

WORLD FOOD & MUSIC CELEBRATION **CULTURE KIT**

MEXICAN ARTESANÍA PAPER FLOWERS

Handcrafts are an important part of Mexico's national identity. They are made for utilitarian or folk-art purposes using indigenous and European techniques with vibrant colors and designs. Art is a daily part of life in Mexico. As a child I learned to make these beautiful and colorful flowers. I made them as a gift for someone or to put them on my hair. These are the basic instructions, but you can play with different sizes, colors and papers.

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MATERIALS NEEDED FOR ONE FLOWER:

- 1 piece of tissue paper per participant, any color
- 1 pipe cleaner

Note: Each kit includes enough supplies to make 3 flowers.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut tissue paper into three pieces, each 23" x 6" size.
2. Stack the 3 pieces of paper, one on top of the next.
3. Accordion fold the stack of tissue like a paper fan. Start at one end of the papers. Fold a one-inch crease and follow that by another one-inch crease in the opposite direction. Repeat this until the entire paper is folded.
4. Wrap a pipe cleaner around the center and twist it tightly.
5. Fan out the paper. Gently pull each layer upwards to the center of the tied pipe cleaner. Scrunch the tissue as you go.

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