

# Papel Picado

## ¡Viva la Fiesta!

- Papel picado is a popular decoration often used in Mexico when there is a fiesta (party).
- People decorate streets, courtyards and their homes with the colorful “perforated paper”.
- Traditionally, the patterns were chiseled into the paper by talented artists into fabulous designs, often flowers, birds and bells.



## CRAFT



### THIS CRAFT TEACHES:

Fine motor skills  
Spatial awareness  
Hand eye coordination  
Creativity

### SUPPLIES:

tissue paper  
length of wool

## How to make your own Papel Picado decorations!

1. Cut your tissue paper into squares (12” x 12” is a good size)
2. Fold your tissue lengthwise and then in half again, then in half again
3. Make sure there is one side that is just folds (no open paper)
4. Put a mark in the corner with all of the folds (so your little one doesn't cut that area)
5. Let your little one experiment with cutting out different designs on the edges of the paper (avoiding the area with the dot)
6. Open your papel to see the designs they've made. Line them up along your wool and attach with glue or tape. Hang and enjoy.
7. Now you're ready for a FIESTA!