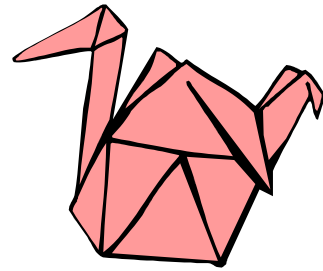


Create With Paper

Paper is such a flexible and versatile material. There are many textures and colours, it can be flat or made into 3-dimensional objects. Here are just some of the many different uses for paper, apart from writing on it or reading from it.

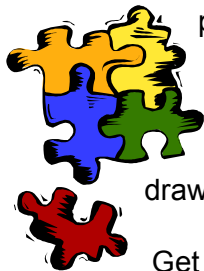
Origami is the Japanese art of folding paper to make anything from animals, boats, hats to much more complicated objects. The following two pages are instructions on how to make a paper boat. Have a go and see if it floats or sinks!



Papier Mache can be used to make all sorts of things.

All you need is some old newspaper, wallpaper paste and some wire netting or mesh. Tear the newspaper into strips and leave them to soak overnight in the wallpaper paste, mixing it well. Then simply mould the wire netting into the shape you want (this could be an animal, or a pot to hold your pens and pencils), and start laying the strips over the wire and build up the layers until you have the shape you want. Once it is dry you can then paint it.

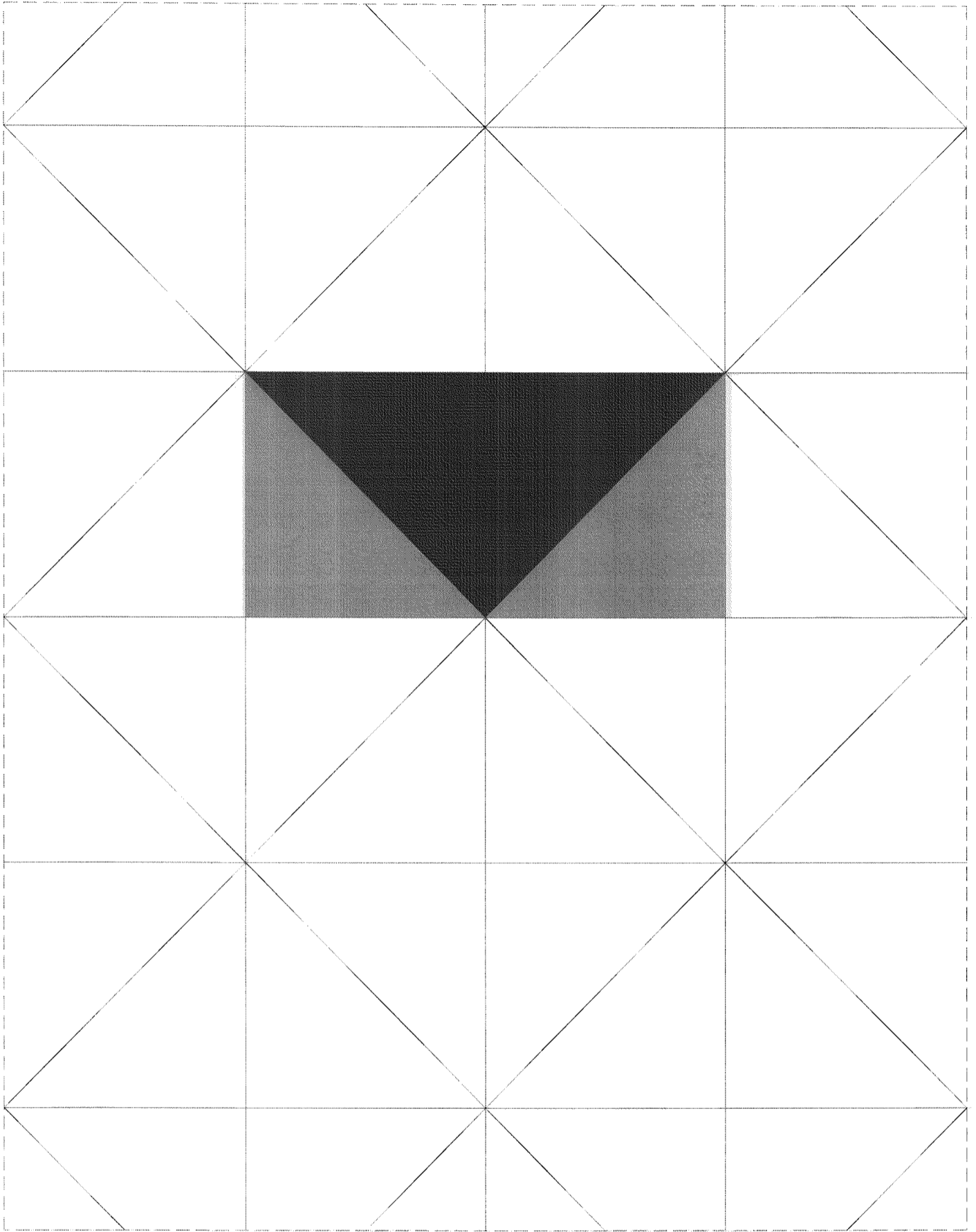
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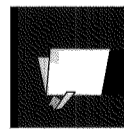
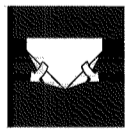
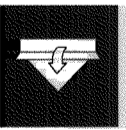
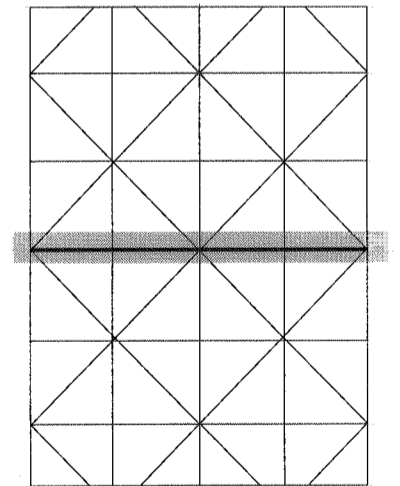
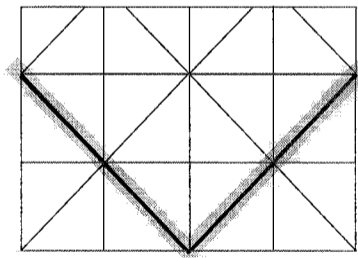
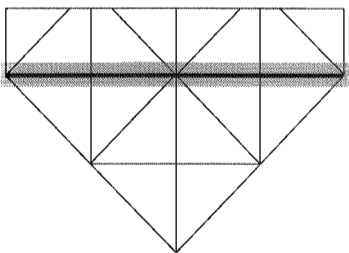
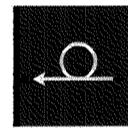
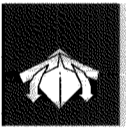
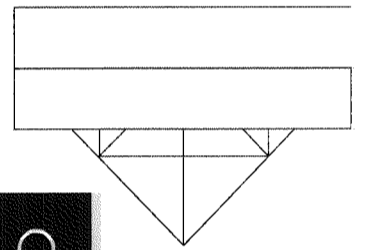
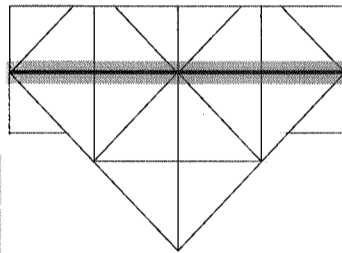
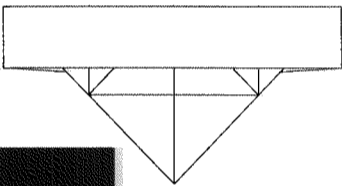
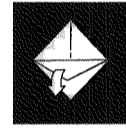
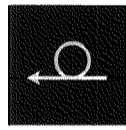
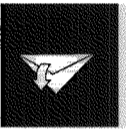
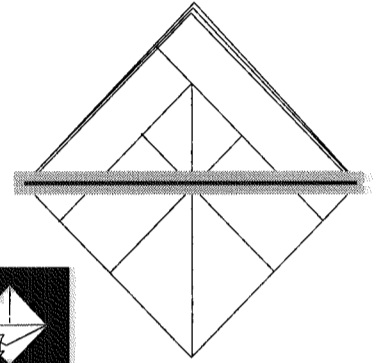
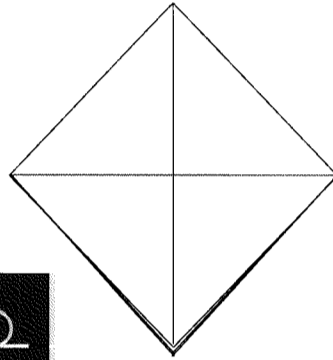
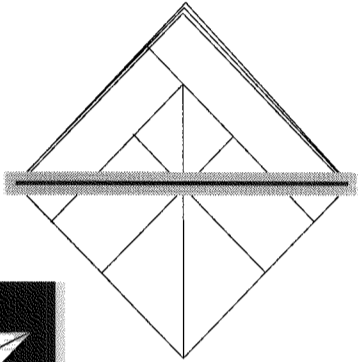
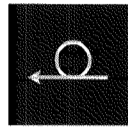
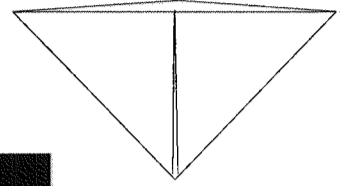
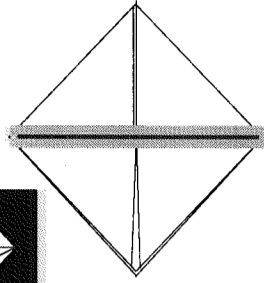
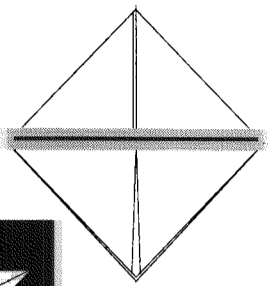
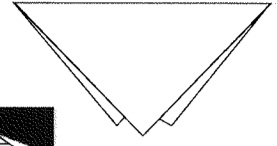
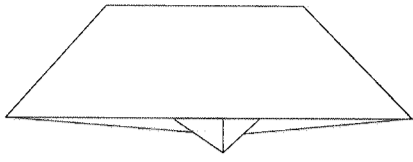


You can make **masks** out of thin card or decorate your own cardboard **boxes**. Why not make a **jigsaw puzzle** from cardboard or you can simply draw or paint a **picture** on a piece of paper.

Get creative at Christmas time and make your own **Christmas Cards** and even your own **Christmas Crackers** (See Activities II). Help with the decorations and make some **paper chains** from strips of different coloured paper. You could make some papier mache **baubles** for the tree.

There are so many ways you can create with paper. Have a go and see just how creative you can be!





Paper at Christmas!

When Christmas approaches you will be thinking about putting up the Christmas decorations. Here are a few simple and easy ideas on how to use paper to make your own Christmas decorations.

Go Crackers!

You will need:

Formers - Essential to shape the cracker. You can use stiff plastic piping (1.5" diameter is the traditional size). You will need a 12.5cm and a 25cm length.

Crepe Paper

Lining Paper - Quite thin like white tissue paper, typewriting paper, airmail writing paper.

Stiffening Cardboard - Cereal box board, to make the firm central cylinder shape.

Fillings - As long as they fit into your cylinder, they can be anything you like: presents, jokes, mottoes.

You will also need 1 metre of string, a ruler, scissors and clear general purpose glue.

Method:

Firstly - Cut the crepe paper into pieces measuring 30.3cm x 16cm with the grain running parallel to the longer side.

Cut the lining paper into 28cm x 15cm pieces and the stiffening board into 15cm x 9cm pieces.

1. Frill the short ends of one of the sheets of crepe paper. Align the bottom edge of a piece of lining paper and the crepe paper. Lay a banger lengthways in the middle. Place a piece of stiffening card vertically in the middle, over the banger. Tie the string to the far right table leg and lay the string over the table toward you! (Confused?)
2. Dab the glue along the long crepe edge. Place the formers together, the small one on the right hand side, so that they meet precisely along the right hand edge of the stiffening card.
3. Holding all the materials together, roll them over the formers as tightly as possible, making a tube shape, ensuring the crepe is well glued. Gently ease the small former

3.5cm to the right, looping the string loosely over and around the cracker (dead centre in the gap), and back over the cracker toward you again.

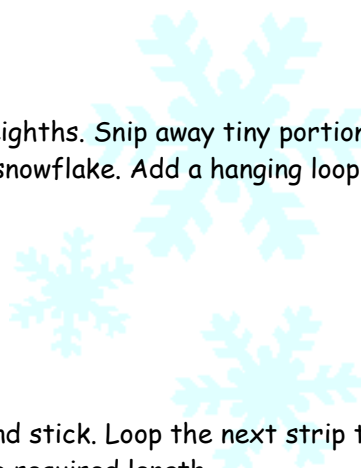
4. Hold both formers with the left hand, letting string lie between the index and second finger of the left hand, pull string with your right hand, and pull the cracker toward you with your left hand (letting the table leg pull the string the other side).

5. Push the small former back to its original place, to firmly crease the "choke". Then, remove the small former completely and untie the string, holding the large former securely in place. Pop the fillings down the large former into the main part of the cracker. Turn the cracker round so the former is on the right-hand side. Gently ease the former out until there is a gap of approximately 3.5cm between it and the stiffening card. Repeat 4. to make the other "choke", and push the large former back to firmly crease the "choke".

More Ideas...

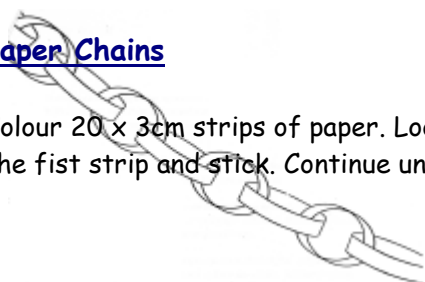
Snowflakes

Fold a square piece of paper into quarters, then eighths. Snip away tiny portions of the paper using small scissors. Open out to form the snowflake. Add a hanging loop or simply stick it on the window.



Paper Chains

Colour 20 x 3cm strips of paper. Loop one strip and stick. Loop the next strip through the first strip and stick. Continue until chain is the required length.



Stars

Cut a five pointed star shape out of board. Colour or wrap the card with foil. Pierce for hanging loop and hang on the tree.

