. Because the materials are easy to get, low cost, and convenient to make.

History




Han
dynasty

The birth of
paper-cutting.



Tang
and
Song

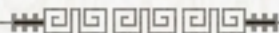
Paper-cutting
became
more
diverse.



Ming
and Qing

Paper-cutting
was in its
heyday.

Development



Since its birth, the art of paper-cutting has never been interrupted. In its long history, it evolved with pottery, printing, dyeing, and other forms of art, being an indispensable part of people's life.

Development



In addition to the new paper-cutting of all walks of life in the creation of new paper-cutting, children, sports, singing and dancing have also become the most common themes of paper-cutting.

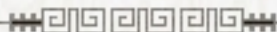
After the founding of the People's Republic of China, artists created a large number of new paper-cuts to express the new socialist people and new things, which opened up the road of paper-cutting creation and enriched the form and content of Chinese folk decorative arts.





Usages

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Pasted on doors, Windows, walls, lanterns, and ribbons as decoration. Used to decorate gifts, dowries, sacrifices, offerings.



As a printing plate of blue printed cloth, used for clothing, quilt, door curtain, bundle, bib, head scarf, etc.









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Paper-cutting in modern use

Paper-cutting is a kind of unique and a special design.

It's a cultural heritage, it's unique shape and color bring boundless space to the modern design, and modern design is inseparable from popular culture.

2008 Beijing Olympic Games



2010 Shanghai World Expo



2022 Winter Olympic Games



Others



Others



Chinese zodiac





Significance

The significance of Chinese paper cutting

Paper-cutting helps Chinese people make a big progress in the modern art and also leave a red mark in the development of modern arts.

Paper-cutting as Chinese traditional culture fully reflects people's wisdom and hard work. It has a huge impact and a driving force on the modern society.





Thanks!

