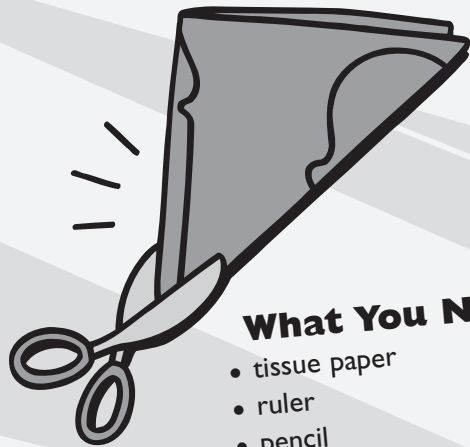




# Papel Picado

Papel Picado means “pierced paper” in Spanish. In Mexico, artists use special tools to **pierce** through many layers of paper at once. They design Papel Picado banners to **celebrate holidays**.



## What You Need

- tissue paper
- ruler
- pencil
- scissors
- 6-foot piece of string or yarn
- glue stick

**1** Use a pencil and ruler to **draw** a 12-inch by 12-inch square on a piece of tissue paper. **Cut** out the square.

**2** **Fold** the square in half to make a triangle. **Fold** it in half again and then one more time to make a smaller triangle.

**3** **Think** of symbols that stand for the holiday you are celebrating. For example, if your Papel Picado is for your **birthday**, you can use candles and balloons.

**4** **Draw** half of each symbol on the **folded edges** of your triangle. Leave space between each of your symbols.

**5** **Cut** out your symbols and **open** the tissue paper.



You can make a **banner** of four or five Papel Picado squares. First **cut** a piece of yarn or string about six feet long. Then **put** glue along the tops of the squares. **Fold** the top edges over the yarn. **Leave** an inch of space between each square. **Leave** about six inches at each end. Ask an adult to help you **hang up** your banner.

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