

3-D Paper Decorations

Use paper-folding techniques to create a three-dimensional decoration from old magazines.



Let's Talk About It

How was dimension created in this project?

In what ways can this be used besides a decoration?

What is the art of Japanese paper folding called?
(origami)

Vocabulary

decoration

three-dimensional

Materials

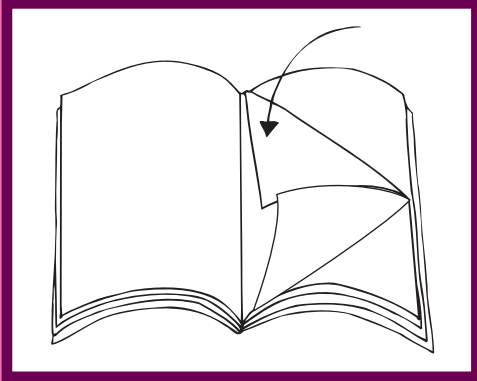
- magazines (all sizes)
- spray paints (all colours)
- string
- stapler

Project Notes

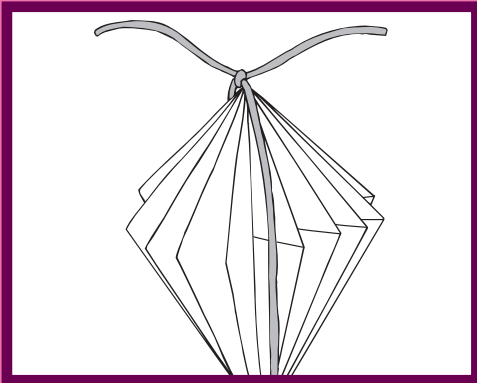
- Create different patterns by changing the folds: fold pages twice instead of once; fold half the pages, then flip the magazine around and continue folding to create an interesting twisted pattern

Let children experiment with different folds to discover the effects they can create.

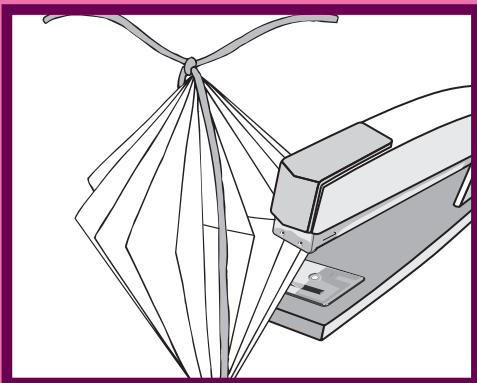
- A light layer of gold or silver spray paint gives a gilded look.



step 1



step 2



step 3

Steps to Follow

- 1** Give each child a magazine. Start by folding each page from the top right corner to the center spine of the magazine. Then fold the bottom corner into the spine. Crease folds firmly. Continue in this manner until all pages are folded.
- 2** Once the pages are folded, loop the string through the center of the magazine and tie it, leaving enough string to hang the decoration.
- 3** Bend the front cover around to meet the back cover, creating a three-dimensional shape. Staple the covers together. (If the magazine is very thin, fold two magazines and staple them together.)
- 4** Spray the decoration with several colours of paint. An adult should do the spraying in a well-ventilated area.
- 5** Hang the decoration to dry.