

Papel Picado

Celebrate Cinco De Mayo with some traditional Mexican decorations! Papel picado or perforated paper arose from early Mexico. It was here that the Aztec people first chiseled spirit figures into bark, which later became the art form now known as papel picado. It is considered Mexican folk art. It is mostly used to decorate altars for Day of the Dead, but has been adapted to decorate for other festivities.

Materials:

- Colorful letter sized paper
- Scissors
- Thread

Instructions:

1. Fold the paper sheet three times



2. Trim two of the corners



3. Cut four triangles, two on each side



4. Fold the paper again and cut another triangle in the middle



5. It's gonna look like this



6. Open the sheet and It's ready!



7. Pass the thread between some of the triangles and hang it up to decorate!

