Papel Picado, or punched tissue paper, is a form of Mexican folk art made for many different celebrations including Día de los Muertos. Papel Picado artisans usually stack forty or fifty pieces of tissue paper together and punch out designs using a hammer and fierritos, or chisels. Banderitas, or banners, of papel picado are hung to decorate homes, ofrendas, and marketplaces.

Materials Needed:
- Colorful tissue paper, approximately 6” x 6”
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Tape
- String or yarn

Instructions:
1. Fold your piece of tissue paper in half, and then fold in half again.

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Instructions (cont’d):

2. Cut small shapes from your tissue paper. You can use a pencil to draw your shapes prior to cutting if you want.

3. Unfold your paper.

4. Fold one side of your paper down approximately ¼” – ½”.

5. Place a piece of string or yarn under the fold and use tape to secure your paper. You can make a banner by using a long piece of string and adding several pieces of papel picado.

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