

## CUT-OUTS

Paper cut-outs, one of the most common and widespread of Chinese folk-art forms, are of two types: scissor-cuts and knife-cuts. These cut-outs are made both by peasant women and, to a lesser extent, by professional craftsmen. They are used as decorations on windows, lanterns and gifts and, especially with the white knife-cuts, as embroidery patterns. The themes represented in the paper-cuts are culturally meaningful and draw upon a wide range of subjects, including plants and animals, folk activities, auspicious symbols and inscriptions, and culture-heroes and folk tales. The cut-outs shown here have been mounted to protect them.

PAPER CRAFTS

Cat. No.

Specimen

- 119906-2 Wallpaper
- 253865-A, B Paper cuts: A. 2 dragons; B. Altar. Red paper.
- 253884 Paper cut: embroidery pattern; 2 human figures, peaches; gray-green.
- 253886-A, B Paper Cuts: A. Cat & fish; B. Cat w/butterfly; green paper
- 253891-A, B Paper Cuts: A. Rooster w/flowers, green paper; B. Rooster w/scorpion, red paper.
- 253905 Paper cut: Plant w/lotus, pomegranate, Buddha's hand; red paper
- 253909 Man's knife cut: embroidery pattern, woman with flower; white paper
- 253912 Man's knife cut: embroidery pattern, insects & vegetables; white paper
- 253915 Man's knife cut: embroidery pattern, blossoms; white paper
- 253918 Man's knife cut: embroidery pattern, child, woman & lotus; white paper.
- 253966 Man's knife cut; 5 creatures; red paper.
- 254019, A-F Man's knife cut; animals; multicolored paper.
- 254048 Man's knife cut; plants & butterflies; multicolored paper
- 254781 Samples of box papers or wallpaper; lion dogs, dragons, phoenix, etc.; black, red & white on blue paper.
- 254778 Appliqued & cut out picture of vase with flowers censer with lion dog, crane; multicolored.
- 254141 Stencil for resist dyed child's apron; man riding Ch'i-lin; brown paper. -w #100189