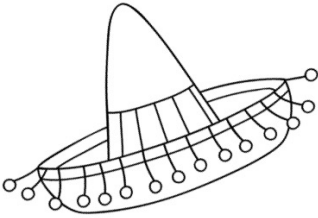


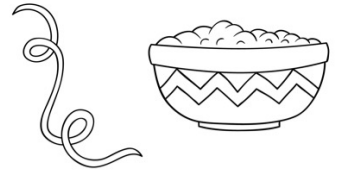
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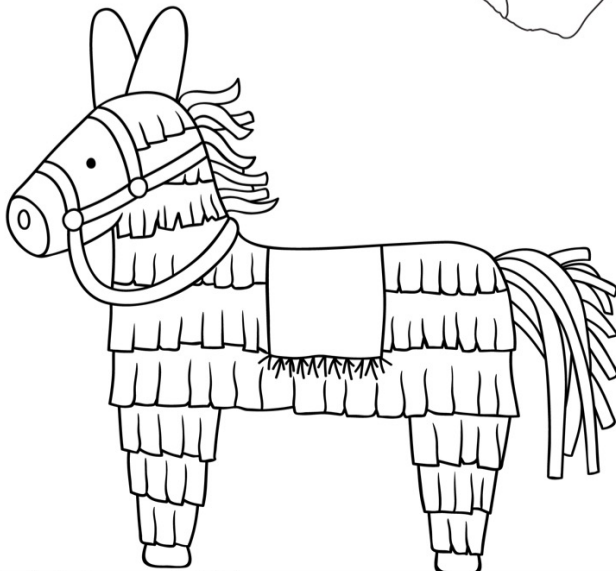


# Cinco de Mayo



What is Cinco de Mayo and why do we celebrate it?

Cinco de Mayo (5<sup>th</sup> of May) is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican Army's victory over France in 1862 in the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. It's a fairly minor holiday in Mexico, but in the United States it has developed into a large commemoration of Mexican heritage and culture.



This holiday is marked with parades, parties, mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing and traditional Mexican food, such as tacos and Mole Poblano. The largest celebrations are held in Chicago, Houston and Los Angeles.

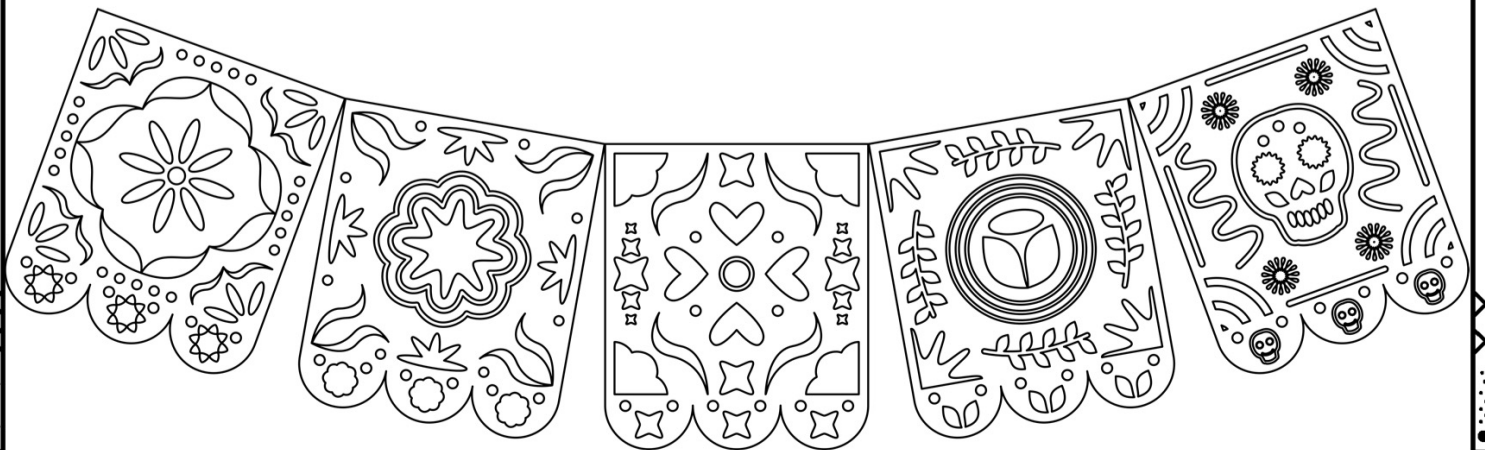


# Papel Picado



## What is Papel Picado?

Papel picado is Mexican Folk Art that is made by cutting elaborate designs onto sheets of tissue paper. Common themes are birds, florals or skeletons. In Mexico papel picado is hung for holidays like Easter, Christmas, Day of the Dead and Cinco de Mayo.



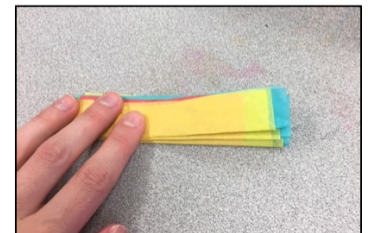


# Folded Paper Flowers



## Directions:

1. Cut tissue paper to be 5x5 inches
2. According fold the paper
3. Staple in the middle
4. Puff the paper layers up and out
5. You will be left with lovely tissue paper
6. flowers!



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