

# ART

Catalina Island Museum

WEEK TWENTY-ONE

## to go

### Make a Papel Picado

Next week, on Wednesday, May 5th, the museum is having a Cinco de Mayo Celebration. This week's project will help us decorate for the celebration. We are making a **papel picado**, which means "punched paper" or "pecked paper" and we hope you will bring your finished paper banner back to the museum to be displayed during the Cinco de Mayo event.

Papel picado is considered a Mexican folk art. The designs can be cut from as many as 40-50 colored tissue papers stacked together and then cut with a small mallet or chisels, creating as many as fifty banners at a time. The way we will be making them is by folding tissue paper and using small, sharp scissors - similar to how you would make a paper snowflake. Common themes include birds, flowers and skeletons. They are typically displayed for Easter, Christmas, the Day of the Dead, and even for weddings, quinceañeras and baptisms. In the streets of Mexico, papel picados are often strung together to create a banner that can either be hung across streets or displayed in the home.



**Supplies:** Paper is included. You'll also need scissors or a hole punch.

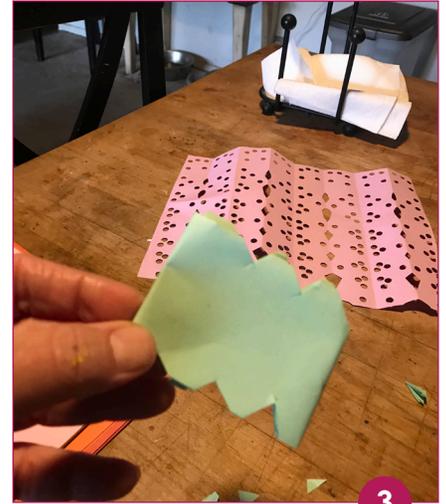
### Step by Step Instructions:



**Step 1:**  
Fold your paper in half.



**Step 2:**  
Then fold your paper in half again.



**Step 3:**  
Cut all types of shapes. Use a hole punch or any kind of die cutters to make interesting shapes.



#### Step 4:

Open up your banner piece to see if you like the patterns it is making. You can fold it in a different way and cut again to get a different pattern. Don't be afraid to experiment! There is no wrong way to make your Papel Picado.

**When your pieces are done, please bring them to the museum and we'll hang them up for our Cinco de Mayo Celebration at 6 pm on May 5th!**

#### RAFFLE PRIZE:

You could win this José Guadalupe Posada pillow!

Email a photo of your finished artwork to [info@catalinamuseum.org](mailto:info@catalinamuseum.org) or post a photo on social media for a chance to win this prize. Be sure to tag [@catalinamuseum](https://www.instagram.com/catalinamuseum) and use the hashtag [#arttogocatalina](https://www.instagram.com/htag/arttogocatalina)



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