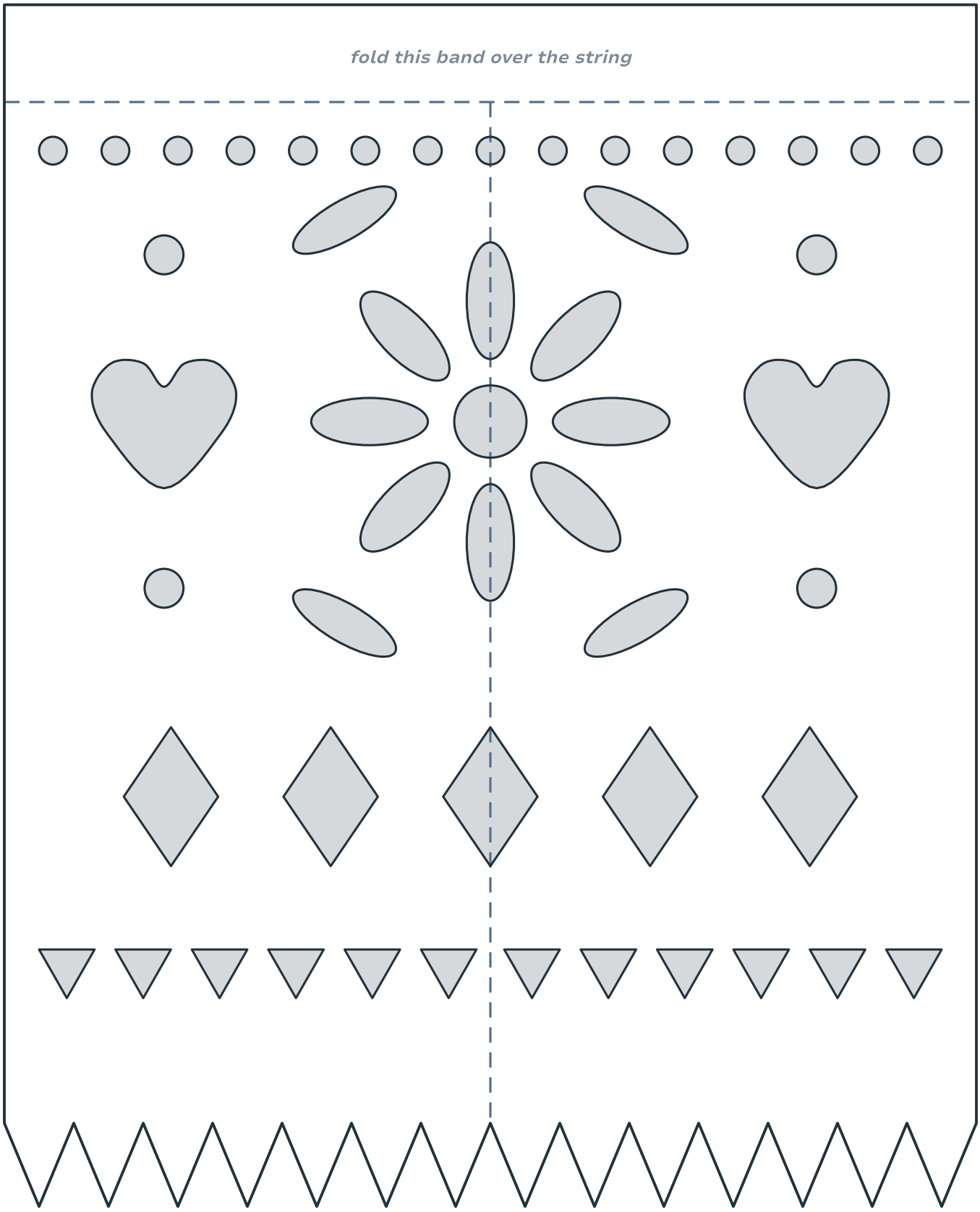
Papel picado banner

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Papel picado banner

Ages 8-12 | 25 min | Mess: Low | Copy paper, or tissue paper clipped over the printed template

You need

- Printed template
- Small sharp scissors
- String
- Glue stick or tape

Skills practiced

- Cutting shapes on a fold
- Planning symmetric designs

LESSON LINK

Papel picado ('punched paper') is a Mexican folk art. Artisans stack dozens of sheets of tissue paper and punch designs with a chisel, for Día de los Muertos and other celebrations.
Grades: 3-6
Ties to: Social studies: Mexican folk art and Día de los Muertos. Math: symmetry.

Source: Mexic-Arte Museum lesson, Arte Para Todos, https://mexic-artemuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Papel-Picado-Slideshow.pdf

Steps

1. Cut around the outside line, including the zigzag bottom.
2. Fold the top band back on its dashed line.
3. Fold the sheet in half on the center dashed line, printed side out.
4. Cut out the gray shapes through both layers. For shapes on the fold, cut half a shape from the folded edge. For the others, pinch the middle and snip to start.
5. Open it up. Make a few, then fold each top band over a string and glue it down.

Tip: Tissue paper is closest to the real thing. Fold it in half, clip it over the template, and cut through both.

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