

How to make

# MEXICAN PAPEL PICADO



*Papel Picado* is a traditional Mexican craft that features colorful paper sheets with intricate cut out details. It was made by stacking many sheets of paper and using chisels to cut the designs on the flat sheet. You can easily make a simplified version of your own Papel Picado by layering sheets of tissue paper and using scissors to cut the designs.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

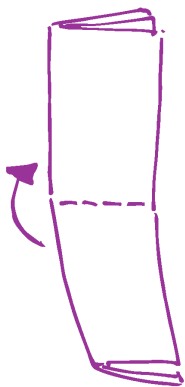
Ask an adult to help you find your supplies.

- colored tissue paper (letter size paper or larger)
- scissors
- pen or marker
- yarn and tape to hang them up





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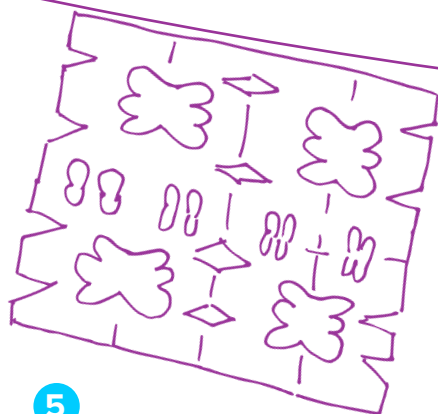


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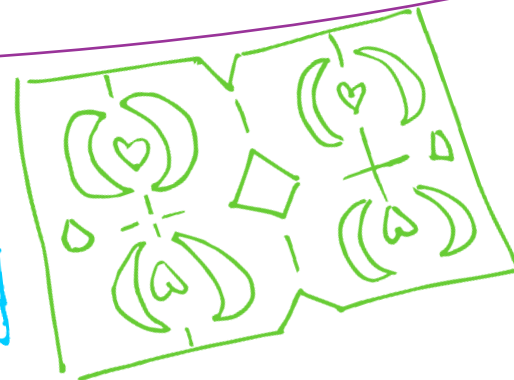
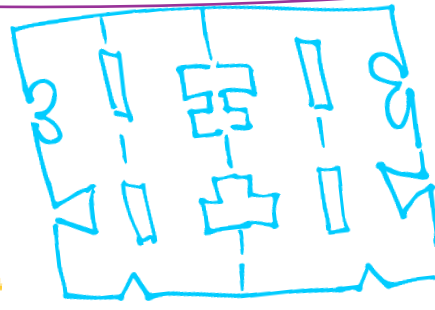
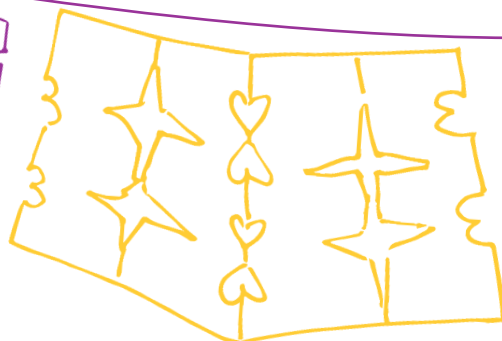
- 1 Fold a piece of tissue paper (lengthwise) in half and then in half again. Make sure one side consist only of folds.
- 2 Fold the long folded sheet in half.
- 3 Mark a dot in the corner that is made up of folds. This marks the corner which should *not* be cut.
- 4 Just like cutting a snowflake, cut shapes along all four sides avoiding the area with the dot.

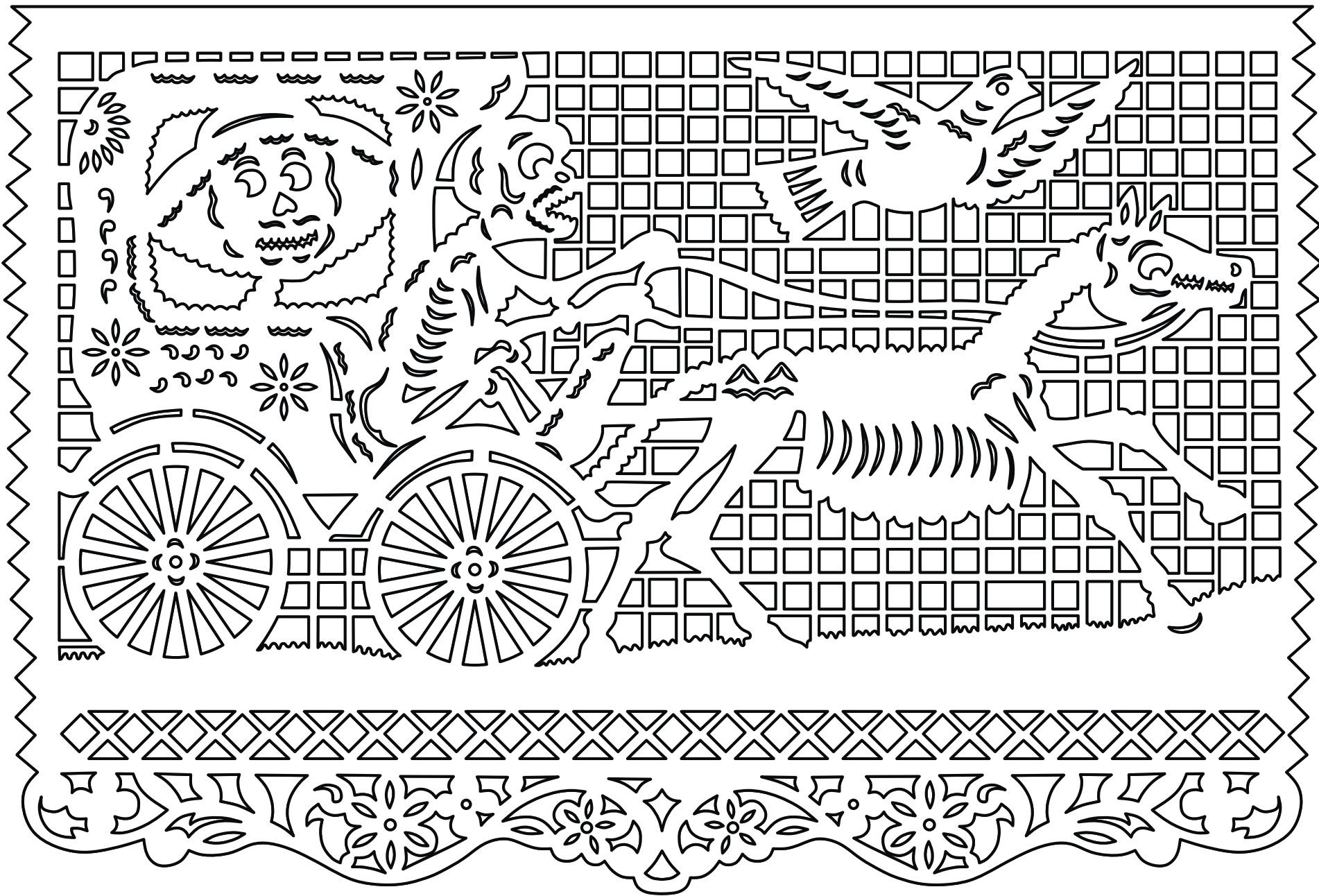
To cut a shape from the middle of the rectangle, fold the paper in half again, and cut a shape into the fold.

- 5 Unfold carefully and tape tissue paper to a long string of yarn.



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An example of a traditional, more elaborate papel picado pattern.