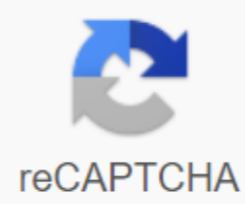




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## Mexican tissue paper flowers history

Recently, we ended up with a big unit on Mexico. This year Jeffrey is going through a my father's world resume called Exploring Countries and Cultures. We love the program, especially having so many exchange students in our lives, because it reinforces some of those cultural principles that we've already been lucky enough to learn, introducing us to many new cultures. Our unity in Mexico was fun because, while we had a lot of students from Spanish-speaking countries in our lives, we never had a student from Mexico, so even though he's a neighbor, Jeffrey has yet to make him play a direct role in his life. During our study of unity, we learned about Cameron Townsend, who was a great pioneer in translating the Bible into many new languages. Jeffrey also worked on a report and powerpoint on Mexico, and learned many new things about the similarities and differences between Mexico and the United States. While studying in Mexico, we had a great opportunity to make Mexican paper flowers, a traditional craft that has been part of the Mexican tradition for over 200 years! Paper processing has arrived in Mexico from the Philippines, and sometimes vexual paper is called papel de China (paper

from China) or papel de seda (silk paper). Many Americans know Pinatas, who use vessuccia paper in bright colors, but these pretty paper flowers are another great craft that uses these cards! Paper flowers were popular when Spain ruled Mexico, before the 1800s, but then paper flowers were smaller and were not as brightly colored as those we so often see today. They were used in churches and houses, and were often white or cream in color, but when candles were frequently used in churches, paper was so at risk of fire that churches ended up banning flowers completely! After that, they became much less related to faith, to the point that flowers were considered secular, and from there, they ended up becoming much brighter, too, using bright and exciting colors like the ones we chose for our craft project. The artisans of paper flowers did not stop only with a type of flower, nor did they... most of them started looking at nature and copying the shapes and styles of flowers like carnations, zinnies, and more! Many of the artists had skills handed down from their grandparents and parents to teach them today's craft, and the trade is very woven into the family history of some artisans. Start making your own Mexican paper flowers by stacking six sheets of vexual paper on top of each other. You can go with bright colors, as we did, or you can use a scheme (all white or all black could be fresh), or even try crayons, metal paper, or even newspaper; however, if you use newspaper or other thick paper, less than six sheets are recommended, due to the additional thickness. Extra. the stack of accordion-style cards, just like this. Cut the folded cards in half - this gives you two paper flowers for the price (and effort!) of one! If you don't cut them in half, they're a little too big to really work with, but if you start with smaller paper to start with instead of a full sheet, then you shouldn't have a problem if you decide not to cut in half. We are working with complete sheets in this tutorial, so cutting it helped us to have a more manageable flower size. This gives you two straight edges on each flower, like this... Cut the edges down by points, like this... Alternatively, you could cut out the point I have there to make a different style point (more like an arrow) or you could round the corners, depending on the style you want. Use a rope, torsion tie, tube cleaner, or some staples to attach the center of the flower together, so you can easily ventilate the sides. Ventilate the sides. If you see someone trying to take your photo from the corner of your eye as you do so, make a ridiculous face in the process so that they end up just having this photo of this step to put on their blog. The goofball. Once you have ventilated out, you can use some more staples or small pieces of adhesive tape to keep the sides together while you fluff out the layers. This is optional, but we decided on a small tape for each layer to hold it together. Fluff the layers up. I'll crinkle them a little bit. Really dig your fingers between the layers and pull them up, being careful not to tear the paper too much. Fluff them on nice and fluffy, almost ball-shaped. Here are four of our finished paper flowers. You can flutter them more if you want, but we decided ours was just the way we wanted them! These crafts are not just for parties, or, or for homeschool projects. You can literally use them at any party, as long as you do them in the colors of your group. They've become very popular in weddings, and they look great at baby showers, birthdays, or any other fun party you might think of. In Mexico, you often find them decorating houses, tombs, altars and parties. Tourists sometimes find these flowers to greet them when they arrive at a hotel, and in some regions, these flowers are also popular on cakes! It's up to your imagination what you do with them, and since the color scheme is so open to customization, the sky is really the limit. Hang them on the ceilings, make the small ones with cleaning stems for pipes to put in a vase, tack tons of them on the walls as a background. Mexican paper flowers have become popular in part because they are much cheaper than royal flowers, and look really cute. No one should how easy they were to do, both... Your secret is safe with me. However you use them, these are a perfect way to honor Mexican tradition and art with a fun project that's easy even for young children to work with Project adapted from A Trip Around the World, as part of our study of My Father's World: Exploring Countries and Cultures. Look at all the beautiful flowers. They're so colorful, so elegant, and so... Paper. There has been a long tradition in Mexico of building things, such as flowers, with colored vexual paper. It is a tradition that began more than 200 years ago in Mexico and is still growing. 1 Origins of Mexican Paper Crafting Paper crafting crafting headed from Asia to Mexico through manila galleons that regularly crossed the Pacific Ocean from the Philippines to Acapulco, Mexico. A common name for vexual paper is papel de China (paper from China) or papel de seda (silk paper). Paper processing was one of the imports from Spanish ships when they arrived in Mexico. Since then, paper processing has taken many forms, such as cascarnones (excavated eggs decorated with vexual paper and filled with confetti), pinatas (animal figures made of paper and filled with delicacies), papel de picado (work of art of perforated paper) and paper flowers. 2 Colonial times After the Spanish conquest, vexual paper became the favorite card for Christian decorations through paperwork. The delicacy of vexuria paper made it seem more natural than more robust material. It was during the colonial period that the production of paper flowers became popular. Paper flowers from colonial times were smaller and softer than they are today, with most being white or cream-colored. 3 The flowers of religion and paper of fabric flowers were used for the first time mainly in churches or altars of the house, possibly as cheap offerings by the Indians. When votive candles began to be used in churches, paper flowers were barred because they represented a fire hazard and became too dangerous. In the end, paper flowers became more secular and were made more elegant, colorful and flamboyant. 4 Artisans and their craft As the popularity of paperwork grew, people became artisans of it, creating works of art with velerular paper. More than just flowers have been created. Artisans used their paperworking skills to create roses, carnations, and zinias. Artisans can copy up to 12 varieties of flowers from nature. Artisans are proud of their paperwork and are plotting from generation to generation, usually in women or girls. 5 Uses There are many uses for paper flowers. Paper flowers are used to decorate fair booths, altars and tombs. In some regions of Mexico, people decorate cakes with paper flowers. Tourists in Mexico can find the flowers of handmade in hotel rooms or hanging from bamboo poles and sold on the streets. 6 Why vessu paper on fabric The cost of velac paper is relatively inexpensive, while the cost of filling a room with real flowers is high. Fabric flowers can give a room the same elegance and charm that real flowers make. Vessu paper on fabric is also one of the of Mexican artisans because it's cheap. Papel picado for sale at a market in Coyoacán, Mexico City for The Day of the Dead. Papel picado coming down from a Mexican church. Papel picado (perforated paper, pecked paper) is a decorative craft made by cutting elaborate designs into sheets of vessu/fabric paper. Papel picado is considered a Mexican folk art. Designs are commonly cut from as many as 40-50 colored tissue paper stacked together and using a guide or model, a small hammer and chisels, creating up to fifty banners at a time. [2] Papel picado can also be done by folding sail paper and using small sharp scissors. Common themes include birds, floral designs, and skeletons. Papel picados are commonly exhibited for both secular and religious occasions, such as Easter, Christmas, The Day of the Dead, as well as during weddings, quincea-eras, baptisms and baptisms. In Mexico, papel picados are often incorporated into altars (ofrendas) during The Day of the Dead and are hung on the streets during the holidays. [3] In the streets of Mexico, papel picados are often tucked together to create a banner that can be hung through alleys or displayed in the house. Interior origins of the town hall of Atlilco, Puebla with papel picado celebrating Independence Day. Papel picados has arisen since the beginning of Mexico. It was here that the Aztec people first chiseled spiritual figures in bark, which later became the art form now known as papel picado. Papel picado is similar to chinese paper cutting (which originated in China during the 6th century), called 'jianzhi' (剪纸 or cut paper). The two paper-cutting crafts are not the same, as the Chinese version is cut with scissors or knives, and the Mexican art form is cut with chisels. In addition, while papel picados are cut with a variety of different models, Chinese paper cuts often emphasize the use of Chinese characters, which mean the twelve Chinese zodiac animals. In the mid-19th century, Mexicans were forced to buy products from hacienda stores, which was where they first encountered vessulle paper. During the Aztec era, the Aztecs used mulberry and fig bark to make a rough paper called Amatl. Nowadays, craftsmen usually layer 40 to 50 layers of tissue paper and punch intricate designs in them using ferritos, a type of chisel. San Salvador Huixcolotla Photo of typical Mexican offering at Tec de Monterrey CCM. San Salvador Huixcolotla is a town and municipality in the mexican state of Puebla. This city is known for having a large community of artisans who produce high-quality papel picados. In Huixcolotla, papel picado is mainly for the celebrations of the Day of the Dead. However, papel picados are also made for many other holidays and special events. He was in in that its citizens took papel de China (Chinese paper) and began to create intricate models. Over time, the tool used to make papel picado has changed from scissors to chisels due to the greater precision and details they allow. Traditionally, the art of making papel picado has been passed from generation to generation. In 1970, it became common for those in Mexico to decorate their streets with papel picado and used them to decorate their altars on the day of the dead. Around 1930, the art form spread from Huixcolotla to other parts of Mexico such as Puebla and Tlaxcala. In the 1960s, papel picado spread to Mexico City and from there to the United States and Europe. [3] I produce a variety of chisels that can be used to create designs in a variety of materials, such as tissue paper. Traditionally, papel picados are made entirely by hand. When creating a papel picado, the first step is to draw the selected drawing on the paper and then cover the paper with transparent plastic; this will protect the original design. To produce multiple copies at once, stack 40 to 50 sheets of Chinese paper and staple them together. [2] Using a small hammer and chisels with various shaped tips, the artist then cuts pieces of paper from the stack. This technique allows you to multiply the carving of a drawing. The stack is then separated, with each sheet of paper being a papel picado. Each layer is identical to all the others in a stack. Next, papel picados (or banderitas) are typically hung with ropes or attached to wooden towels. [2] The main materials for making a traditional papel picado are tissue paper (papel de seda), a stencil, a small hammer and chisels. However, papel picados can also be made from rice or silk paper, and have been known to be cut with scissors[5] or a handcrafted knife. [6] Cultural significance The Ministry of Tourism and Culture officially recognizes and supports the art of papel picado. In 1998, the governor of the state of Puebla decreed that the style of papel picado produced in San Salvador Huixcolotla is part of the cultural heritage of the state of Puebla (Cultural Heritage of the Estado de Puebla). Papel picado-themed A Day of the Dead types created for an ofrenda. With countless combinations of patterns and colors, there are many different types of papel picados used in Mexican celebrations. Specific models of papel picados are believed to have significant significance and influence 24. [5] Thus, the drawing that is cut into a papel picado is determined by the particular event it is displayed. [4] Day of the Dead One of the most recognizable types of papel picados are those hanging during the party Dia de Muertos (Day of the Dead, November 1). Papel Picados used in Dia de Muertos are often cut with skull patterns and tucked around altars Ofrendas highlight the four elements of the earth: fire, water, Earth and air, of which papel picados represent the air. Christmas A papel picado with the model of two angels praying at the cross. Papel picados made for Christmas are traditionally made from red or green vexual paper and with models of people and or party-related objects such as baby Jesus, angels, the Virgin Mary, Christmas trees, and bells. [3] Weddings When made for weddings, papel picados are usually made on white fabric paper and ecided with patterns such as doves, hearts, churches, and wedding cakes. [8] In addition, these types of papel picado are made so as to resemble white lace. Cut Paper Figures Papel picados are also used to help in the journey of life. [5] It is believed that if someone wanted to improve a relationship, improve their crops, or receive assistance in a particular area of their life, it would go to the shaman (someone who thought he had contact with spirits[9]) who would cut a figure in a papel picado themed for the specific need of the person, who would help their situation. In order for papel picados to do their care work in their own lives, they must be placed on the family altar or in a more specific area, depending on the particular purpose of papel picado. [5] Papel picado artists Papel picado Olga Ponce Furginon (born 1918) is an artist who grew up in Mexico and, after graduating from Woodbury University in Burbank, California and staying in the United States, opened several exhibitions and had some of her works in films and television shows. Carmen Lomas Garza (born 1948) is a successful artist and author of Mexican-American descent. She is best known for her paintings and papel picado, and her works have been present in the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the National Museum of Mexican Art, and many other museums. Margaret Sosa (born 1989) graduated from California State University and studied papel picado for over three decades. He worked under master papel picado artist Olga Ponce Furginon, and his artworks can now be found in exhibitions around the world. Margaret 'Quica' Alarcán (born 1989) grew up in East Los Angeles and now lives a life as an artist and teacher. His work has been present in many museums such as the Palos Verdes Art Center, Galeria Otra Vez in Self Help Graphics & Art and Avenue 50 Studio. Herminia Albarrán Romero is a Mexican-American artist who is best known for her papel picado, which she learned to do at a young age. In 2005, he received the highest honor in the United States in popular and traditional arts, the National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Catalina Delgado Trunk (born in she grew up in Mexico City and now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His work of art was such as the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Kanazawa, Japan. Kathleen Trenchard (born 1989) is an author and artist specializing in papel picado and teaches painting, drawing and artistic appreciation from her studio in San Antonio, Texas. See also Bunting (textile) Chad (paper) left over fragments by the cut. 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