

MATERIALS

Red paper, can be craft paper, office paper/card or an attractive wrapping paper

Pencil

Scissors

Glue or double sided tape

Tracing paper

Gold glitter glue or gold paint pens (optional)

Gold foil wrapping paper (optional)

Clear tape (optional)

Decoupage papers or other glossy images can also be used to decorate with

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using the template provided, draw or photocopy the ang pow onto the red paper and cut it out.
2. Fold the ang pow along the dotted lines on the template.
3. Glue or tape along the long edge flap and the bottom flap to form an envelope. Let dry.
4. Decorate the front of the envelope. A 'luck' template has been provided below-right which can be traced using tracing paper. Another alternative is to cut out an image from decoupage paper or glossy magazines and glue to the front of the packet. Then decorate with glitter glue, paint pens or gold foil and let dry.
5. Insert some money or a wish/blessing and fold the top flap and seal with either double sided tape or clear tape.

Chinese New Year books available from the MAC Library are:

Paper crafts for Chinese New Year

Celebrate Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year parade (Poster)

LUCKY RED PACKETS



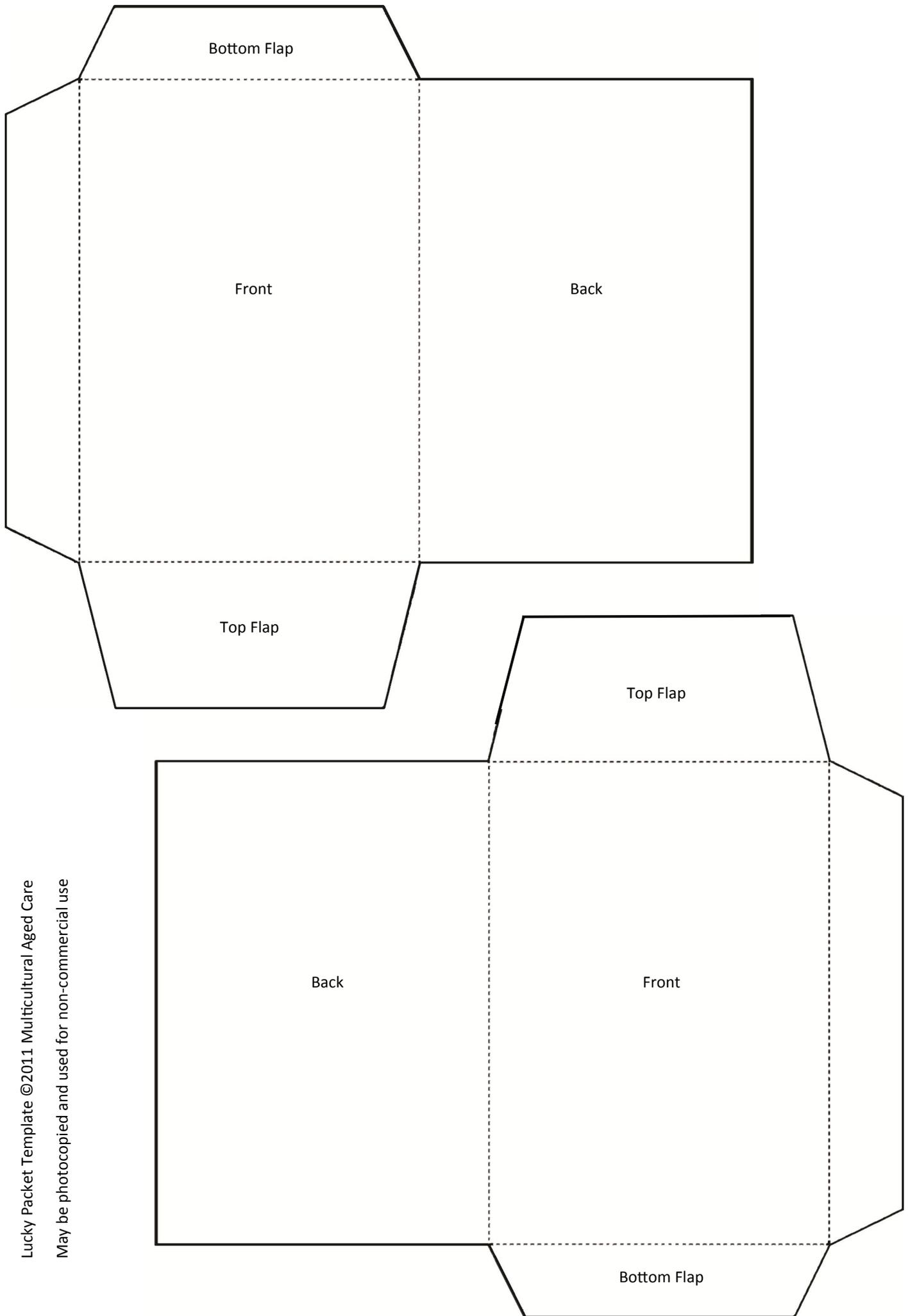
New Year for the Chinese and Vietnamese communities is determined by the lunar calendar. This places it somewhere within January or February.

Known in English as Red envelopes or Red packets; Cantonese: 'lai sze' or 'lai see'; Mandarin: 'hóng bāo'; and Hokkien: 'ang pow'; these are given as good wishes at auspicious occasions such as New Year, weddings, and birthdays.

The illustrations on the front of the packet represent blessings and good wishes of longevity, prosperity and good health.



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