

# Once Upon A Table New Year Dragon

## Story Table Projects



### Supplies:

- \*knitting tower
- \*yarn in color of choice
- \*pipe cleaner
- \*felt
- \*buttons
- \*thin wood sticks
- \*scissors
- \*needle thread



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Step 1: Choose some yarn for the body of your dragon. I like to use wool or wool blend yarns. Set up your knitting tower according to the instructions and begin a simple knit cable. This is a fun part of the project for the kids.

Step 2: As soon as you have the cable started, insert a pipe cleaner through the top of the knitting tower and continue to knit the cable incorporating the pipe cleaner into the cable. This will give the cable some sturdiness, yet mimic the fluid movement of traditional Chinese Paper Dragons.

Step 3: After you have the length of the pipe cleaner incorporate into the cable, cut the yarn and knot both ends of the cable. Set this aside.

Step 4: Use the template to cut out the dragon head, ears, tail, and spine from felt. I like to use a thick all wool felt, but the preference is up to you. Cut 2 each of the head, tail, and ears, and one piece for the scales. Adjust the template to desired size.



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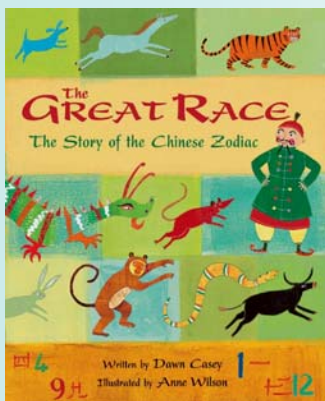
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Step 6: Start by sewing the eyes on either side of your dragon head. Next add the ears on each side. Pinch the bottom of the ear together and then sew to the head. Next insert the spine between the two sides of the head and then stitch together with either a simple slip stitch or blanket stitch.

Step 7: Now join the two pieces of the tail together and stitch these together.

Step 8: Take two thin sticks such as dowels or chopsticks and insert first into the knot on one end of the knit cable, and then into either the head or tail, while adding a desired shape to the middle of the body of the dragon. Repeat for the other end of the dragon and your New Year Dragon is ready to bring you some good luck and fun stories!



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