

# PAPEL PICADO

In Mexico, papel picado (or “perforated paper” in English) is a decoration for celebrations like Easter, Christmas, weddings and more. Papel picado is usually made from tissue paper, cut by small chisels, but for our craft we’ll use small sharp scissors!

Birds and flowers are used a lot in papel picado designs. Lots of different tissue paper colors are used when people cut pretty shapes and patterns, and then you string them up together to make a banner. Let’s try making one!

## You’ll need:

- **Colored tissue paper**
- **Small, sharp scissors**
- **Glue stick**
- **Yarn or string**

## Here’s how you’ll make it:

1. Choose the color of your tissue paper.
2. Cut the tissue paper into squares. A good size is 12 x 12 inches, but you can do bigger or smaller too.
3. Fold your tissue paper in half. Now fold it in half again. And one more time!
4. Cut whatever design you want, just make sure you cut on all four of the sides. You can also trace out a design in pencil first.
5. When you’re done cutting out your shapes, open the tissue paper to see what you’ve made.
6. Repeat this as many times as you want with different tissue paper colors and designs.
7. Glue the tops of the tissue paper to a string, folding over a bit of the tissue around the string to keep it in place.



example ↗



**Now your banner is ready to be hung up for a Mexican fiesta! (Fiesta means “party” in Spanish.)**