

# STEAM in the Classroom

SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY-ENGINEERING-AGRICULTURE-ART-MATH

## PAPEL PICADO

For this challenge/activity you will need:

- Tissue Paper (at least three different colors)
- Masking Tape
- Scissors
- Papel Picado Template

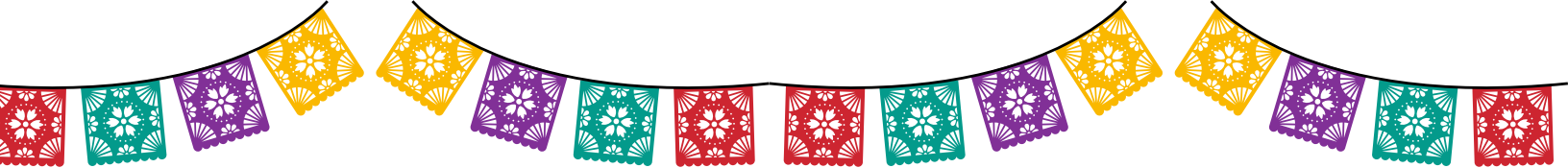


### Introduction:

Today is May 5th, meaning it's Cinco de Mayo! Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. Cinco De Mayo is also known as Battle of Puebla Day. While it's a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations (*Cinco de Mayo* 2023). For this week's STEAM Challenge, you will learn how to make a papel picado, meaning "punched paper"! Papel picado garlands are hung up during celebrations. Follow the instructions on the next page to make your own.

History.com Editors. (2023, April 20). Cinco de Mayo. HISTORY. Retrieved May 5, 2023, from <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/cinco-de-mayo>

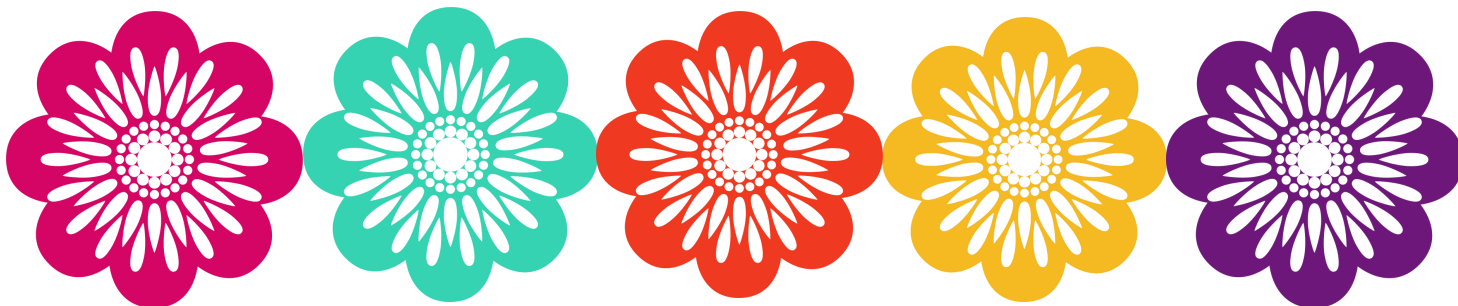




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## Directions:

1. First, fold your printed template found on the next page, if you are using one, down the middle (along the dotted line). Fold the tissue paper in half and assemble a 'book' with the template sheet as the cover (you can use four tissue papers at a time). To make sure your tissue paper doesn't slip, you can add a piece of masking tape to secure your template.
2. You're now ready to start cutting out your papel picado! Just like if you were making paper snow flakes, carefully cut out the shapes from the template. When you've finished cutting, remove the masking tape from the top, flatten out your book and remove the template cover. Repeat this process with another 4 sheets of tissue paper. Feel free to make as many as you want for a bigger garland!
3. Unroll as much of the masking tape to fit all of your papels and lay it out on a flat surface with the sticky side facing up. Carefully place the papels face down on the tape in alternate colors. The tops of the papels should only cover half of the width of the masking tape. Next, fold the tape over onto itself to secure your papels.
4. You have now made your very own papel picado garlands!



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