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MAKE YOUR OWN:

Mexican Papel Picado

BACKGROUND:

Papel picado is the Mexican art of cutting tissue paper to make elaborate banners. This folk art is displayed for all sorts of religious ceremonies as well as personal celebrations, but especially for the Day of the Dead (November 1 and 2). Traditionally, small chisels are used to create up to 40 banners at a time but scissors or an X-Acto knife (adults only) can be used to acheive the same result.

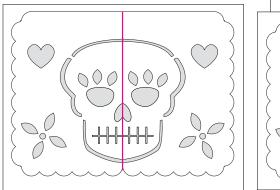
MATERIALS:

Papel picado template Tissue paper Sharp scissors or X-Acto knife (adults only)

INSTRUCTIONS:

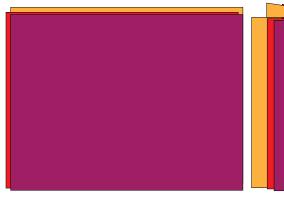
Print out the Papel picado templates and fold in half. Fold a stack of 4-5 pieces of tissue paper in half and tuck inside the folded template. Use scissors or an X-Acto to cut out the gray areas and the scalloped edges. Unfold and hang together with a string!

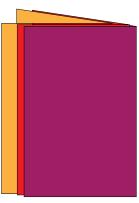
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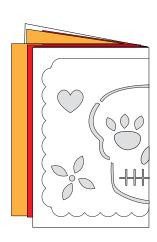




STEP 2







STEP 3

