



Basic Papercutting & Chinese

Introduction to Basic Papercutting & Chinese:

“Jianzhi”(剪纸), local name for papercutting in Chinese is one of the most popular Chinese decorative folk arts. Traditional Chinese papercutting is also called “Window blossoms” (窗花) because they were first put on windows for decoration. Other forms of paper-cuts are derived from the “window blossoms”. Learners may as well appreciate works of papercutting as an artistic form, for aesthetic purposes.

COURSE OVERVIEW:

The course of Basic Papercutting & Chinese is intended for those who have some interest in the Chinese language and Chinese culture. The course will focus on the basic skills of traditional Chinese papercutting, basic papercutting patterns, and relevant Chinese culture and characters, and appreciation of Chinese papercutting art as well. This course will be finished within 30 hours. Each hour will last 45 minutes, is lesson lasts 2 hours, 15 lessons in total. Class activities include basic papercutting practice, introduction of relevant Chinese festivals and stories, and appreciation of the Classic papercutting artistic works .

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Students will learn basic papercutting skills with papercutting practice.
 - Students will learn some relevant Chinese characters.
 - Students will learn to appreciate the aesthetic art of traditional Chinese papercutting, with classic papercutting artistic works in different styles.
 - Students will learn some Chinese culture, including traditional Chinese festivals, legends and customs.
 - At the end of the course, an attendance certificate will be offered to the learners
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Contents of class		Division of the class hours			Teaching and learning means
No.	Details	Teaching time (hour)	Practicing time (hour)	Sub-total (hour)	
1	Introduction	1	1	2	Powerpoint
2	Tools for papercutting	1	1	2	video, paper, tools
3	Papercutting with scissors	1	1	2	Powerpoint , paper, brush, ink
4	Papercutting with burin	1	1	2	Powerpoint, video, paper, tools
5	How to cut “chun”(春)	1	1	2	Powerpoint, video, paper, tools
6	How to cut “shuangxi”(囍)	1	1	2	Powerpoint, video, paper, tools
7	How to cut Chinese Knots	1	1	2	Powerpoint, video, paper, tools
8	How to cut “pets ”	1	1	2	Powerpoint, video, paper, tools
9	How to cut “ blossoms”	1	1	2	PowerPoint, video, paper, tools
10	Papercutting and Chinese customs 1	1	1	2	Powerpoint, video, paper, tools
11	Papercutting and Chinese customs 2	1	1	2	Powerpoint, video, paper, tools
12	Relevant Chinese customs & legends	1	1	2	Powerpoint, video, paper, tools
13	Papercutting and Chinese festivals & customs	1	1	2	Powerpoint, video, paper, tools
14	Introduction to classic papercutting works	1	1	2	Powerpoint, video, paper, tools
15	Summary	0.5	1.5	2	Powerpoint, video,
Total		14.5	15.5	30	