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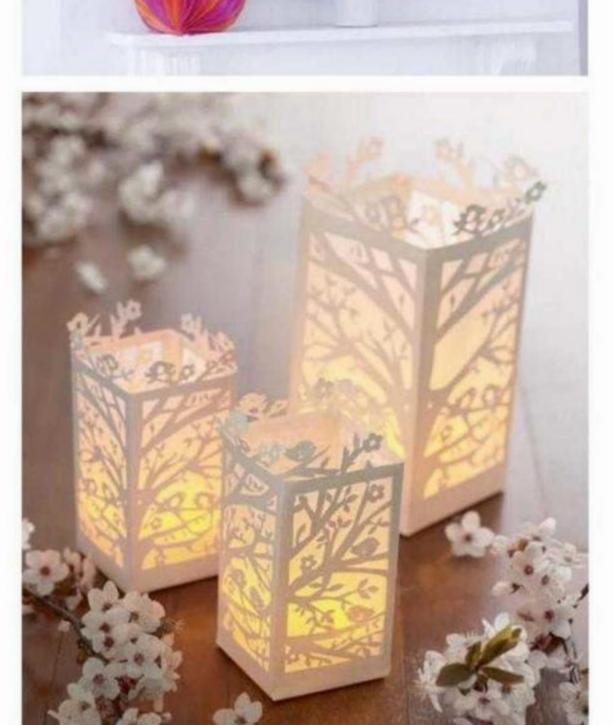
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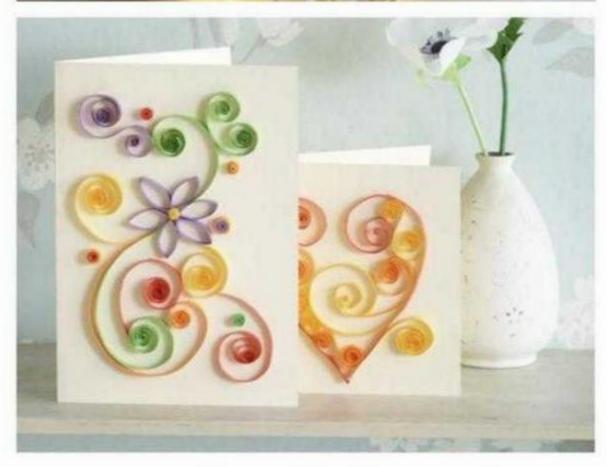


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# Basic equipment

One of the great things about making crafts from paper is you don't need lots of expensive equipment. We'll list everything you'll need for each project individually, but the basics covered on this page are used regularly throughout the book, so they are a good investment.













Cards and gift wrap

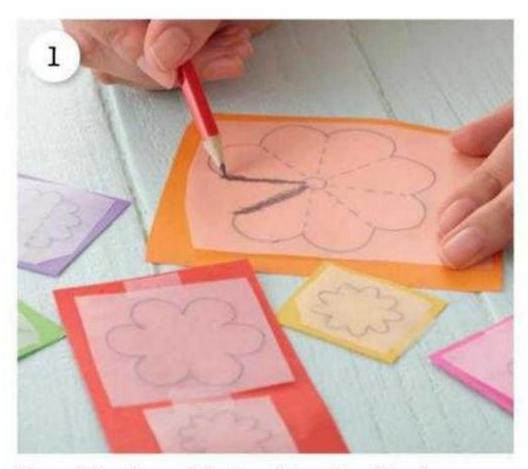




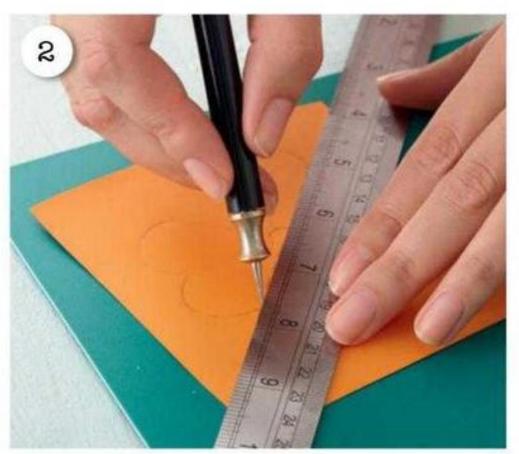
# Pop-up bouquet

This cheerful and personal card will bring a smile to anyone's face. It's ideal to send someone special on a birthday or anniversary, as well as being suitable as a get well soon or congratulations card.





Trace all the pieces of the template and position them image side down on the coloured card. Rub over the pattern with a pencil to transfer the image onto the card.



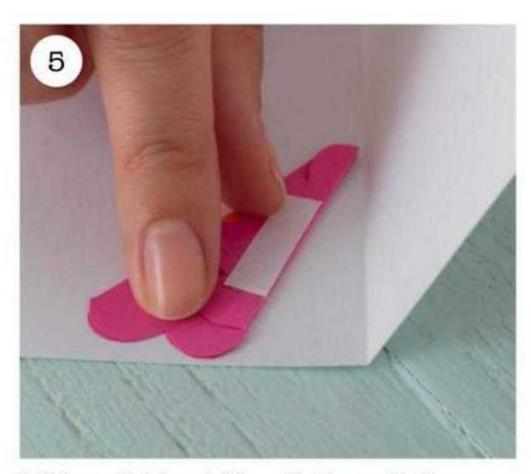
Carefully score along any dotted lines and cut out any solid lines with scissors or a scalpel. Repeat this until you've cut and scored all the pieces of the template.



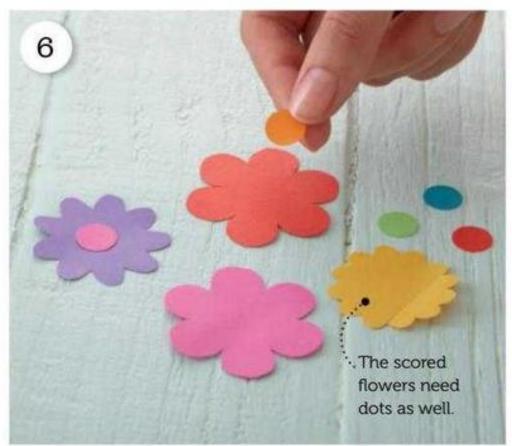
The four central flowers that need to be assembled are made in pairs. Fold along the score marks and overlap the first and seventh petals to make a cone shape, using tape to secure. Fold in half as shown on the orange flower.



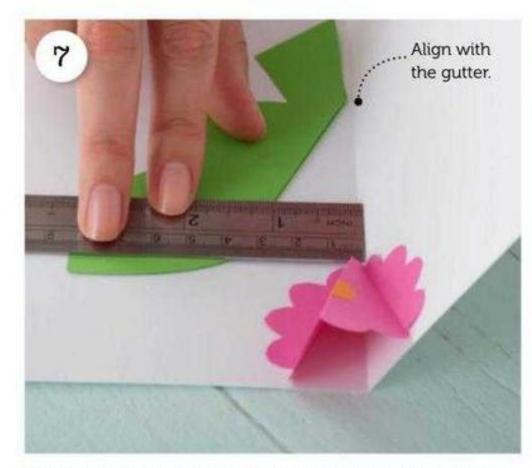
Stick double-sided tape to two petals and attach a different coloured flower, leaving one petal unattached at either end. You should end up with a shape that is four petals wide and only attached at the middle two petals.



Fold the small pink central flower that is scored in three places and stick one side on the card at the angle pictured above. Peel the backing off the tape on the top edge and fold the card in half so the other half sticks in the right position.



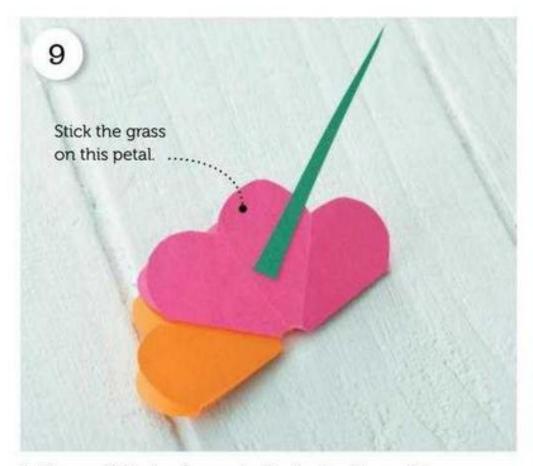
Using the double-sided tape or a little glue, stick a dot in the middle of the central flower so it sits on either side of the fold. Then stick coloured dots in the middle of all the remaining flowers.



Fold and position one side of the green leaf as shown. It's crucial that the point of the crease is in the gutter and the top edge is 4cm (1<sup>1</sup>/2in) from the gutter. Apply tape to the top and close the card so the other side sticks in the correct spot.



Stick the two flowers that have nine petals in position on either side of the central folded flower. Then stick the two large flowers that have six petals to the top edge of the green leaf – one on either side.



Add a small blade of grass to the back of two of the central flowers that you assembled in steps 3 and 4.



Position the central flowers into the crease in the middle as shown. There should only be tape on the bottom petal.



Stick the other half of the flower to the other side of the card, but this time add tape to just the top petal. Stick on the remaining central flowers in the same way.



Stick the two medium-sized flowers with score lines on either side of the fold. Then add the little red flower above them, and the little pink one below.





Finally, stick down the edge of the bouquet using double-sided tape. Line them up so the crease near the bottom lines up with card's gutter.

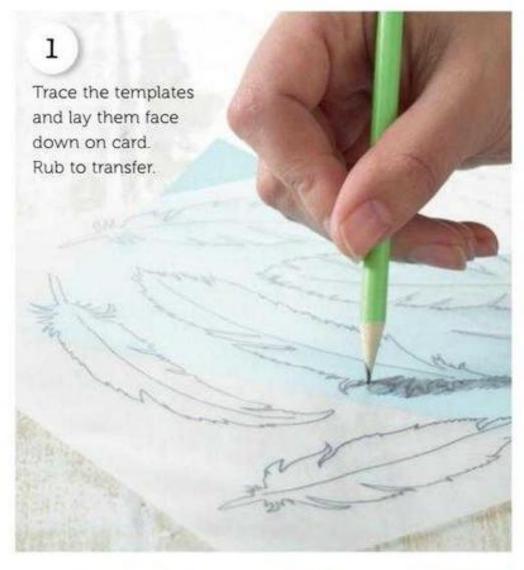


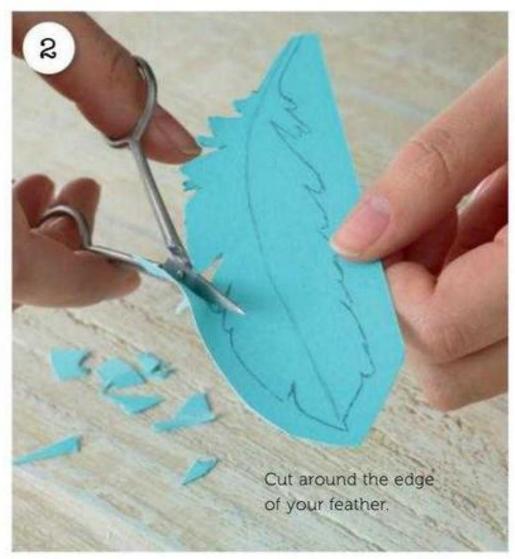
# Feather gift tag

Not only are these simple feather tags the perfect way to elevate your gifts, but they also make great little decorations or place cards for a dinner party.















### CARDS AND GIFT WEAP







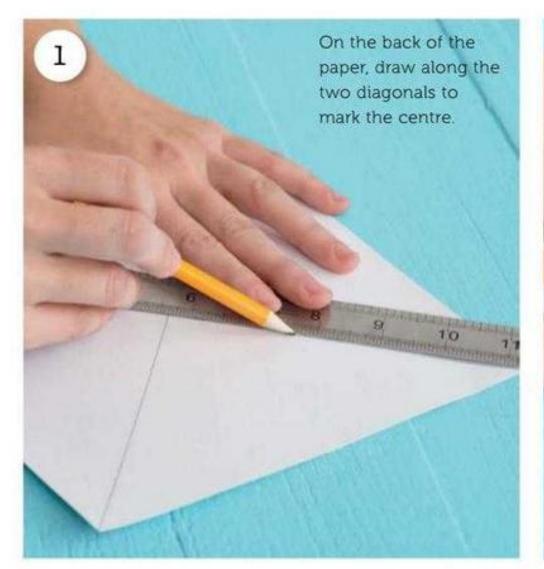


# DIY envelopes

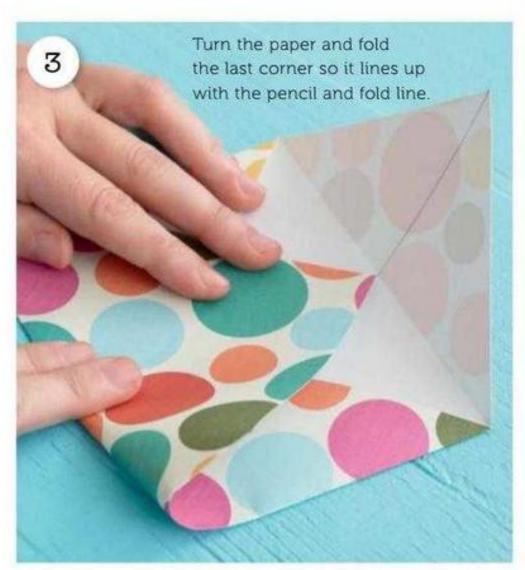
These little envelopes are the perfect complement to handmade cards, and can be sealed with a sticker, glue, or wax. Best of all, with a little practice they can be made in a flash.





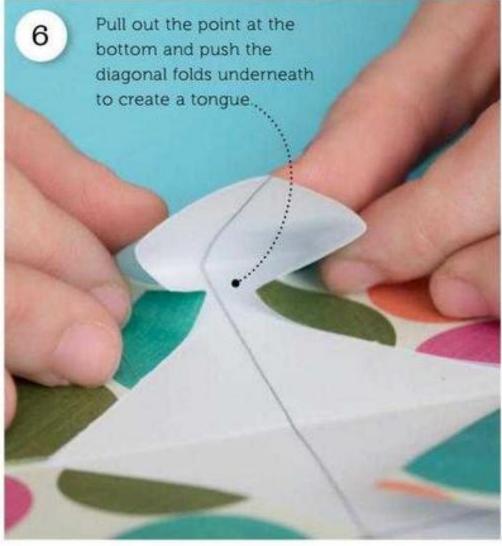


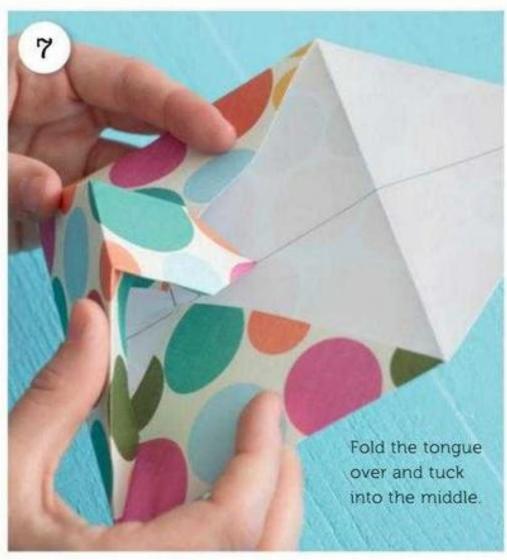
















# Mini gift box

This little box is easy to make and provides a fun, sturdy wrapping solution for all kinds of small gifts. Experiment with different paper colours and weights that will suit your gift.





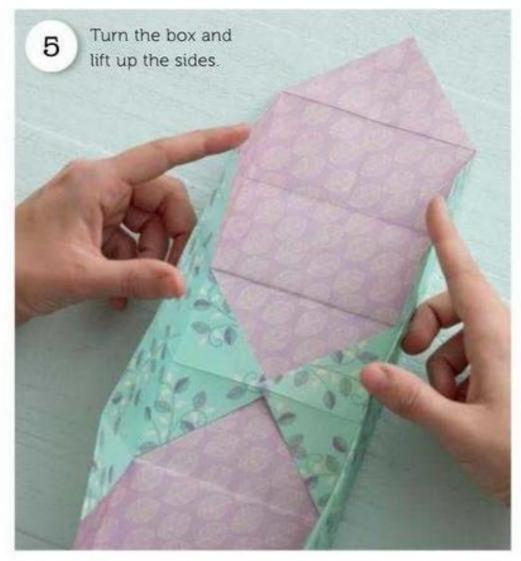


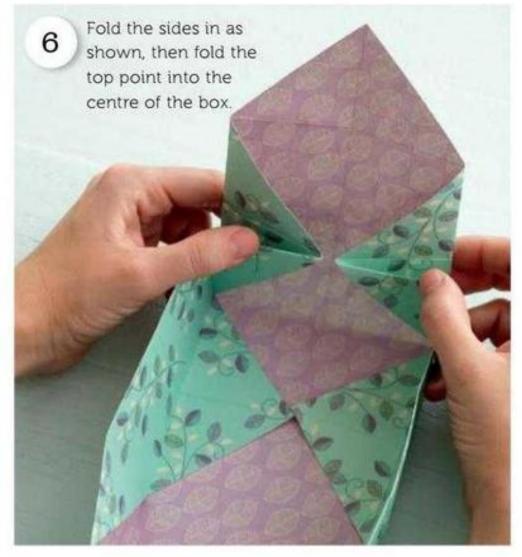


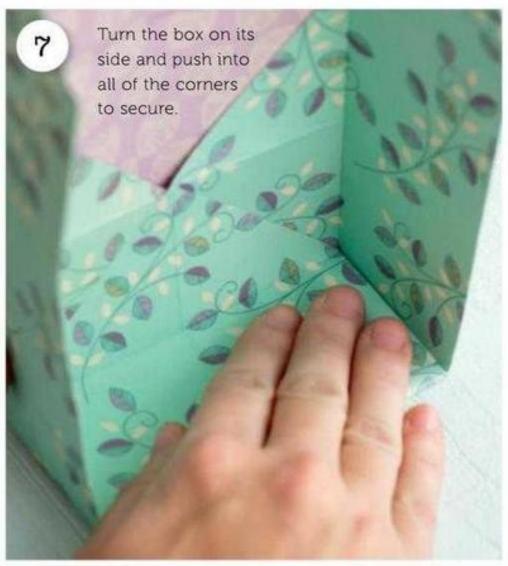


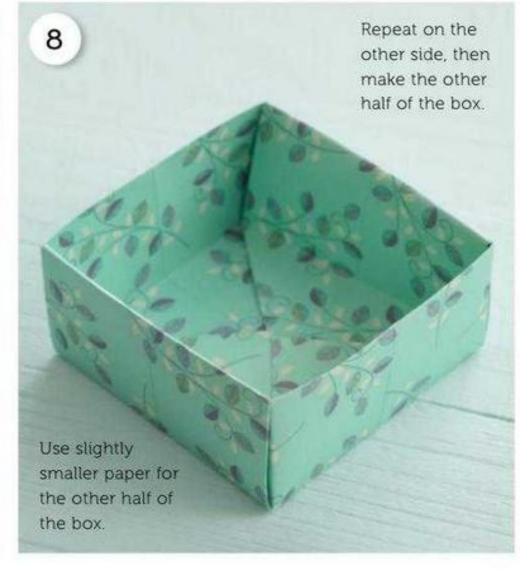










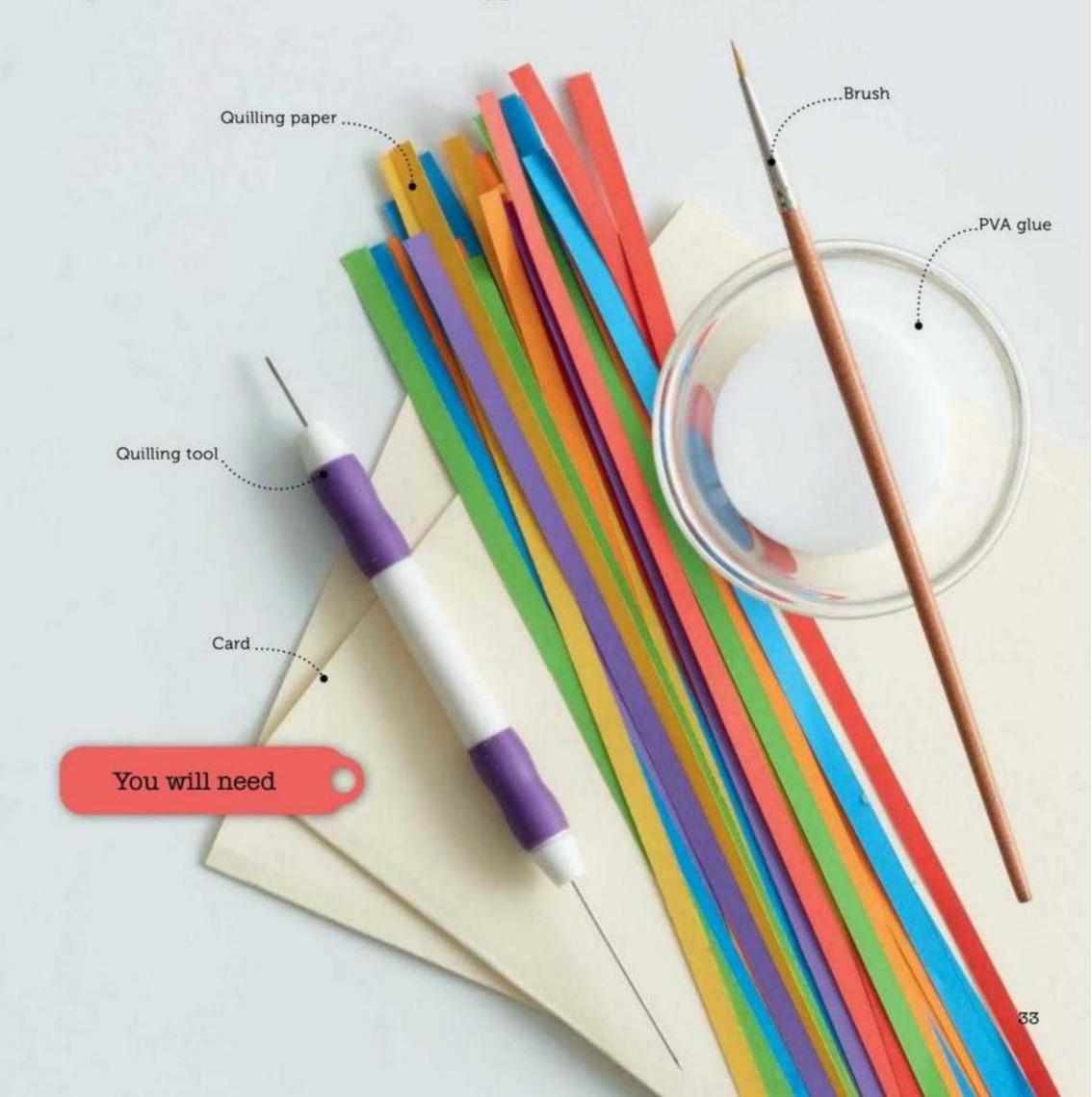


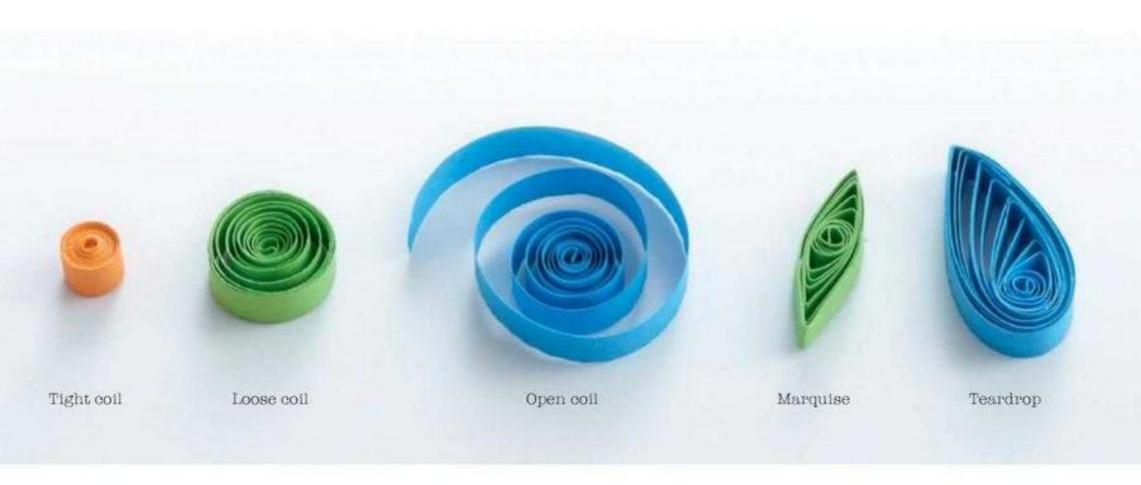


# Quilled card

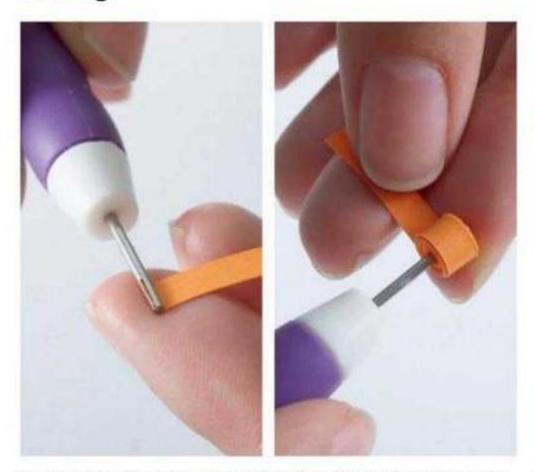
Quilling is easier than it looks, even if it seems intimidating at first.

Once you can make the basic shapes, it's just a matter of gluing them in place on the card to make interesting patterns.



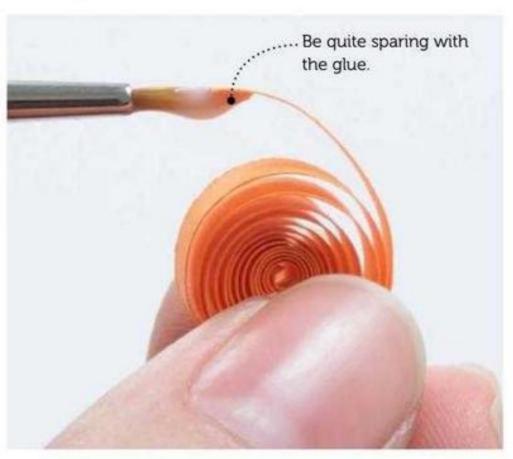


### Coiling



To make a coil, place your paper into the quilling tool so no paper emerges from the other side. Wind the paper around the tool, using your finger to ensure the coil is flat. You can make different shapes by adjusting how tight the coil is.

### Gluing



Use a small brush or toothpick to add glue to keep a coil's shape. If you want to make a loose coil, allow the paper to unravel before applying the glue. For an open coil, let it unravel and don't apply any glue at all.

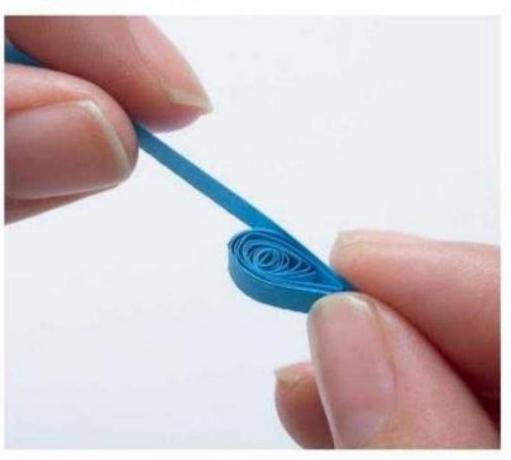


### Shaping



Most quilled shapes are created by making adjustments to the basic coils. For example, to make a marquise you simply create a loose coil and pinch it on either end. To make a teardrop, you do the same but only pinch one end.

### Experimenting



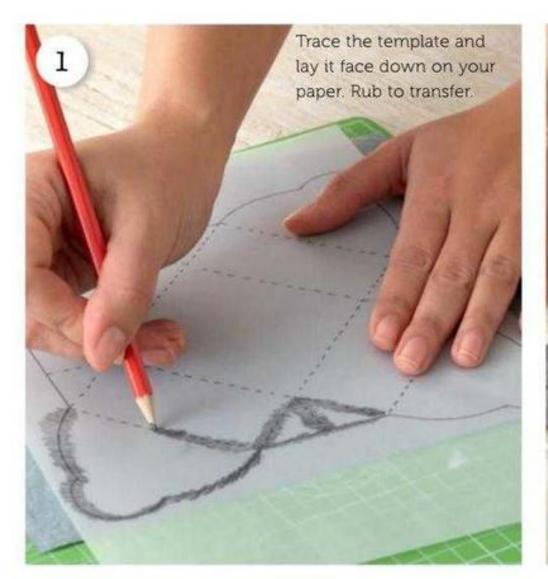
Experiment to create the other shapes. For example, a heart is made by folding a strip of paper in half and winding each end toward the centre, and a V scroll is made by doing the same but winding it away from the centre.

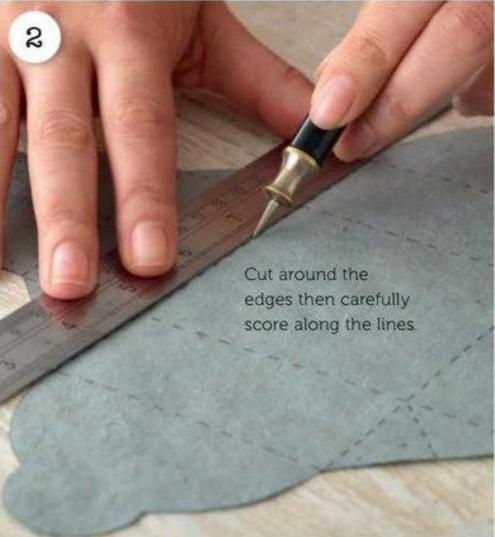


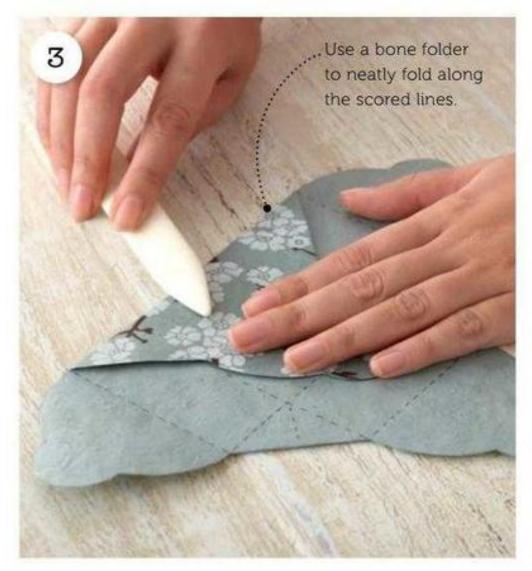
# Takeaway gift box





















# Gifts to give



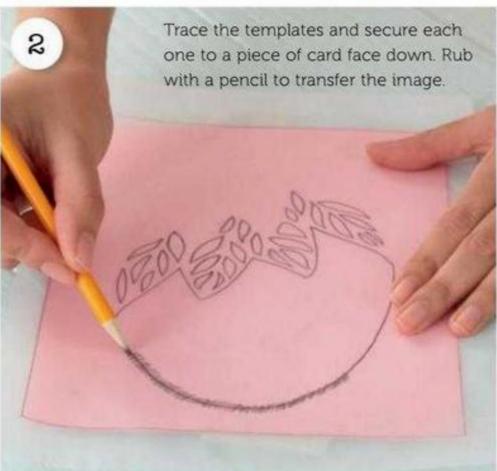


#### Layered papercut

A framed papercut will look great on a wall or side table. Their best feature is their versatility – once you've mastered the basic technique, get creative and come up with your own designs.



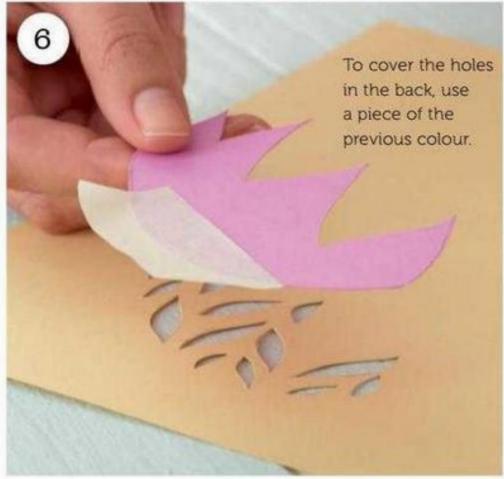
















To vary the papercut, design your own template using different flower shapes. Alternatively, you can remove the foam pads to create a flat design.



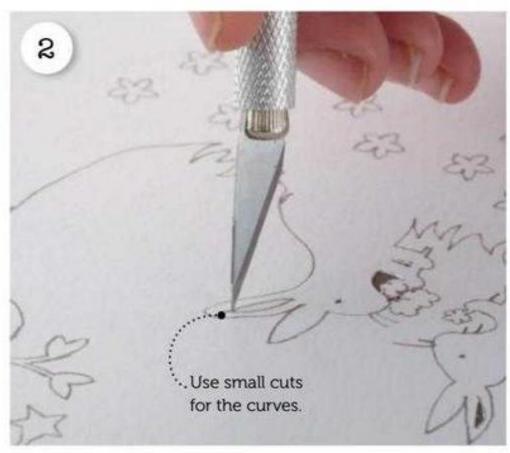
#### Nursery papercut

This charming papercut is deceptively simple to put together, and will make a lovely decoration for a nursery or young child's bedroom. It's easily adaptable, so tailor your papercut's subject and size to whatever you wish.





Using a pencil, transfer the template to tracing paper and turn it over. Lay it on top of your card and rub over the tracing with pencil to transfer the image onto the card.



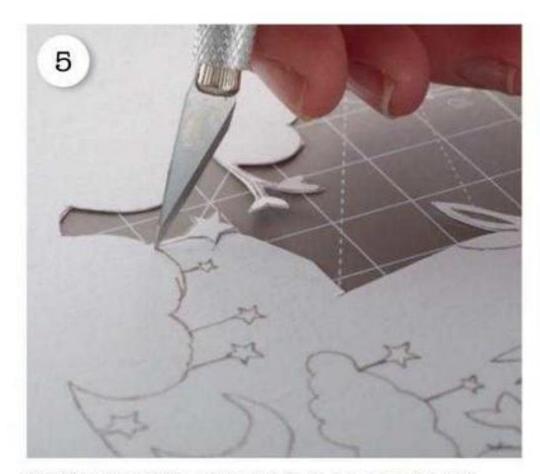
Using a fresh blade, carefully start cutting the smaller, fiddly areas of the picture such as the eyes, arms, and the inside of the ears.



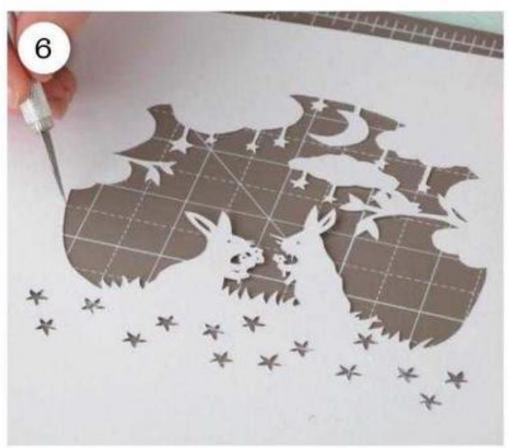
Working in a clockwise direction, cut one side of each petal at the bottom towards the centre of each flower. Then cut the other side of each petal working in the other direction.



Turn the image upside down and cut out the grass. When this is complete, carefully cut away the remaining paper between the rabbits.



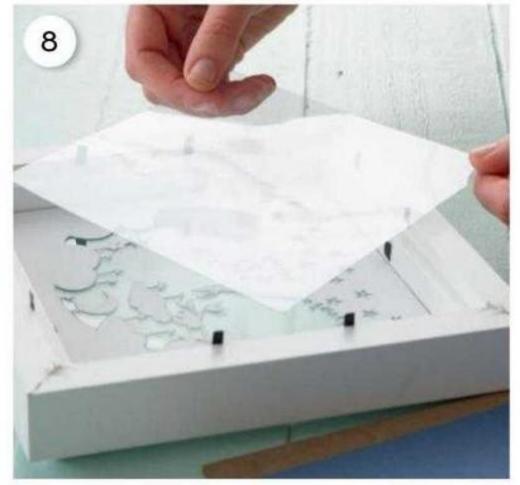
Working around the edges, begin to cut away the rest of the image. Take your time, especially with smaller areas such as the stars and leaves.



Once you have finished cutting all of the image away, flip the card over and go back over any snagged areas to tidy them up.



Measure the size of the glass in your frame and cut the image, acetate, and background card to this size. Use the glass to ensure the image is central to the markings.



Place the glass and image in the frame, followed by the acetate. Add the frame insert and lay the background card on top before affixing the back of the frame in place.



#### Papercut locket

With a little creativity, patience, and a very steady hand, you can adapt the same technique used for the nursery papercut to make something small enough to fit in a locket or a keyring.





Almost any simple shape will work, but as the papercut needs to be small, choose something without too much detail or it will be very hard to cut neatly.

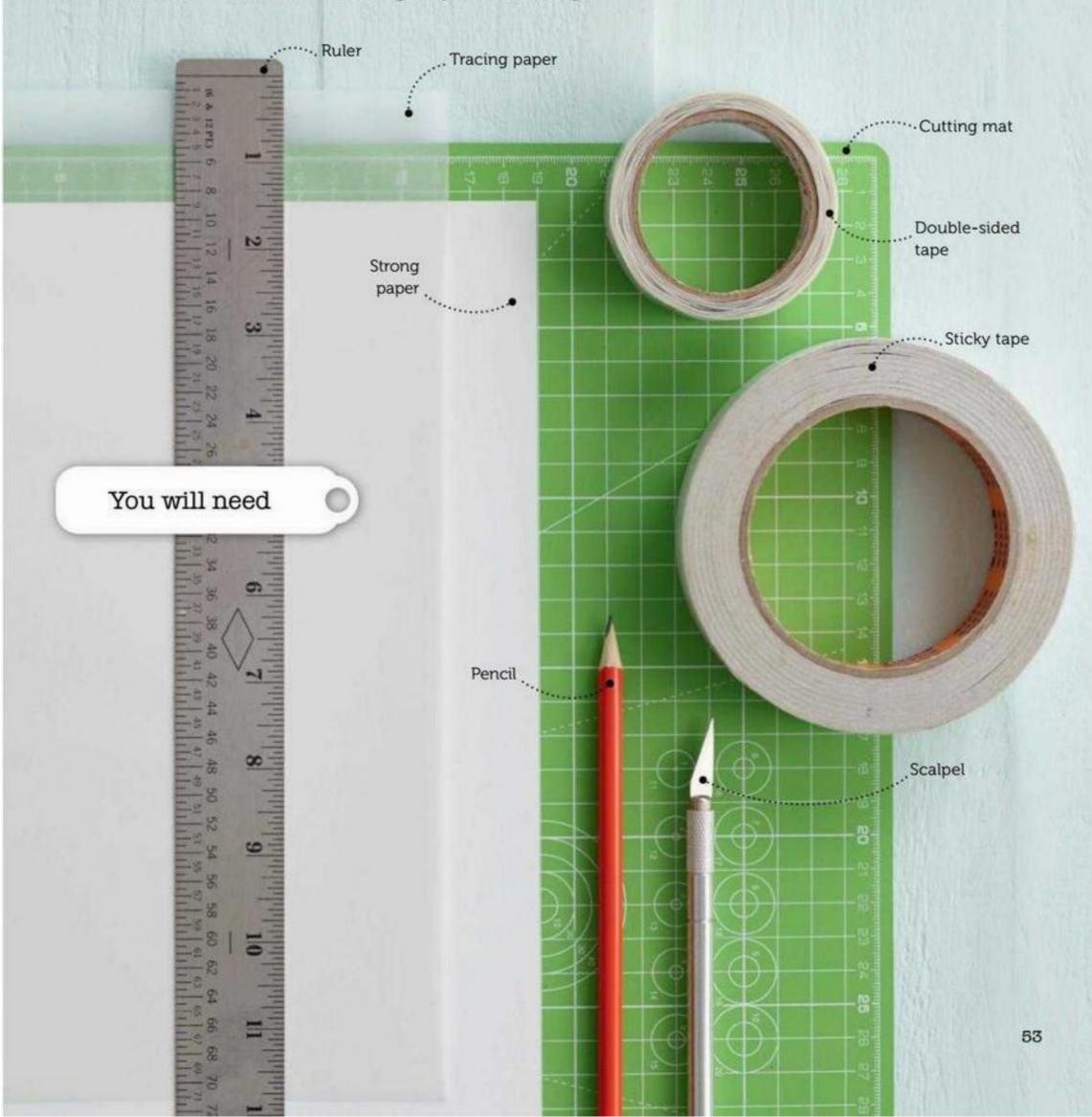






### Papercut lantern

These stylish hand-cut lanterns will produce a lovely gentle glow and will look great on any mantelpiece. They also make perfect table decorations for a dinner party or wedding.

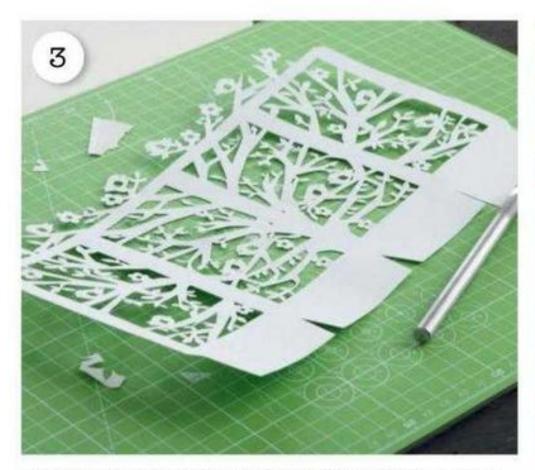




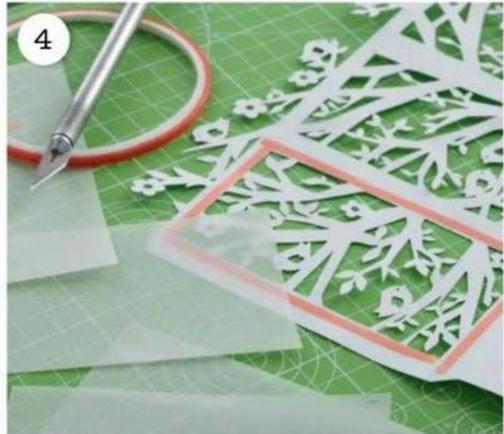
Prepare your template and begin to cut away the inside of one of the four panels. Make sure you keep the template right-side up during the whole cutting process.



Once you've finished cutting the inside of the first panel, cut out the pattern above it. Repeat this process, going from one side of the template to the other.

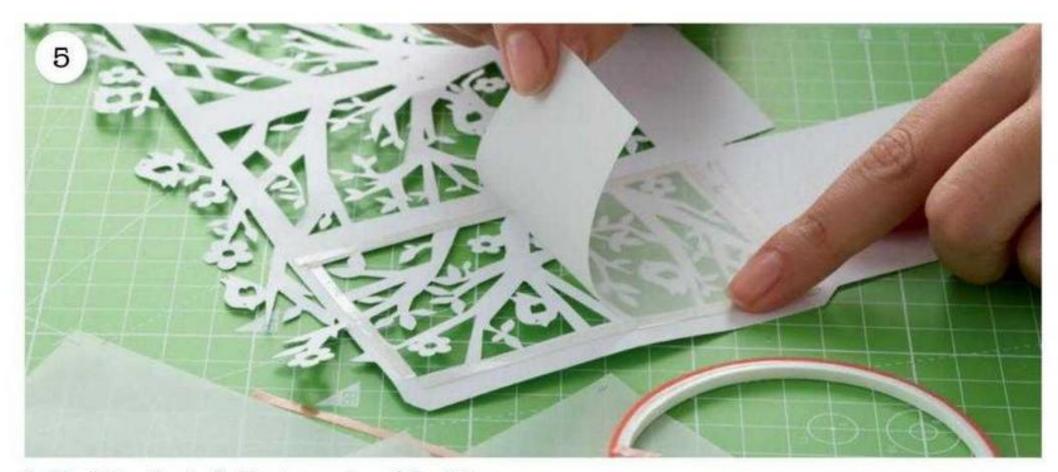


Continue until all of the excess paper has been cut away. You may need to change your blade several times to avoid creating frayed edges.



Apply thin double-sided tape to the edges of the panels.

Before peeling off the second side, measure and cut four tracing paper rectangles the same size as the tape's border.



Peel back the other half of the tape and carefully stick the tracing paper on top. Repeat this process until the tracing paper covers all four panels.



Fold all of the flaps and side lines, making sure that there's a stiff crease on all the edges. This will ensure that the lantern will stand up straight when finished.



Glue or tape all of the flaps in place, holding them in position for a short while to make sure they stick properly. To finish, add a flameless candle or fairy lights.



# Decorations









Honeycomb pom-pom

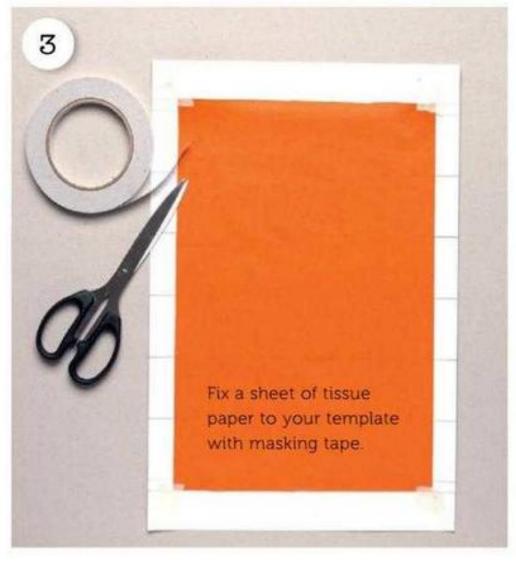
These appealing pom-poms can liven up any room, and are perfect for a party, wedding, or just as decorations for a room. They work well in both bright and pastel colours.

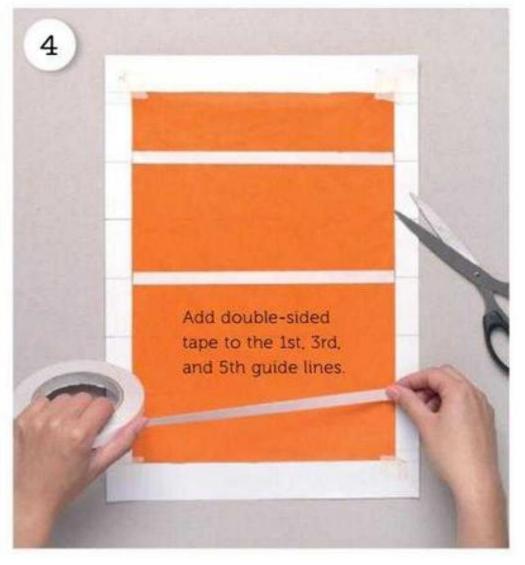




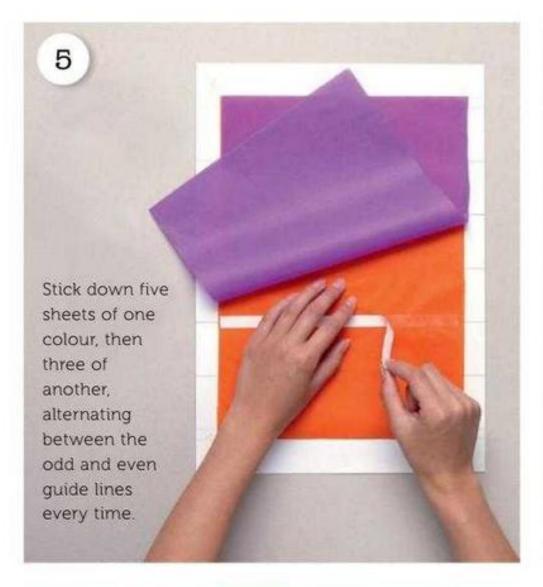


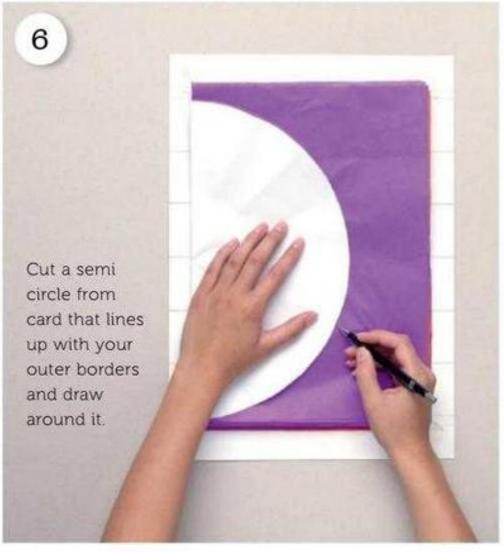




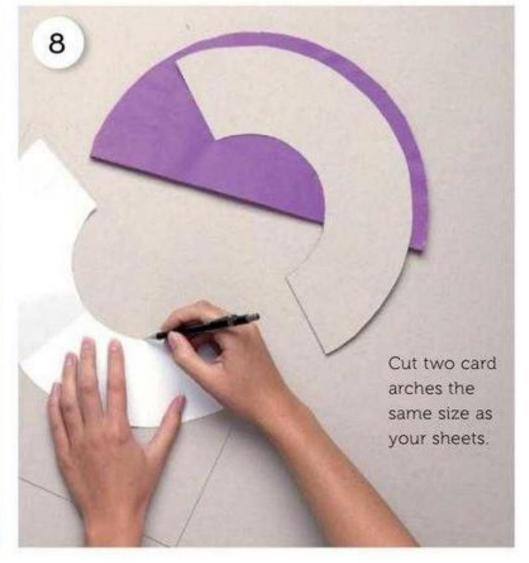






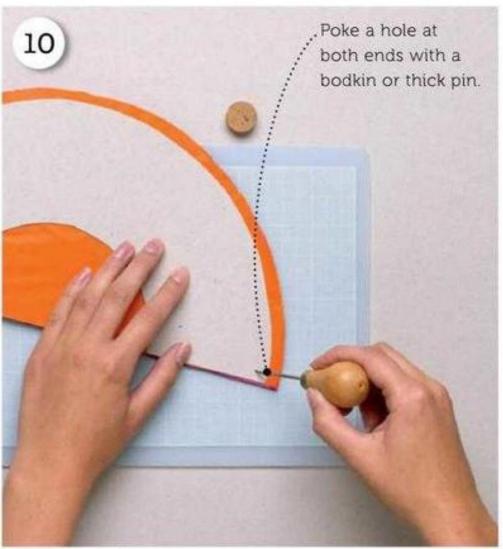




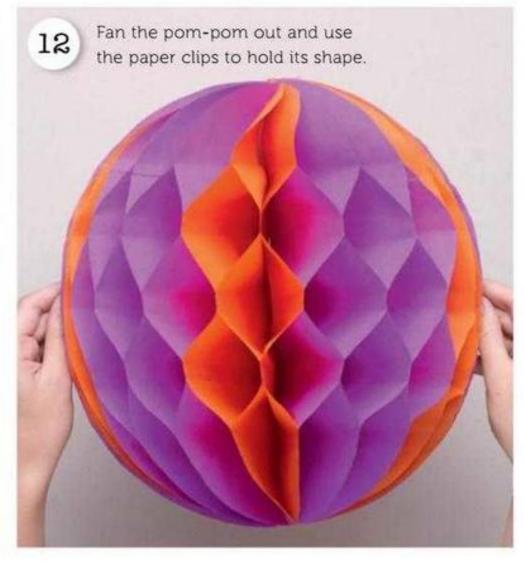














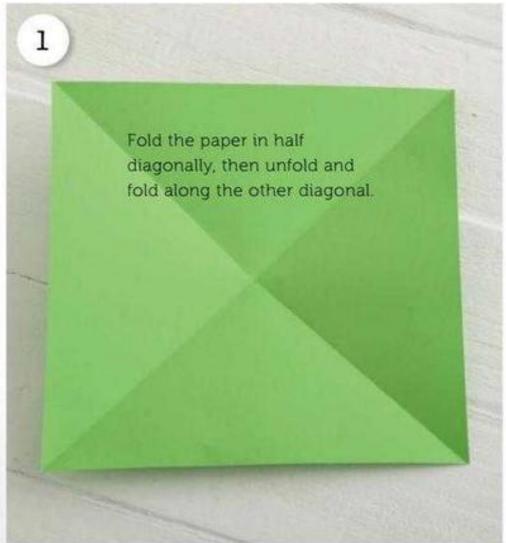


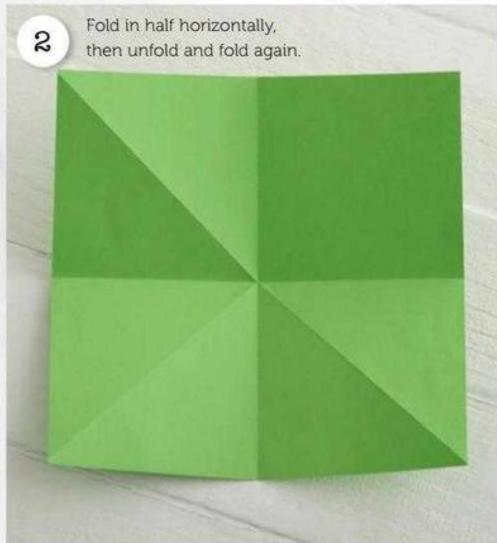


# Origami fairy lights

Whether the holiday season is right around the corner or you're just looking to brighten up a room, these fairy lights will do the trick. Depending how strong your LED lights are, you may need to experiment with a variety of paper opacity to get the right look.



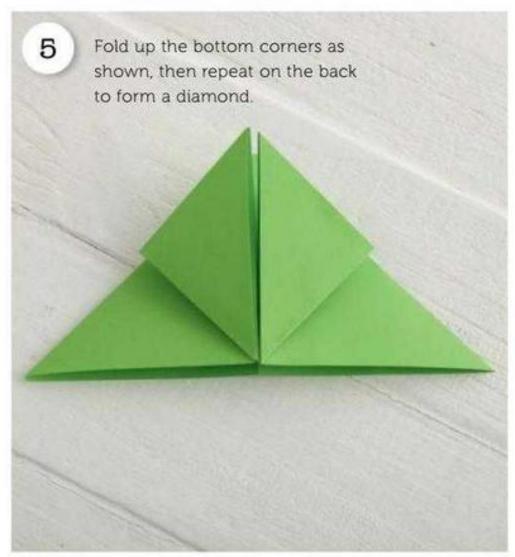


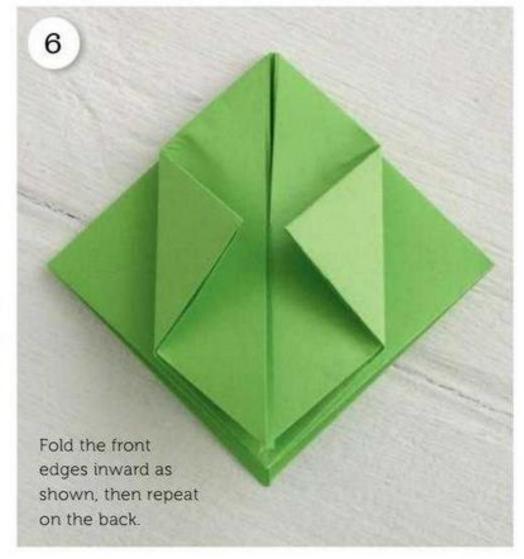




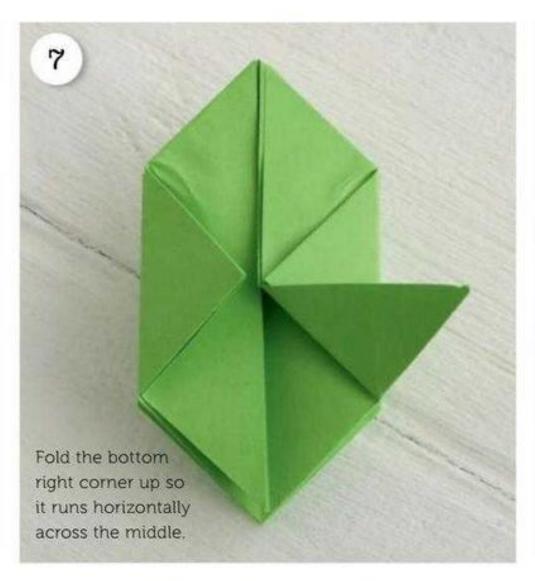


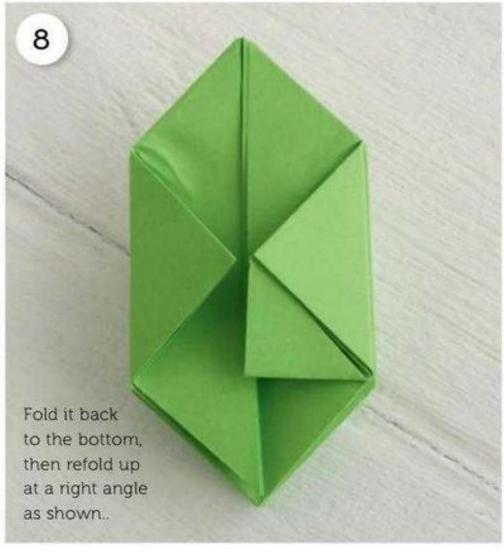










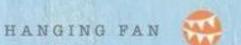










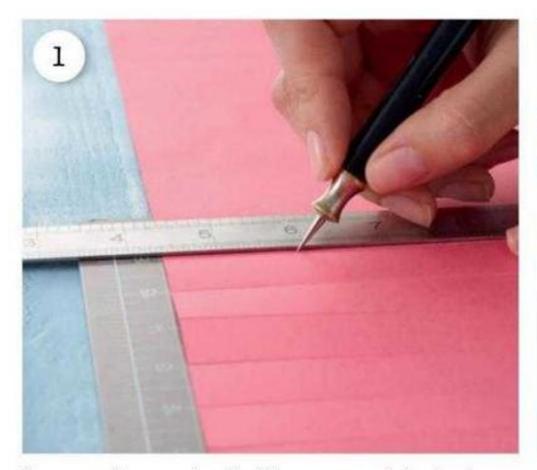


#### Hanging fan

These bright, bold fans can take a while to put together, but the results are stunning. By making several in a variety of colours and sizes you'll be able to create a striking wall display.



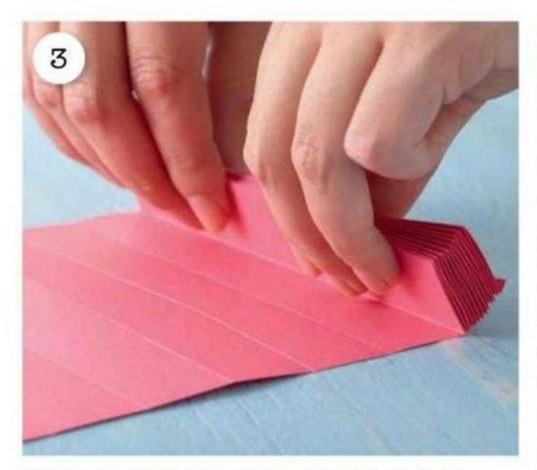




Score equally-spaced vertical lines on several sheets of paper. The more sheets you use and the wider the lines, the bigger the fan will be. Use the guides on your cutting mat to make sure the lines are straight.



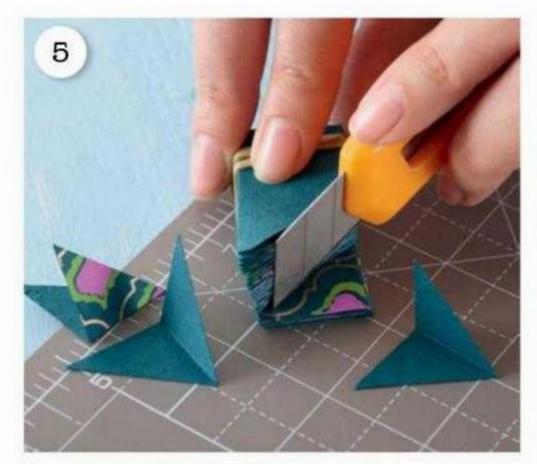
Apply PVA glue to the bottom segment of one of the sheets of paper. Stick the top segment of another sheet of paper on top so they overlap. Allow to dry and then repeat with the other sheets (minimum of two).



Fold the papers along the scored creases to create an accordion effect.



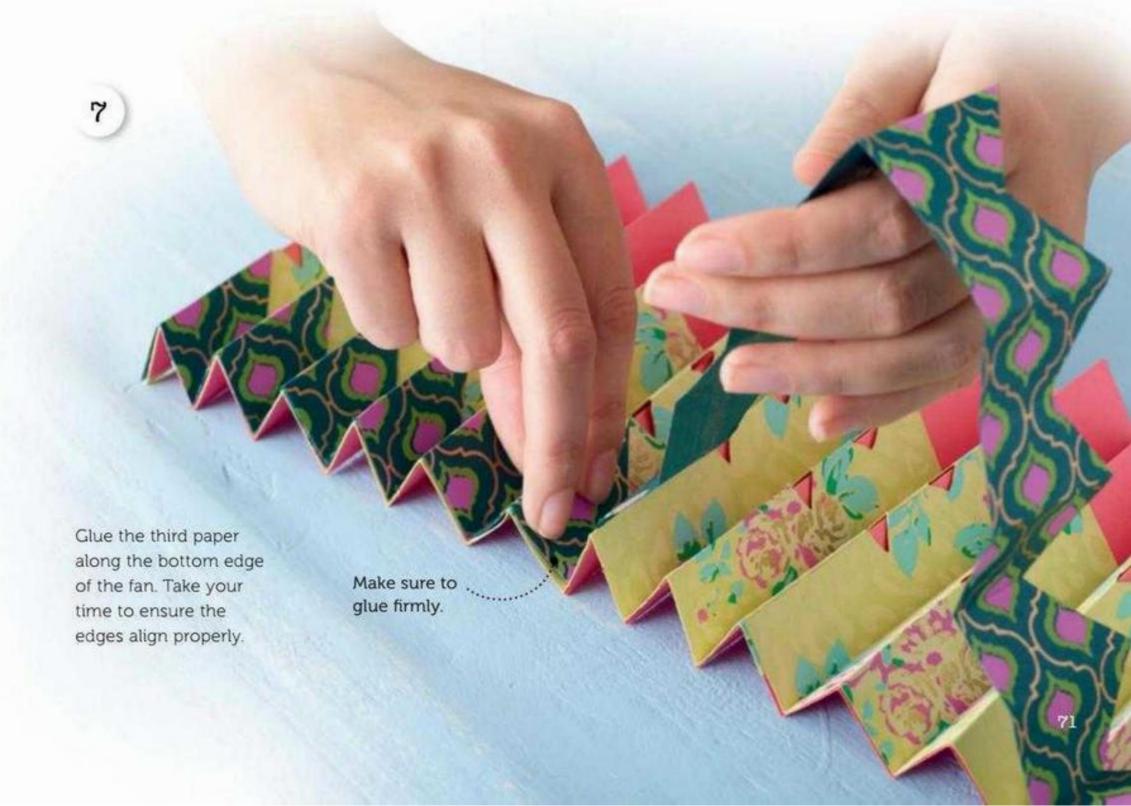
Repeat this process with slimmer sheets of paper of a different colour. When done, lay them flat and cut shapes into the folds to add detail.



Repeat again with another thinner paper. However, instead of cutting a design in the folds, slice the ends off diagonally.



Use a glue stick to attach the second paper to the first and allow to dry. Then apply glue to the bottom of the third.







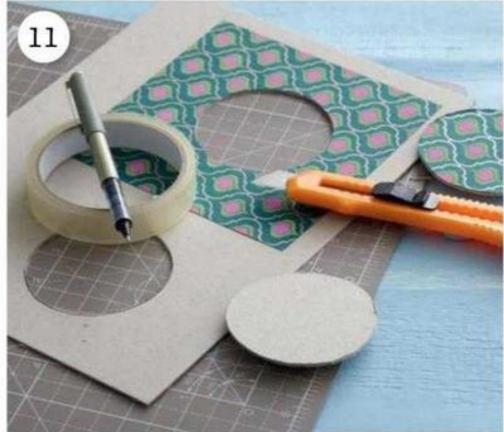
Apply PVA glue to one of the ends, then bring the two sides of the accordion together to form a large circle.



Lay the fan on greaseproof paper and use a hot glue gun to create a pool of glue in the centre.



Using both hands, carefully squeeze the fan inward so the centre moves toward the glue and shrinks. Hold in place until the glue sets then peel away the greaseproof paper.



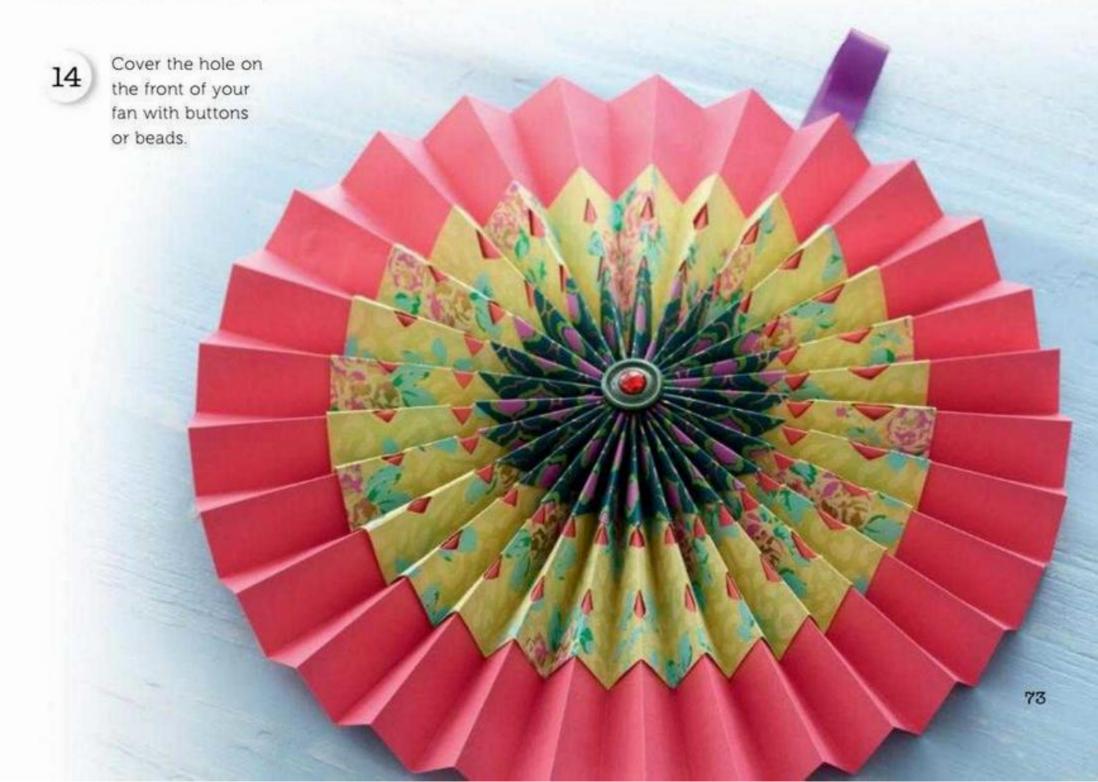
Use the inside ring of a roll of sticky tape to mark two discs from card. One should be plain, and the other one should have coloured paper stuck to it. Neatly cut out the discs.



Turn the fan on its back and stick the plain disc to the centre with hot glue. Fold a ribbon in half, place the opposite ends on top, then stick the second disc on top with more hot glue.



Lay the folded ribbon between one of the fan's folds, then secure in place with a strip of paper and some PVA glue.









## Hanging garlands

Garlands are a simple but effective decoration for any party or celebration. You can use coloured papers that match your theme, but they can also be made from pretty scraps.





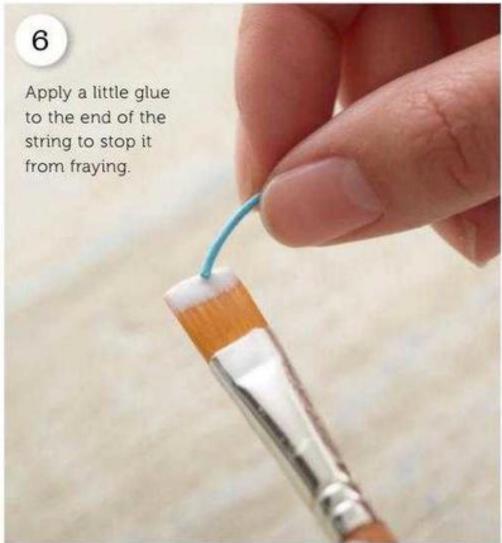


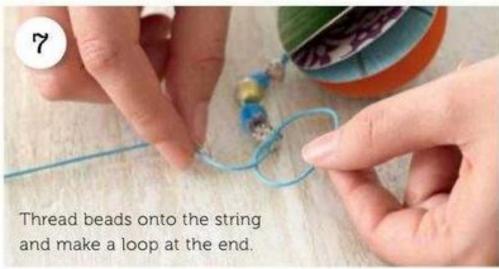




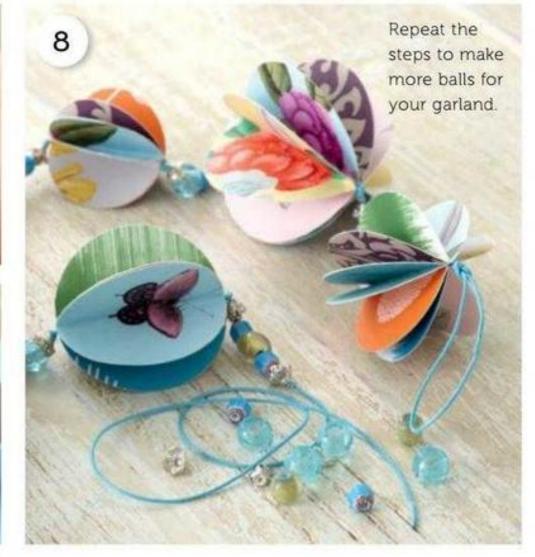














# Kids' crafts





## Origami bird

These cute little birds are easy to put together and make great decorations. You can also put paper leaves in their beaks and use them as place holders at a dinner party.



#### KIDS' CRAFTS





















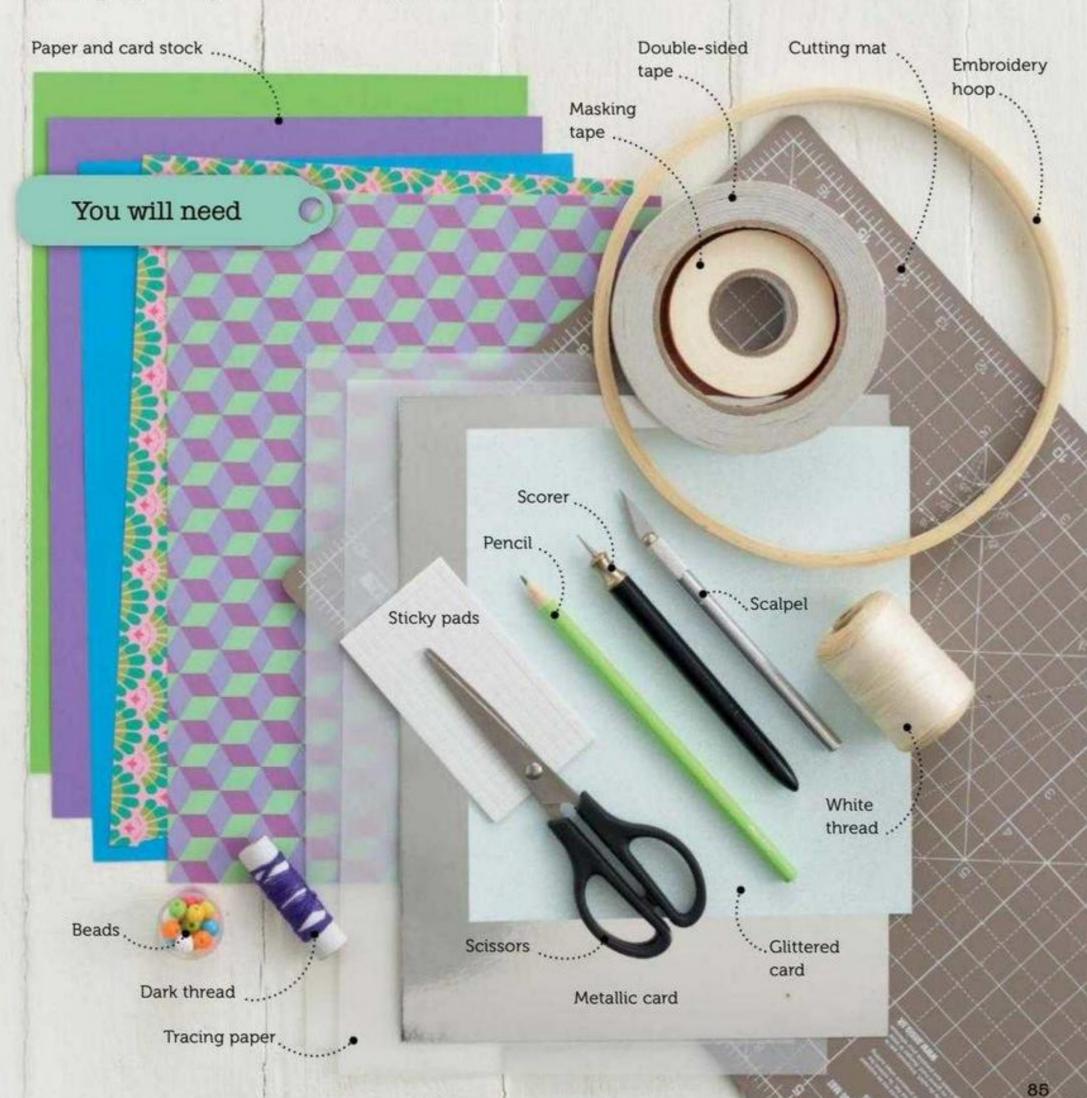






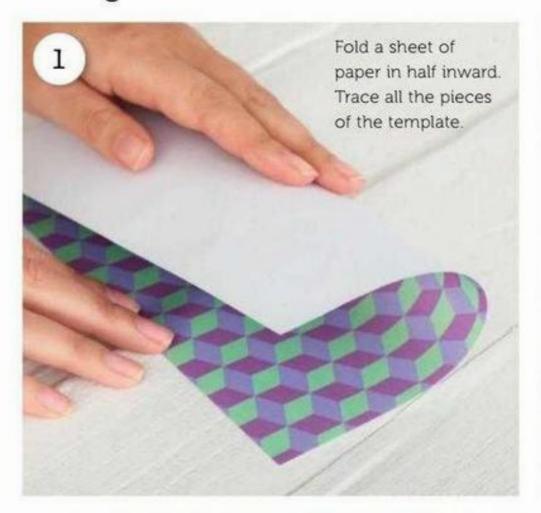
#### Owl mobile

This cheerful mobile is the perfect decoration to hang above a child's bed. The basic design is fairly easy to adapt, so it's a great project to personalise and give as a gift.





#### Making the owls





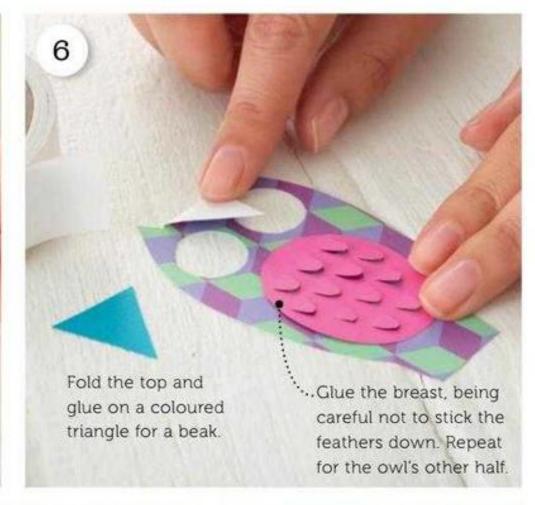


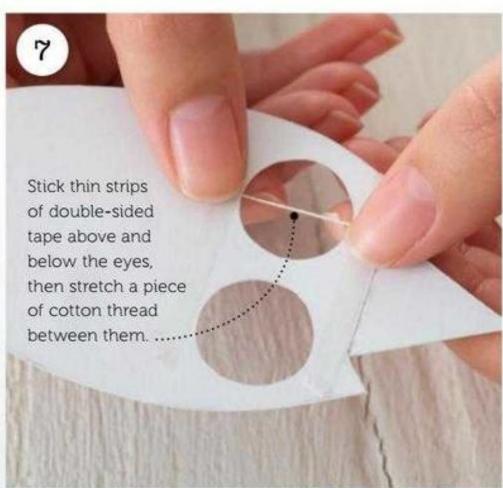


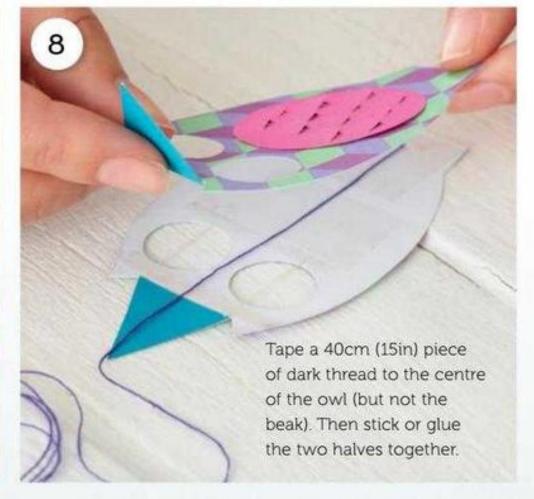








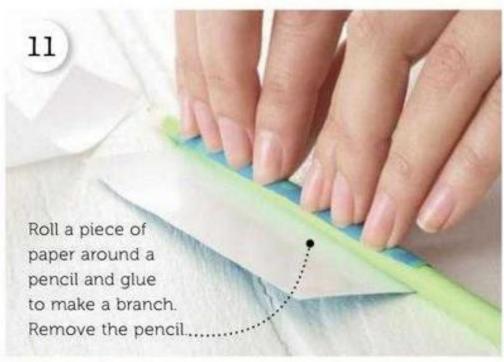








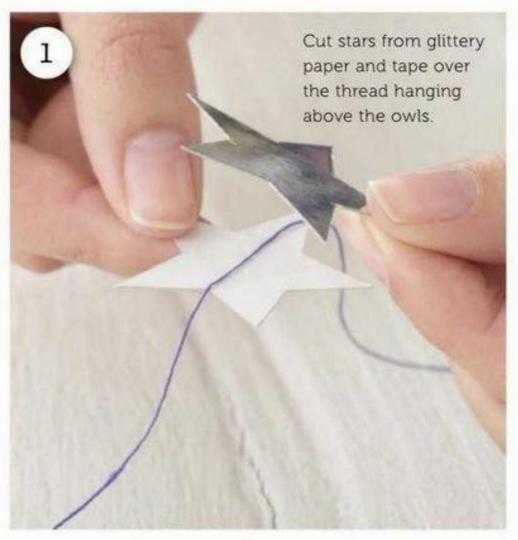








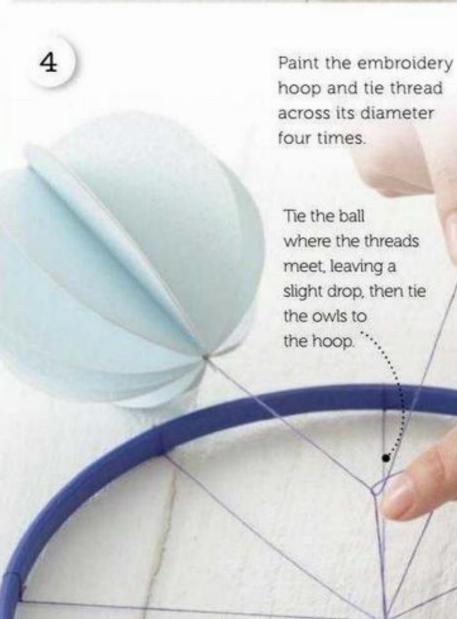
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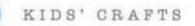








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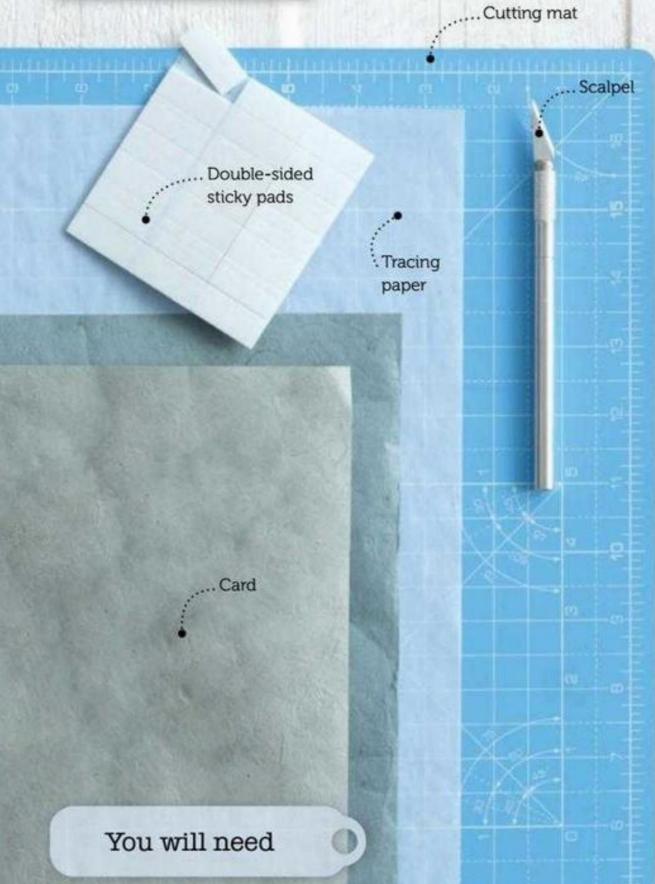






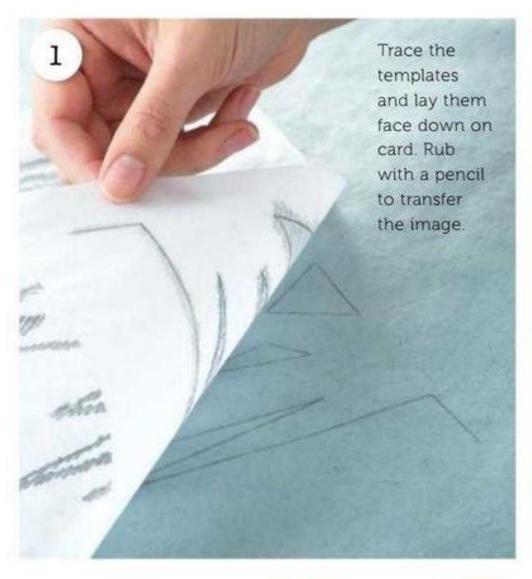
## Party crown

Fun and diverse, paper crowns can be made to suit any dressing up costume or party theme. Try adapting the basic template to create your own designs.

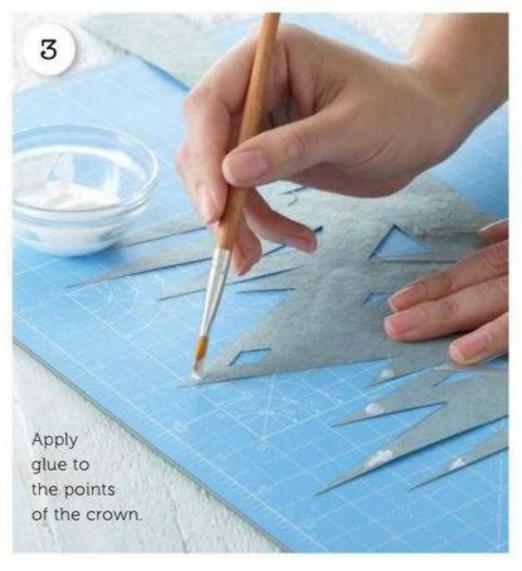










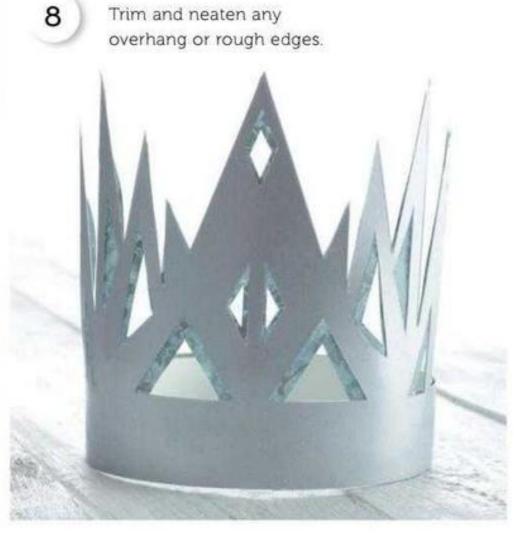














# Flowers

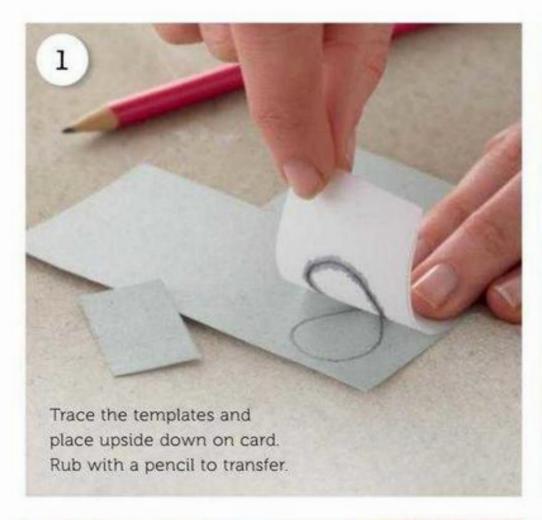




## Cherry blossom

Though most popular in Japan, cherry blossoms are a symbol of renewal and growth the world over. This gorgeous paper version will make you feel like spring is always just around the corner.

























### Daffodil

These bright and cheerful daffodils are simple to make and will last a lot longer than the real thing. With their natural looking yellow petals, you can imagine it's spring all-year long!



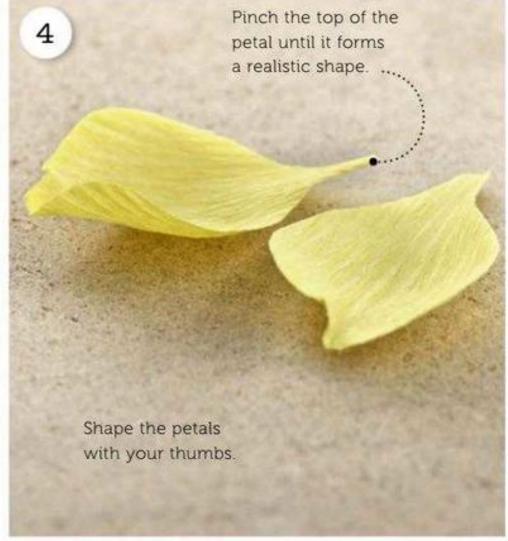
#### FLOWERS







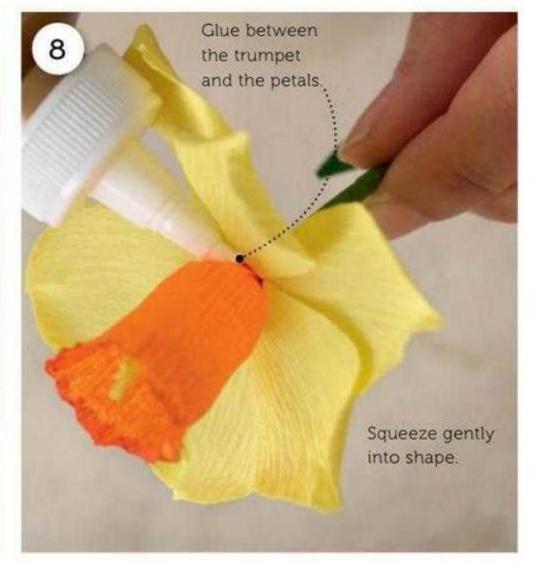














## Large rose

Perfect for a wedding or birthday party, these giant roses will create a real talking point. The dramatic and delicate petals makes them look stunning and appealing.





Copy the templates to cardboard and cut them out. Draw around them and cut out six small, ten medium, and six large petals from pink crepe paper. Then cut eight sepals and one large leaf from dark green crepe paper.



Put two small petals to one side, then use a pencil to curl the tips of the remaining petals. Stretch the paper slightly as you roll it. For the large petals, roll each lobe separately.



Push your thumbs into the centre of the small petals to cup them. Push out the medium and large petals in the same way, but this time at three points on the petal.



Add a dab of hot glue to the bottom point of the two small, uncurled petals and attach them to the dowelling. Apply glue to the top of the rod and roll the petals into a spiral around it.



Going from small to large, attach the remaining petals in the same way, spacing by eye. Add glue further up the petal to keep the shape if need be. You also may have to stretch the base of the large petals to fit.



For the sepals, slightly stretch the bottom of each one so that they fit around the base of the flower head. Then curl the points and glue them on, ensuring that some of the paper attaches to the dowelling.



Place a line of hot glue along the centre of the large green leaf and attach the floral wire. Fold the leaf in half and allow the hot glue to set before opening again.



Starting at the base of the rose, wind the stem tape around the dowelling. After a few turns, add the wired leaf, and glue it in place with the glue gun. Continue to wrap the stem tape around the dowelling until you reach the end.



## Kusudama

These beautiful origami flowers are surprisingly simple to make and will liven up any room. They sit perfectly in a vase, but you can stick them to almost anything with a little glue.





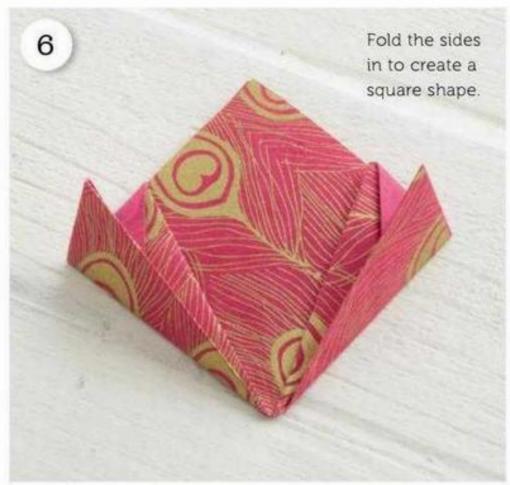














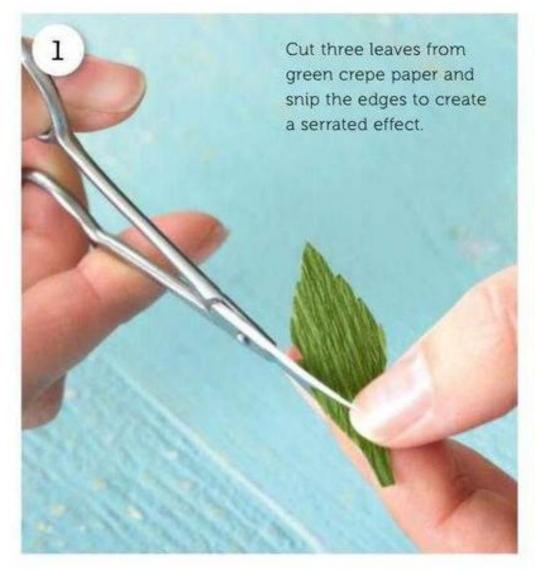


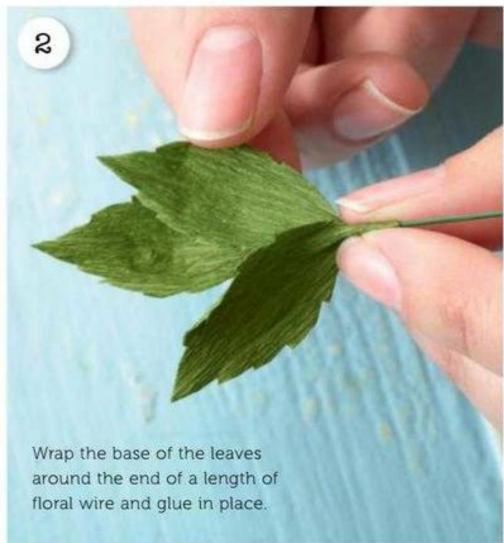


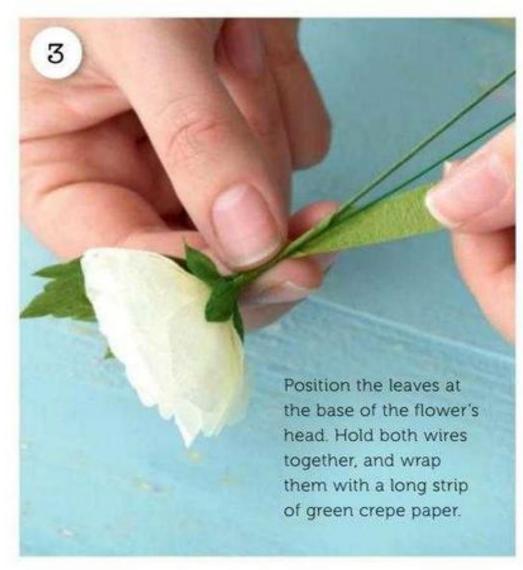
## Buttonhole

For a wedding or other special event, buttonholes add to the sense of occasion. If you make them from paper, you can prepare them well ahead of time and be sure they'll still look fresh on the big day.

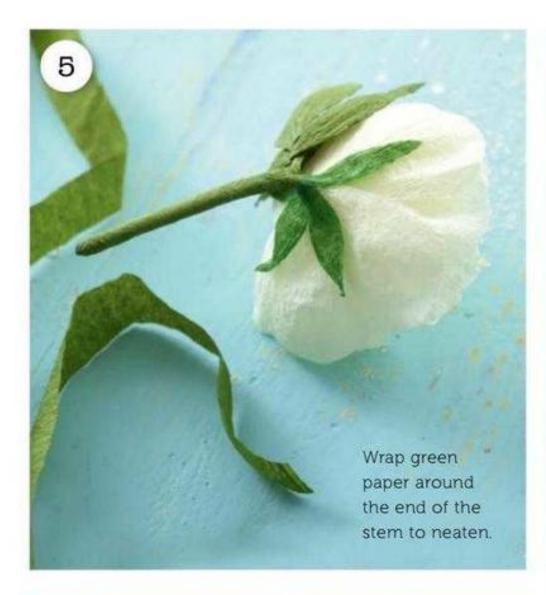


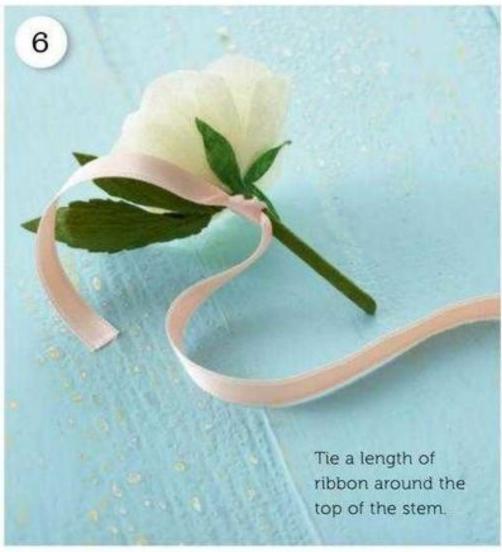


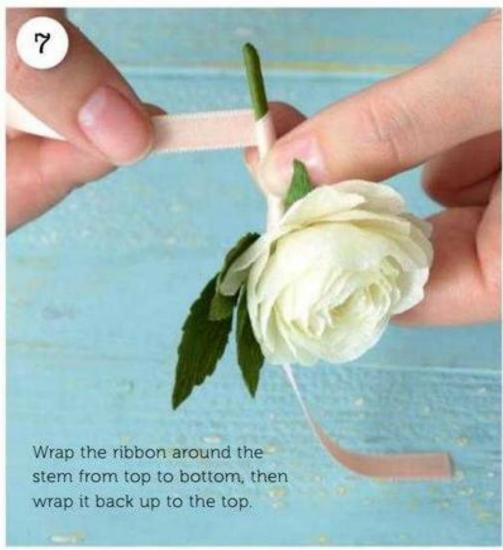


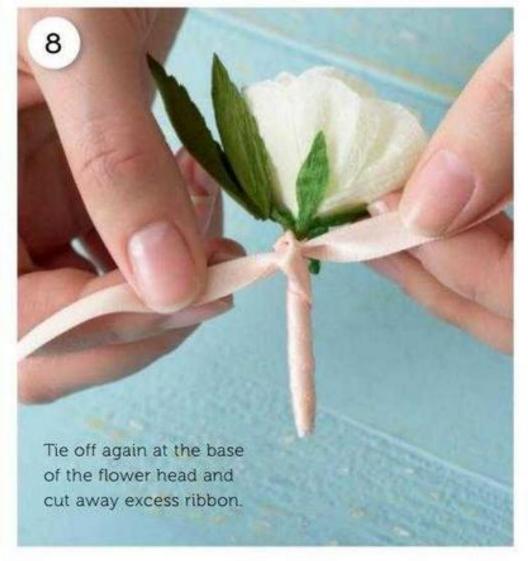
















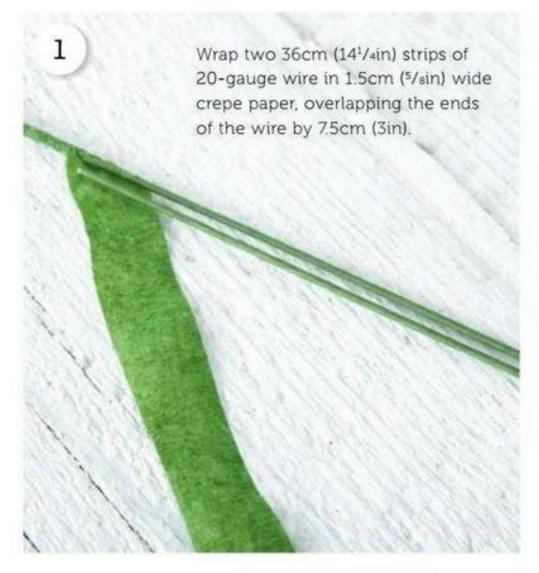


## Festival headband

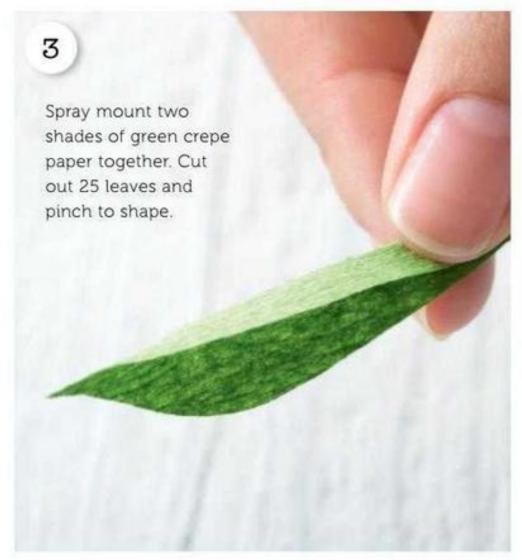
While primarily worn at festivals, these headbands have become increasingly popular at weddings and springtime events. Most combinations of bright flowers will work well.























## Scrapbooking









## Photo corners and frames

Make your favourite photos look even more special by adding corners and frames. These steps can be adapted to fit photos of any size in your collection.

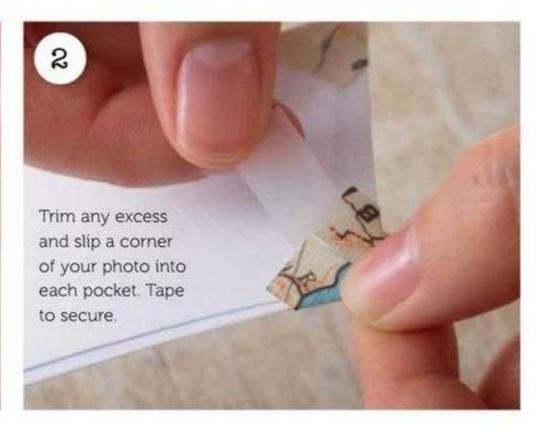
#### You will need

- · Patterned paper
- Scissors
- · Tape
- · White paper
- Ruler
- Scalpel

#### Photo corners

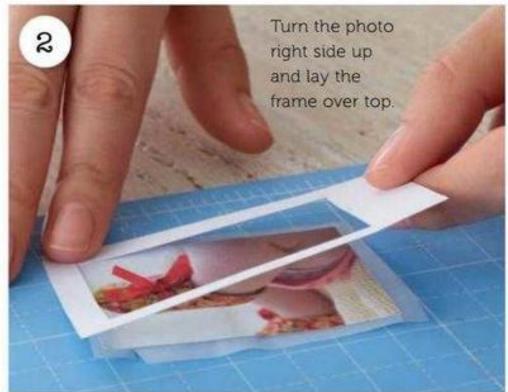






#### Retro photo frames









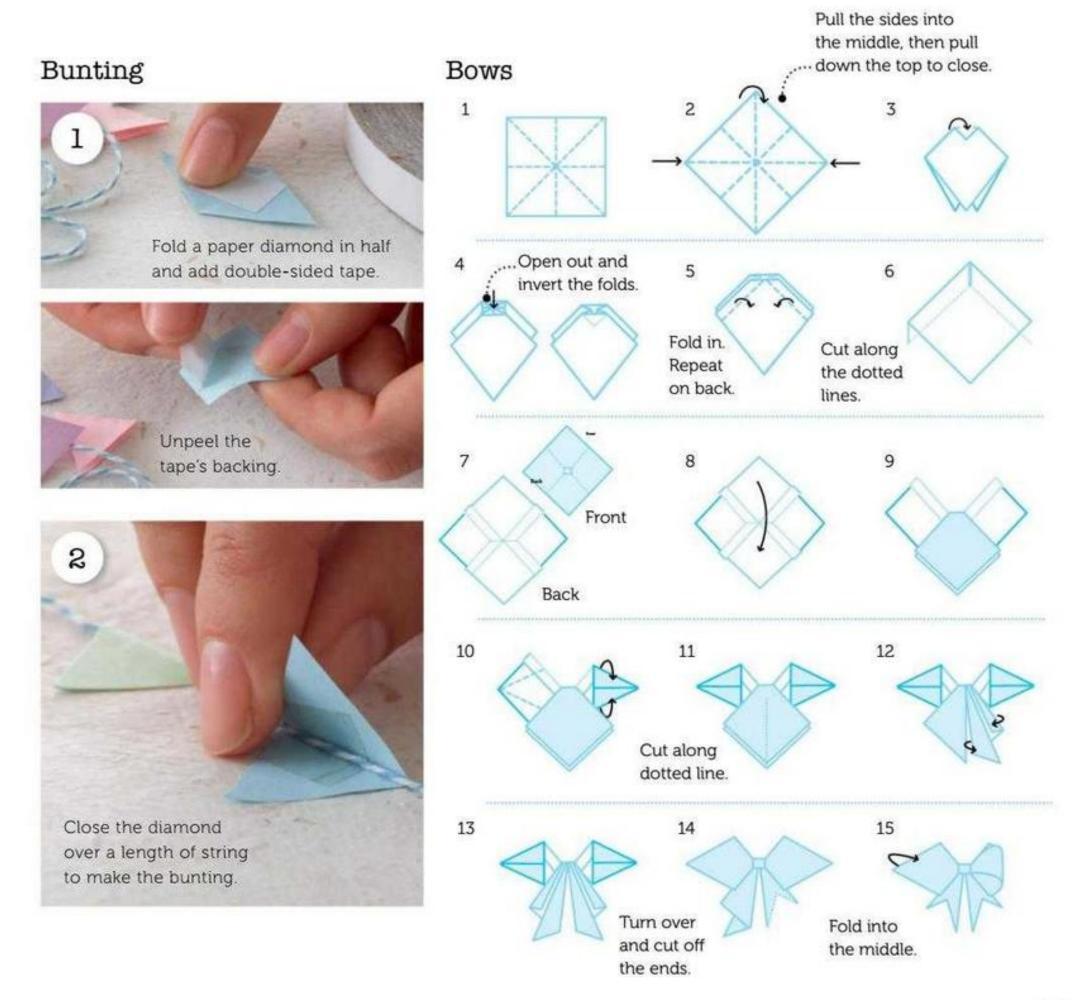


## Bunting and bows

If there is a lot of blank space left on your pages, try adding decorative elements such as bunting, ribbon, or these little paper bows. They can help to fill the space without making your pages look too cluttered.

#### You will need

- Coloured paper
- Scissors
- Double-sided tape
- String
- Origami paper



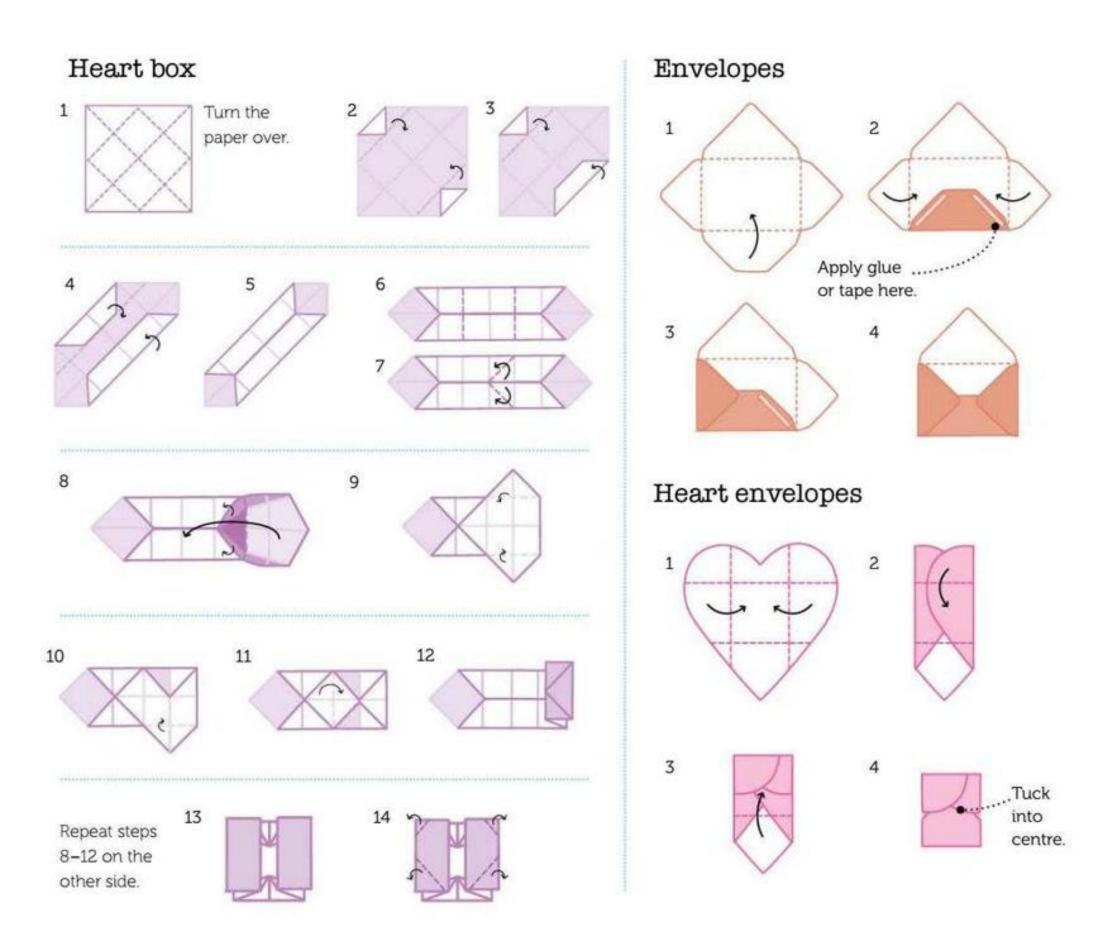


## Storage pockets

If you're looking to store items in your scrapbook without having to stick them directly onto the pages, create these storage pockets from paper. They're perfect for holding little mementos, and can be made in a range of shapes.

#### You will need

- · Paper
- Scissors
- Glue or double-sided tape







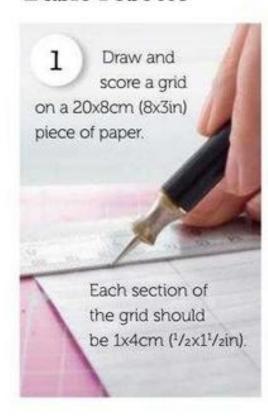
### Rosettes

Simple but eye-catching, rosettes are a great way to adorn your pages and add a little extra charm. The accordion fold used to make them can be used to make embellishments such as to a pram or crib, but what you do with them is up to you.

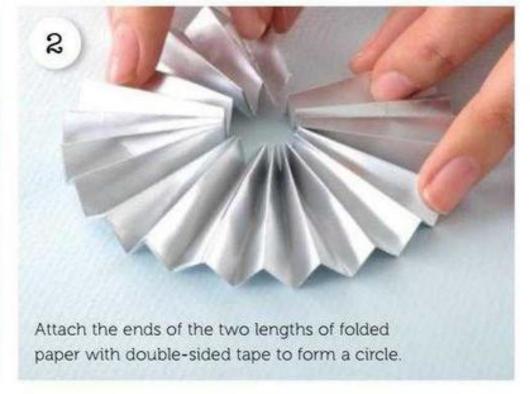
#### You will need

- · Paper
- · Pencil
- Scorer
- Ruler
- · Scalpel
- · Double-sided tape
- Scrap surface
- Buttons
- · Glue stick
- Edge punch
- Ribbon

#### Basic rosette







#### Pram









## Gilding and embossing

Add an extra dimension to your embellishments by gilding or embossing them. We've gilded a doily and embossed a heart, but these techniques are easily adaptable.

#### Gilding





### **Embossing**



You will need

- Doilies
- Tracing paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Tape
- Gold spray paint
- Cardboard
- · Card
- Scrap surface
- Scalpel
- · Bone folder





## Travel

.. Use old maps to make envelopes or storage pockets.





Retrace your route with string and paper stars.



Use a combination of frames and photo corners to enhance your images. ....-







Baby's first year







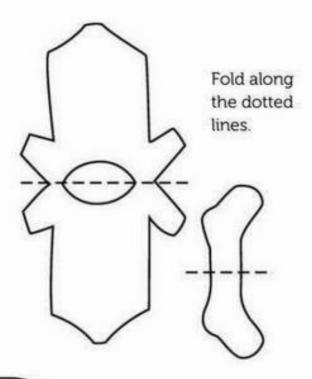
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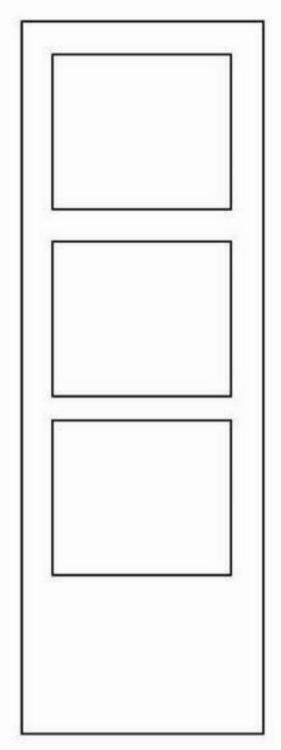
Retro photo frames (pages 124-125)

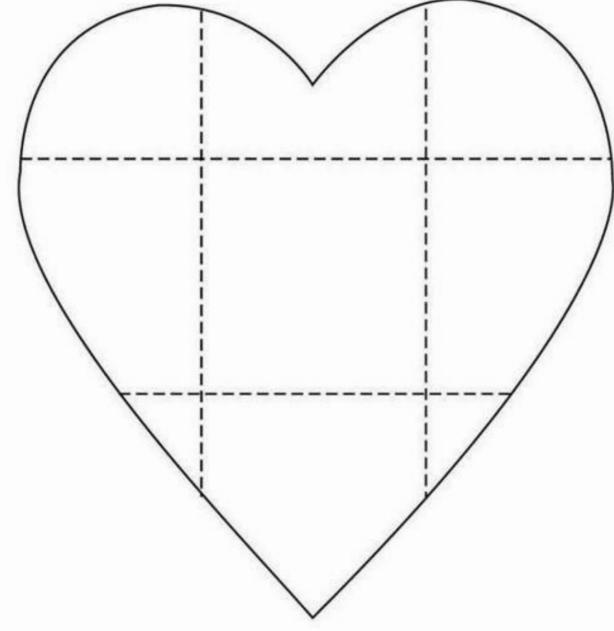
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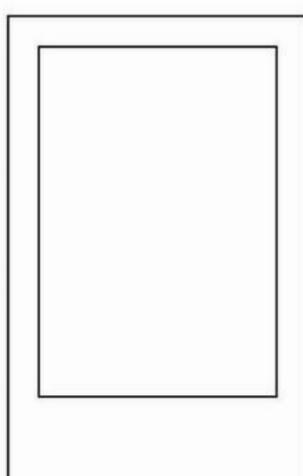
Baby bunting (pages 126-127)

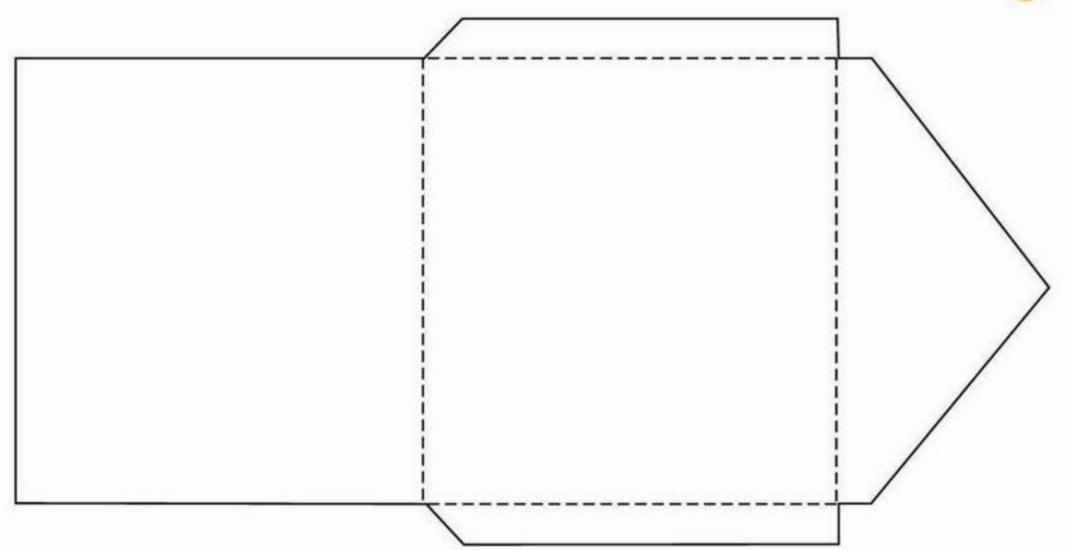
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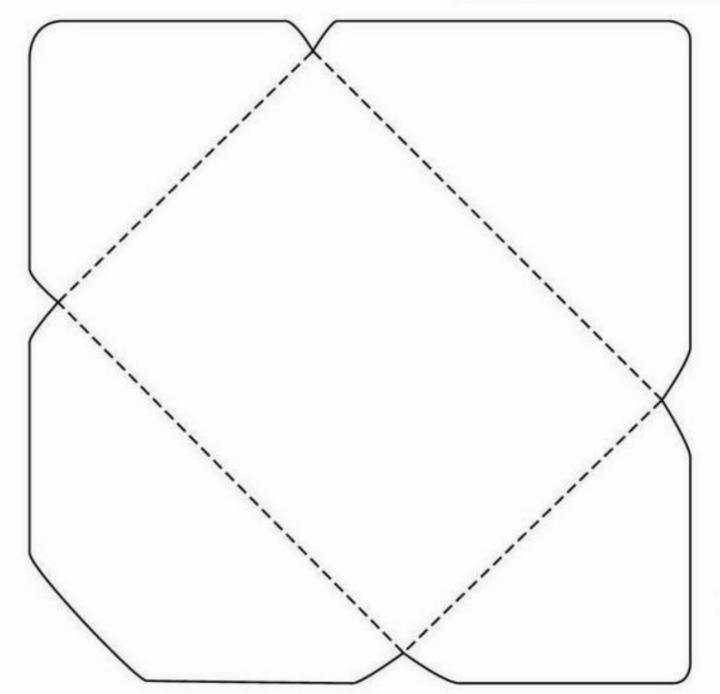






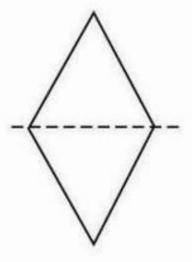






Envelope (page 137)

Bunting (pages 126-127)



Envelope (pages 128-129)

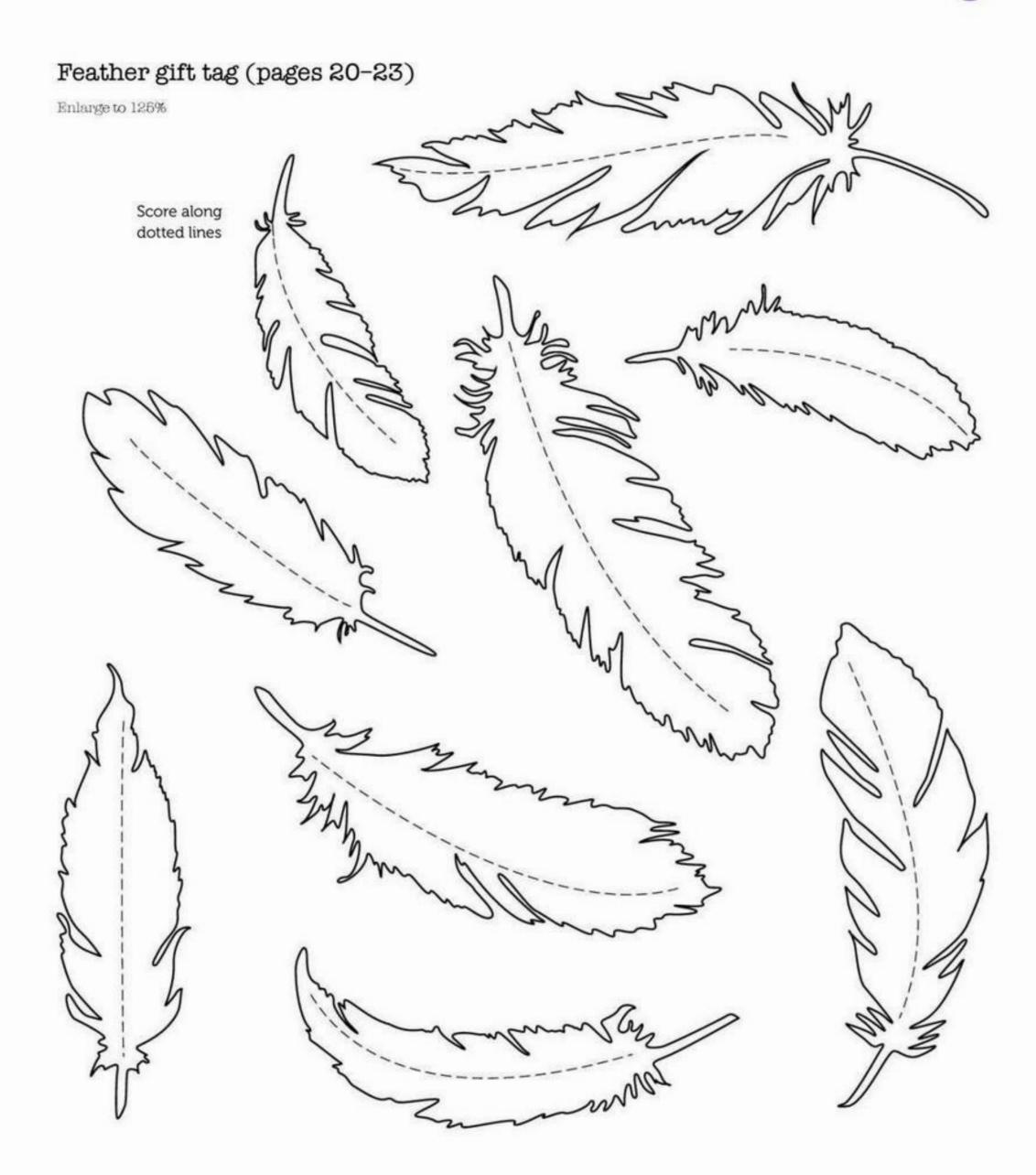


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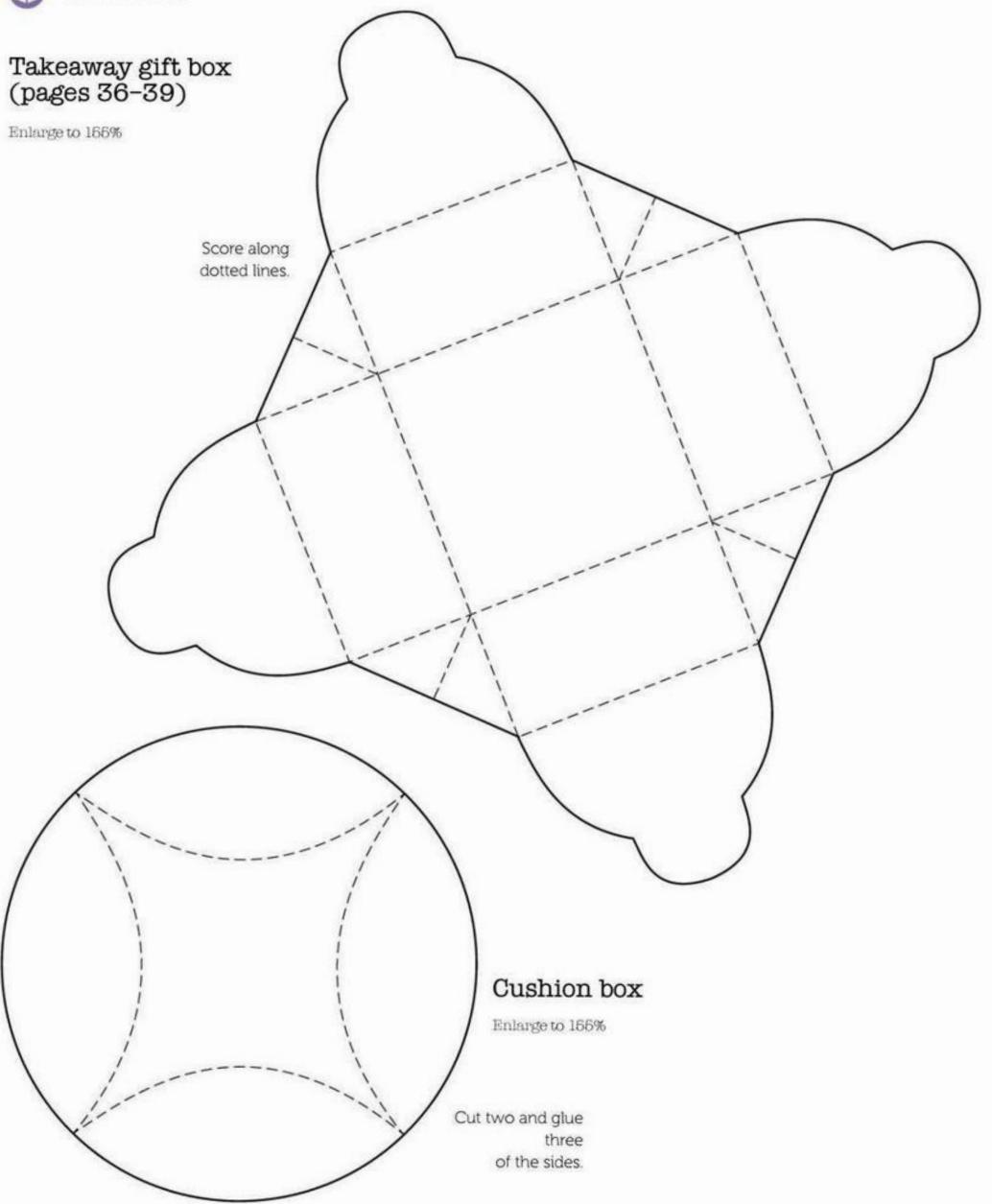




# Pop-up bouquet (pages 14-19) Enlarge to 145% Score along dotted lines Leaf x 1 Edge x 2 Pink central flower x 1 Central flowers x 4



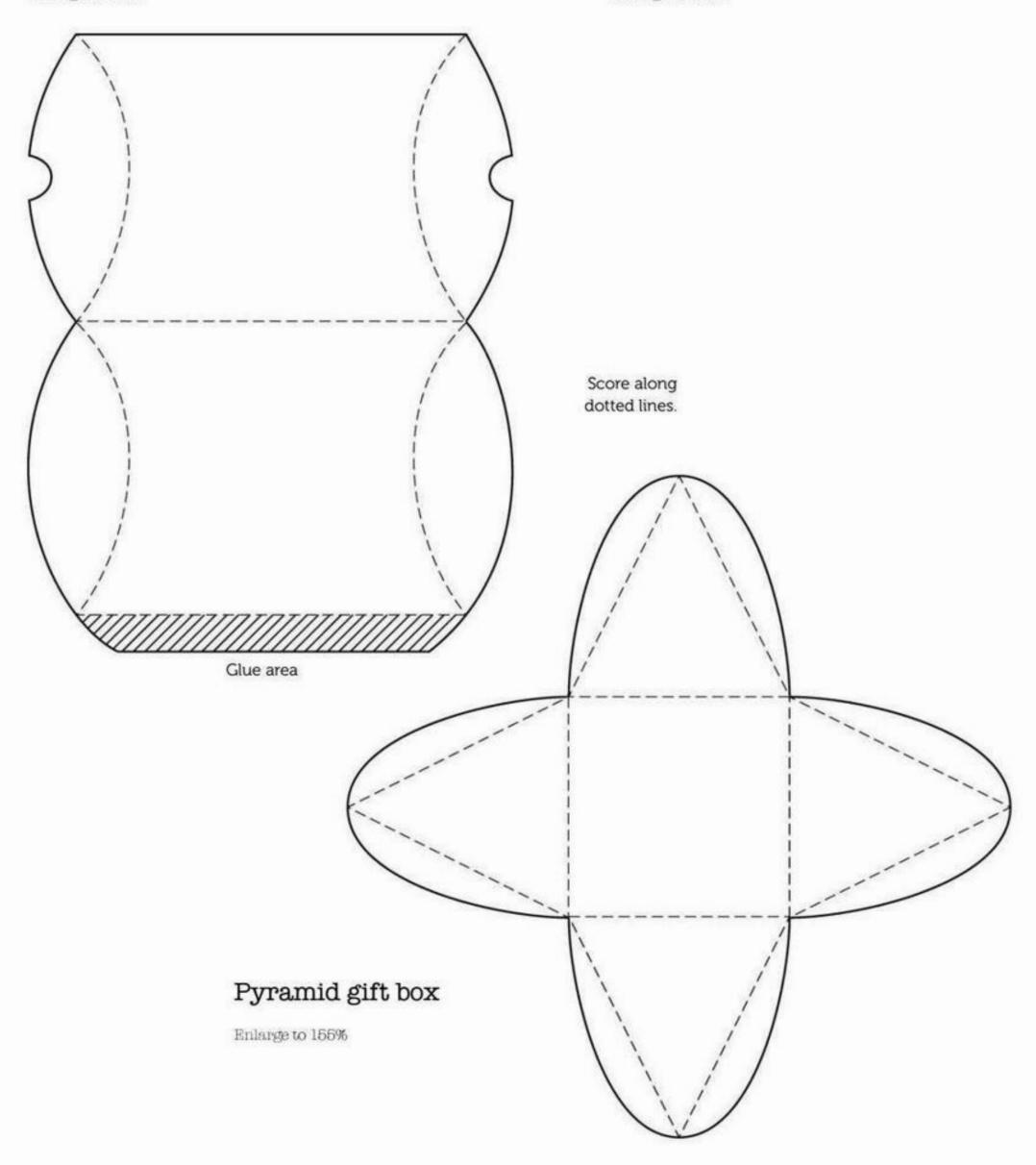




## Pillow box

# 3D star (pages 46-47)

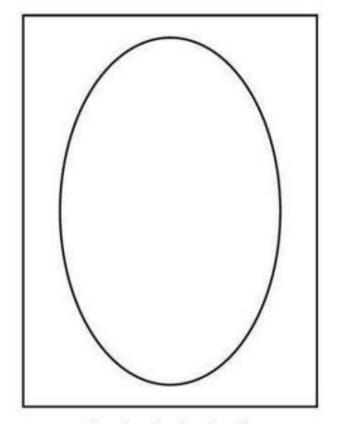
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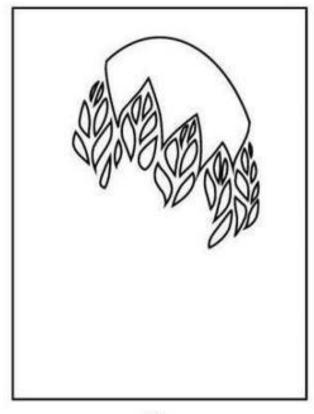


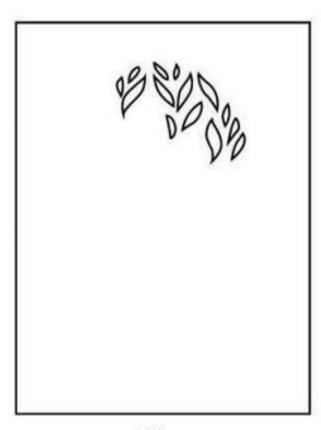


# Layered papercut (pages 42-45)

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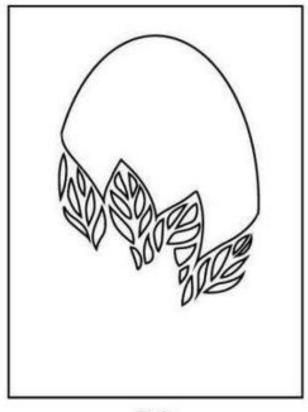


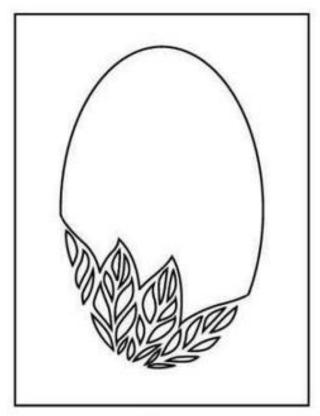


Grey border (optional)

Lilac

Yellow





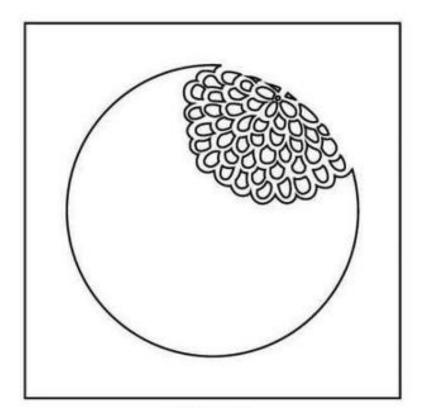
Pink

White



# Papercut variation

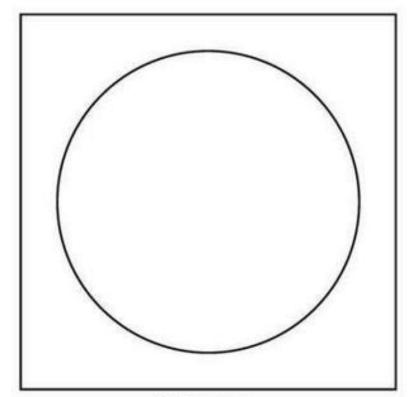
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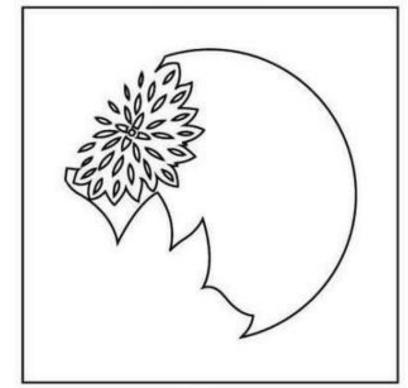
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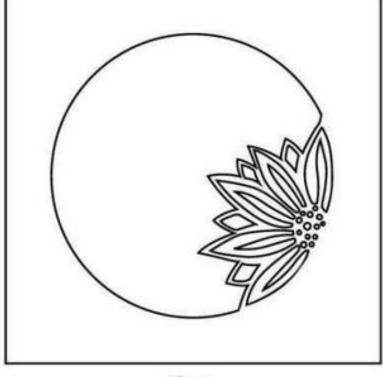
Orange



Grey border



Teal

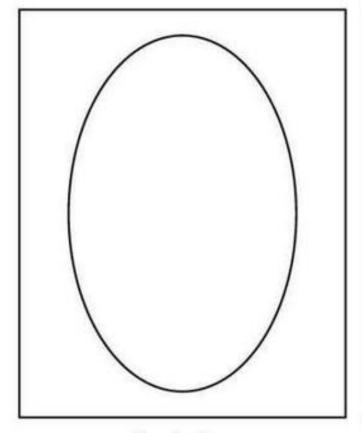


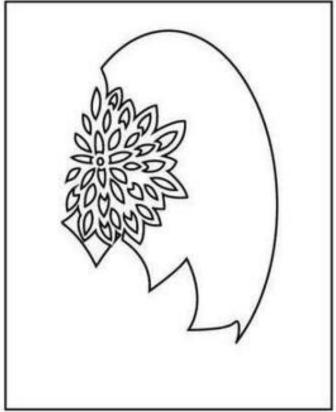
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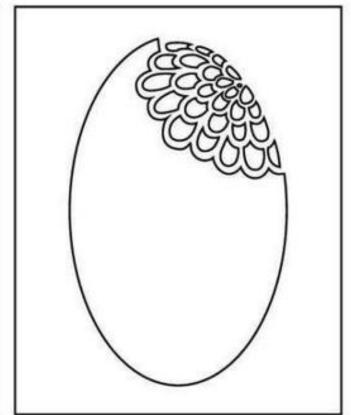


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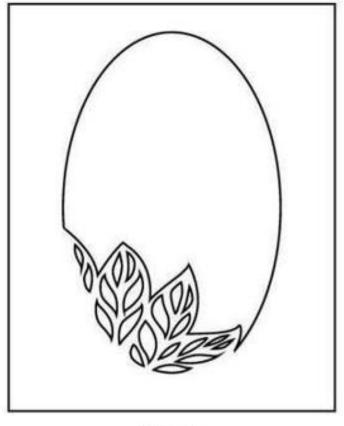
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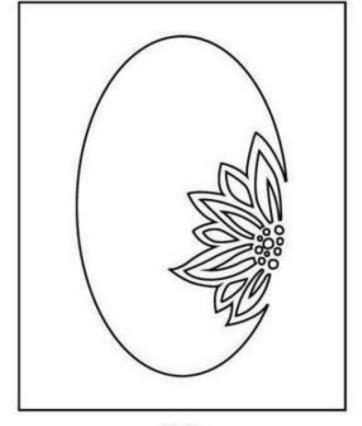






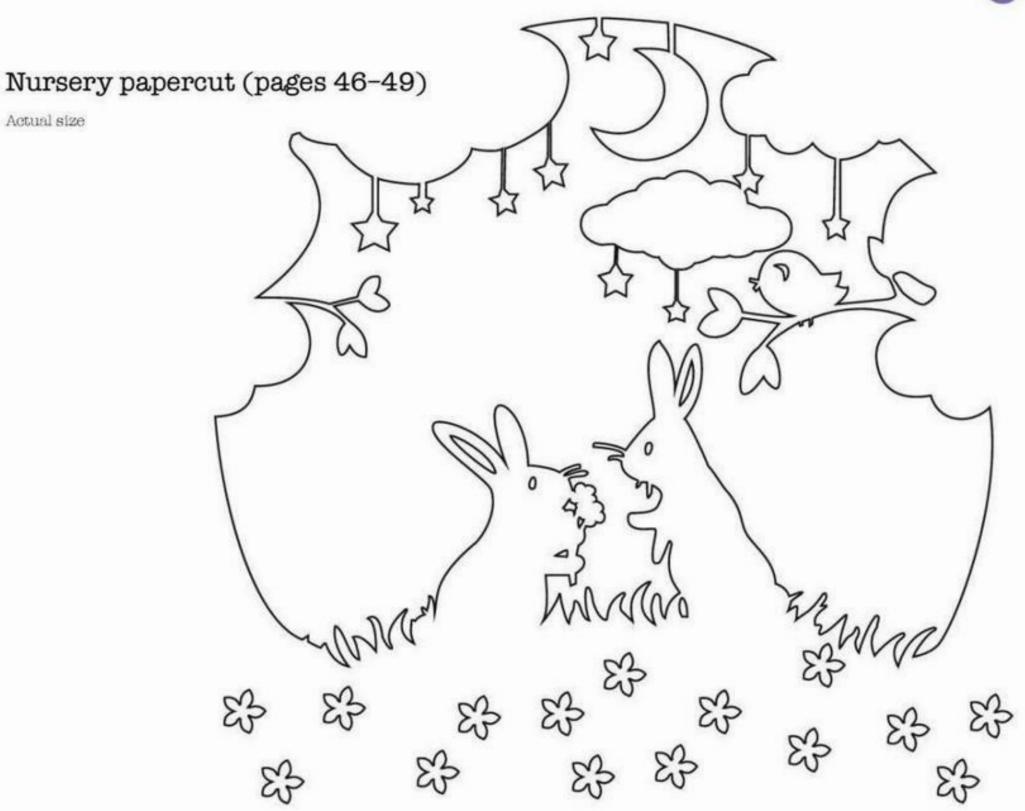
Grey border Teal Pastel pink





Orange White





# Papercut locket (pages 50-51)

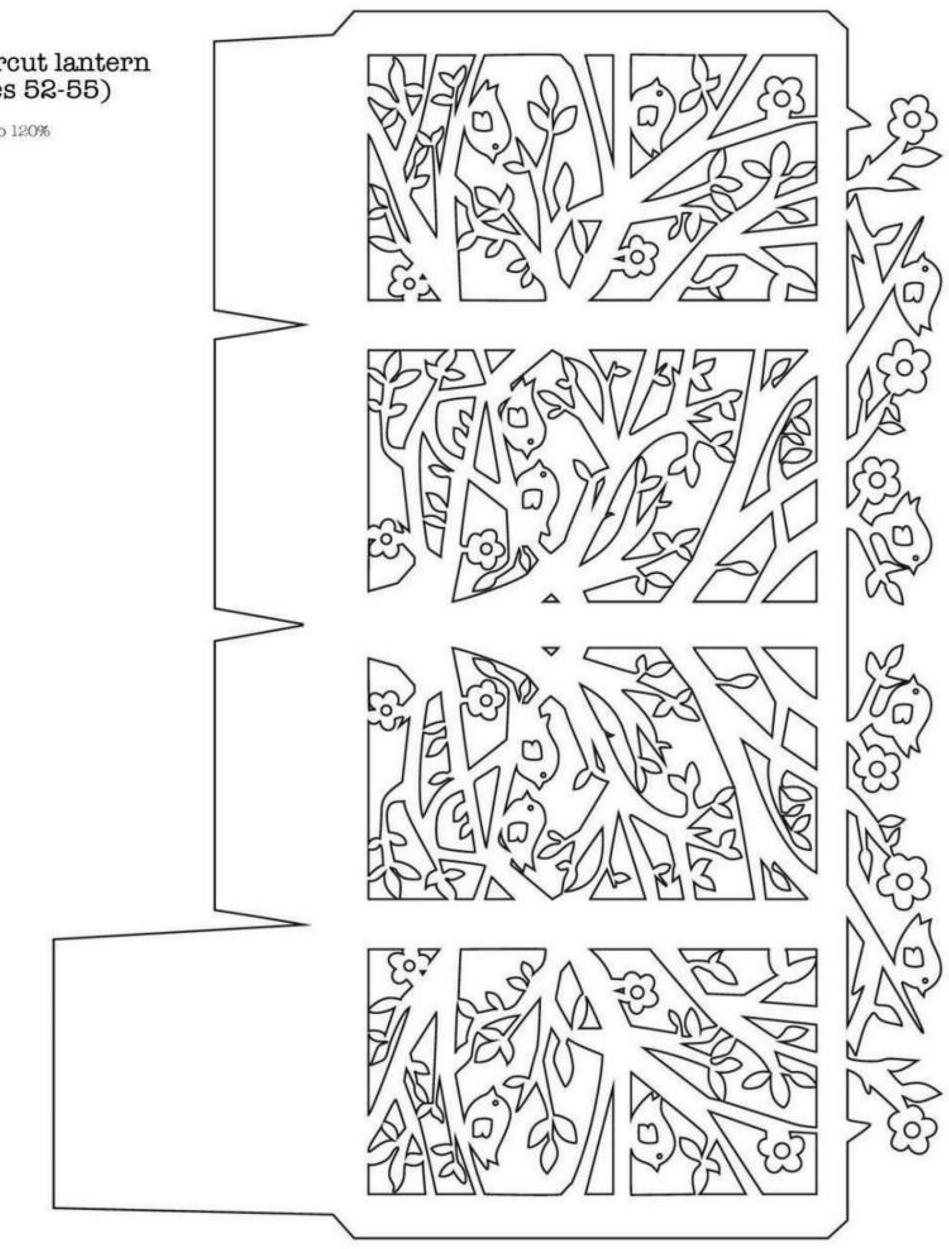
Scale to fit the size of the locket





# Papercut lantern (pages 52-55)

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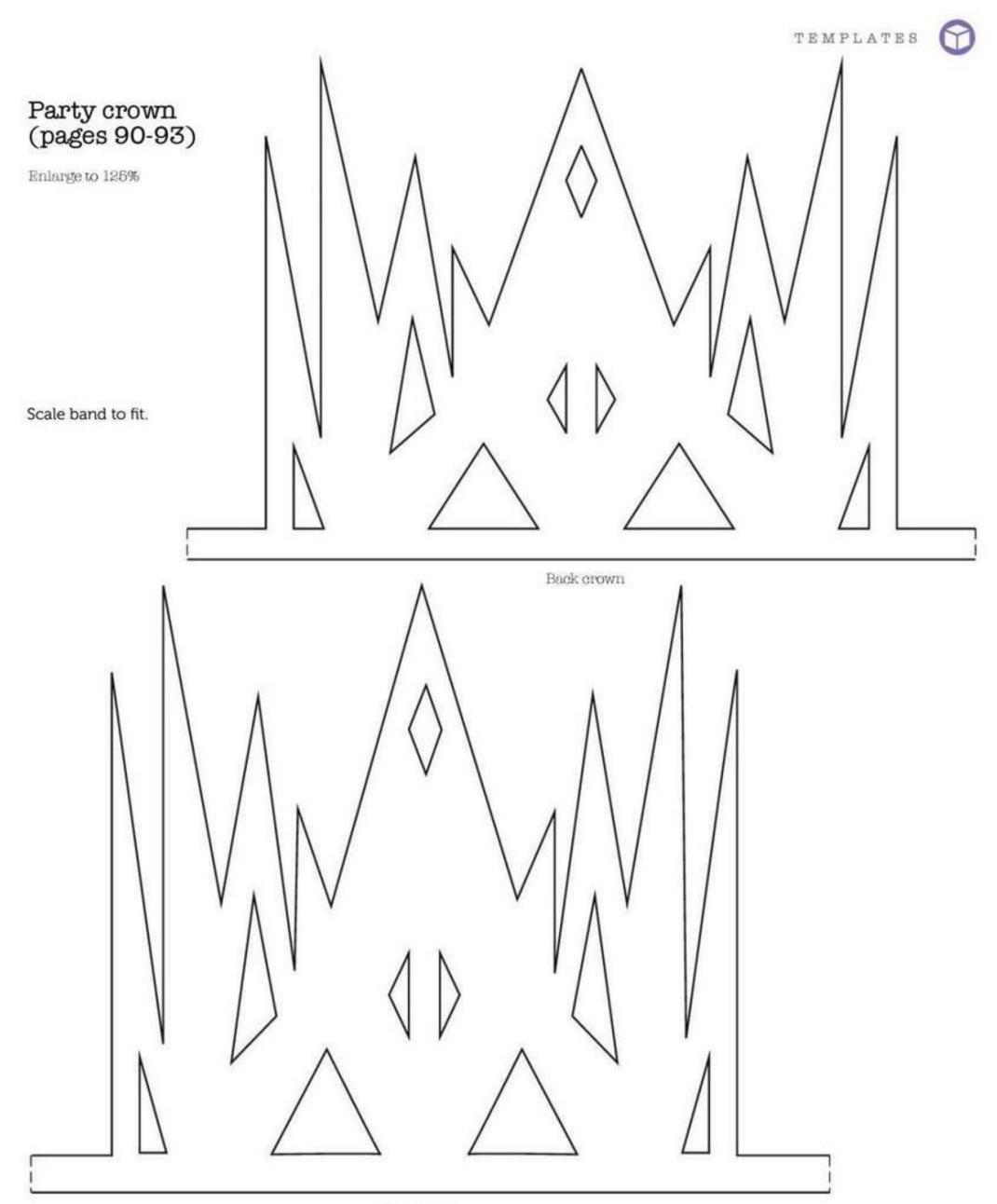


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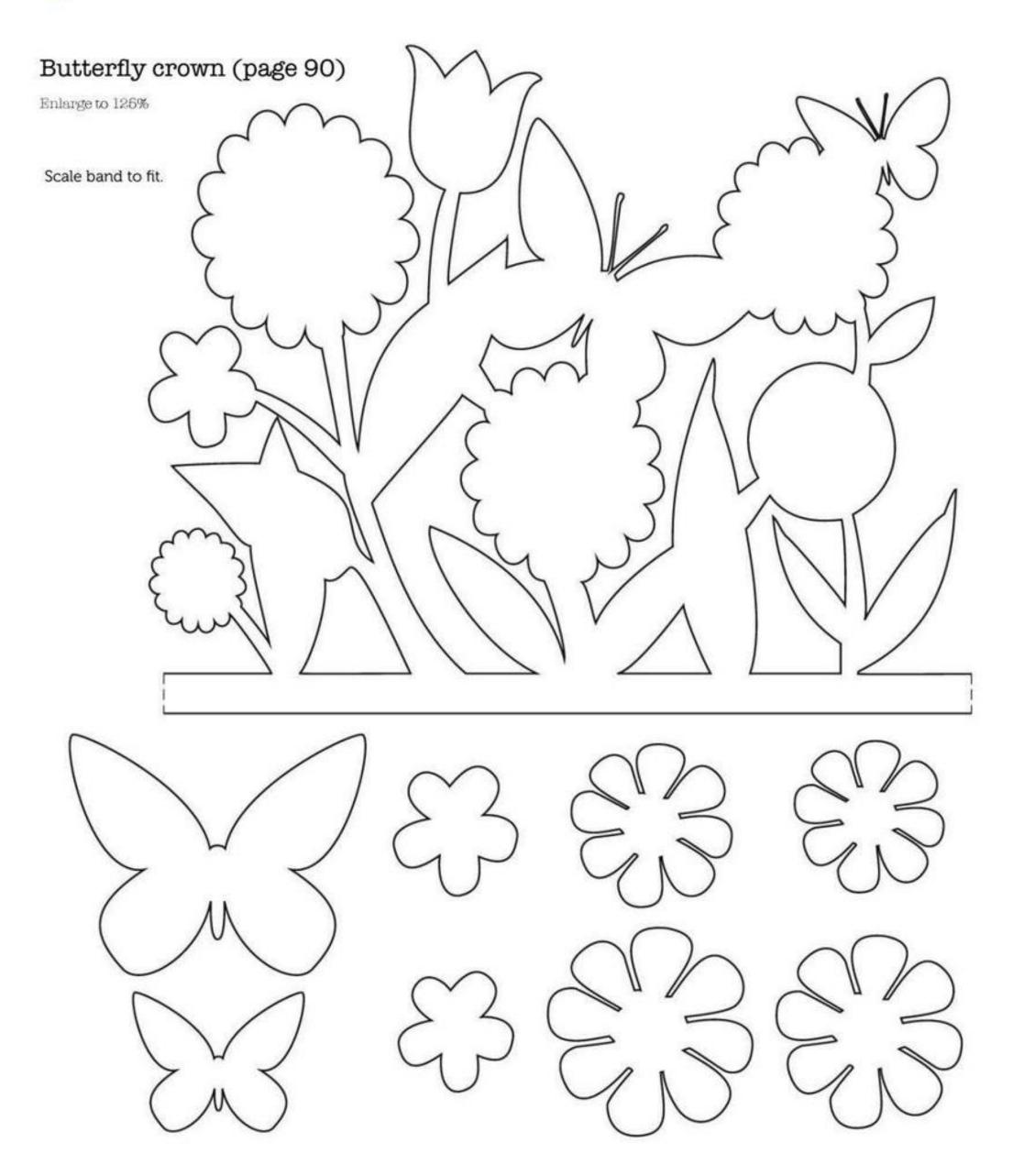
# Owl mobile (pages 84-89)

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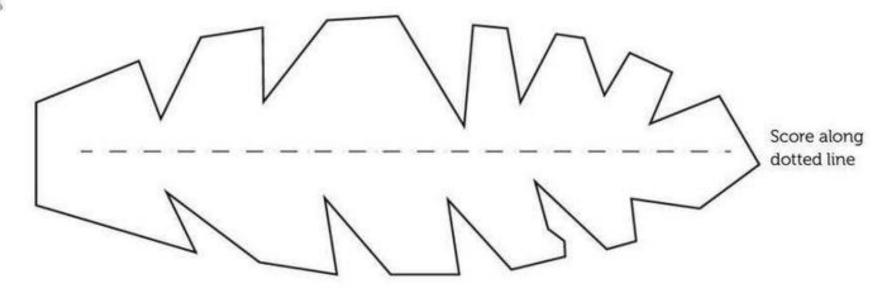
Front crown





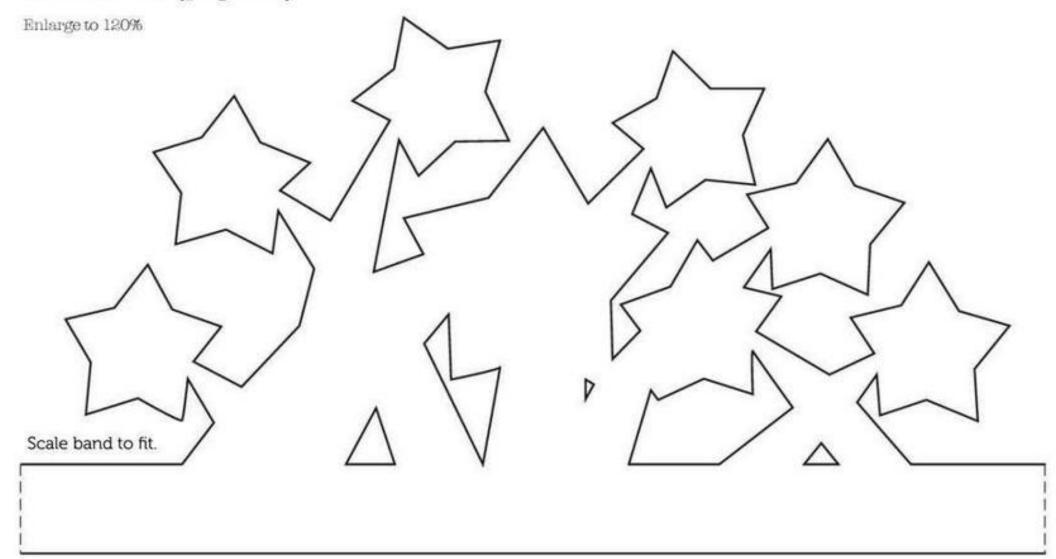
# Headdress (page 90)

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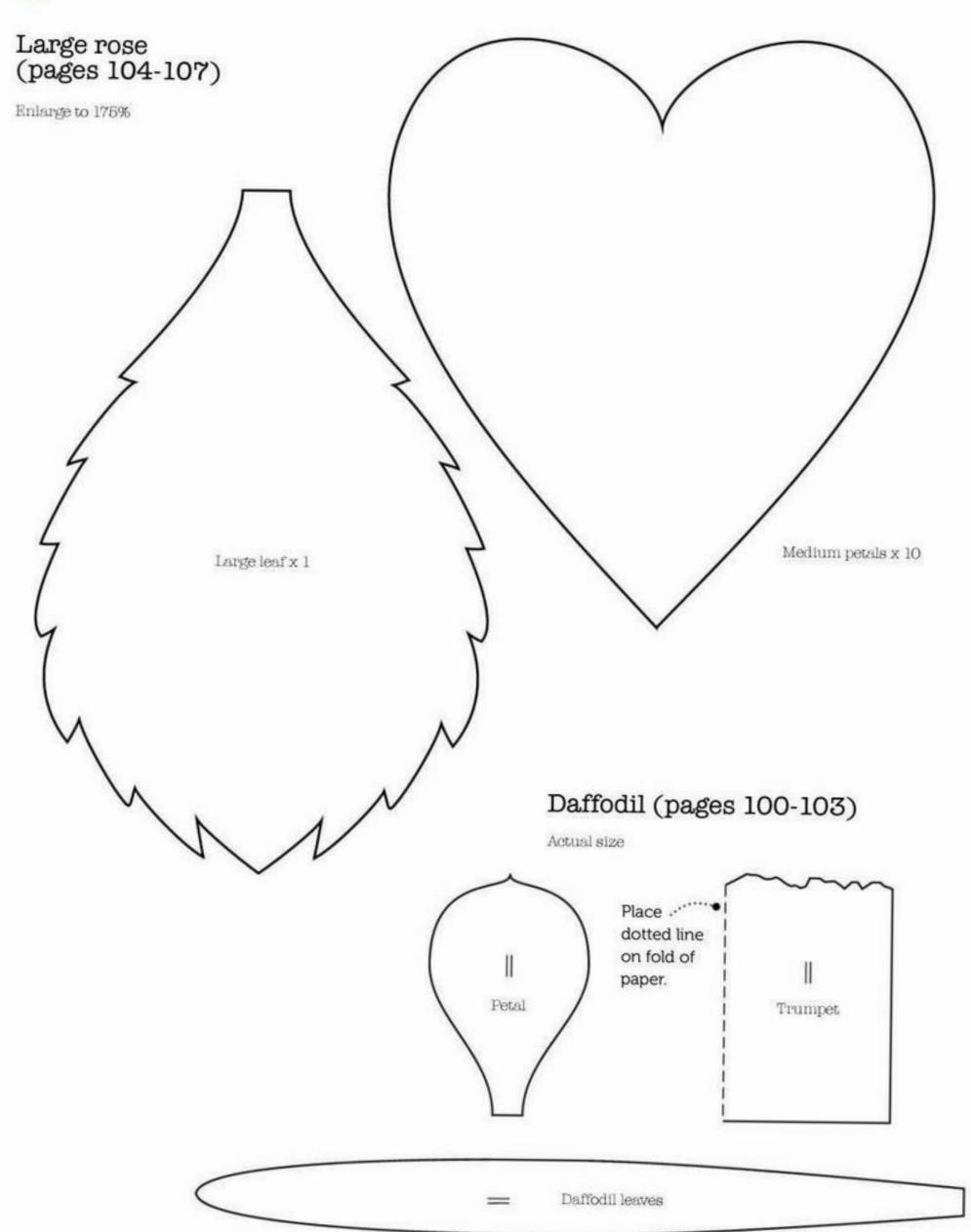


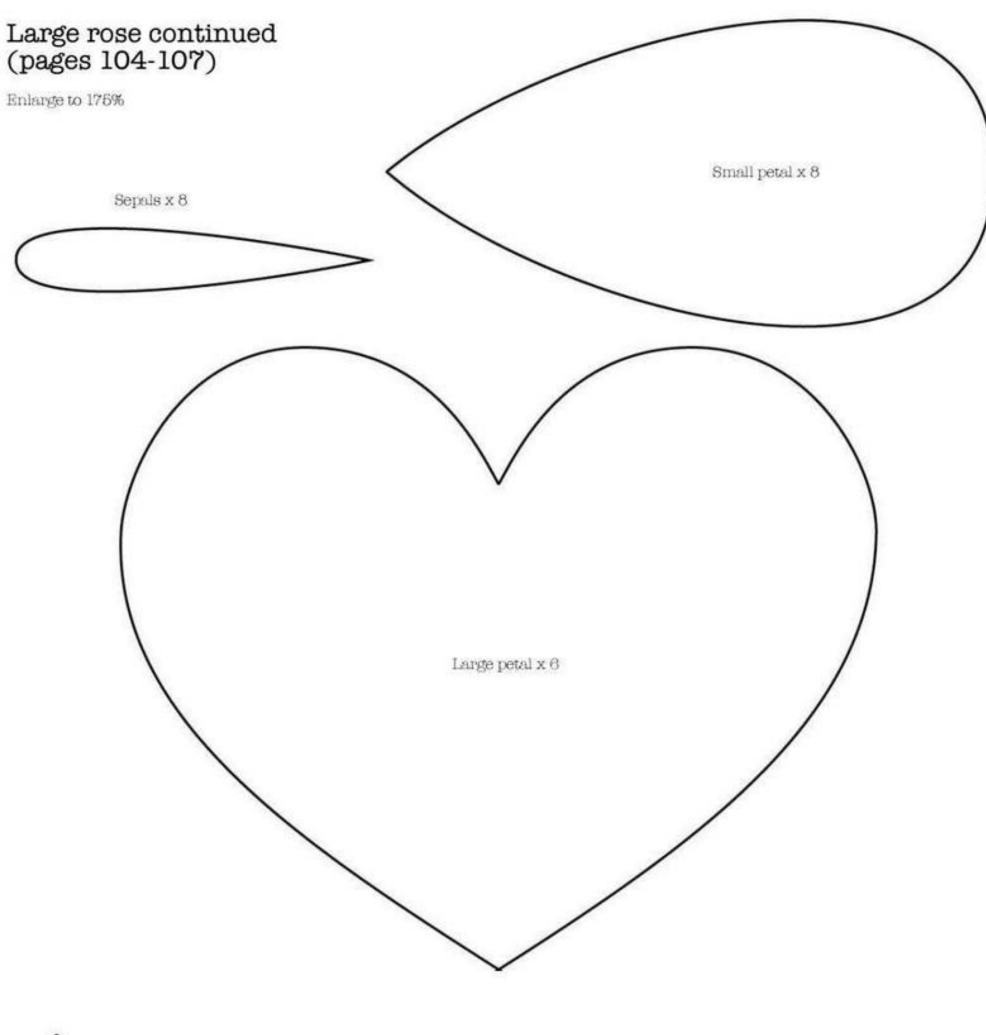
Scale band to fit.

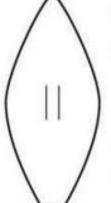
# Star crown (page 90)











# Buttonhole (pages 112-115)

Actual size

Lines indicate the direction of the grain.

# Cherry blossom (pages 96-99)

Actual size

Lines show the direction of the grain.

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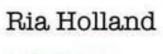
Takeaway gift boxes



Pillow boxes (template)



Pyramid boxes (template)





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Photo corners and frames



Envelopes and pockets



Rosettes



Gilding and embossing



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Wedding scrapbook



Baby scrapbook

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Cherry blossom



Daffodil



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Papercut lanterns



Koi carp variation (template)



Star crown



Floral crown



Spiky crown



Feather crown

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