

How-To Make Easy Party Decorations

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Instructions for 3 different party decorations:

- Paper pinwheel/medallion
- Paper garland
- Paper pennant banner

Paper Pinwheel/Medallion

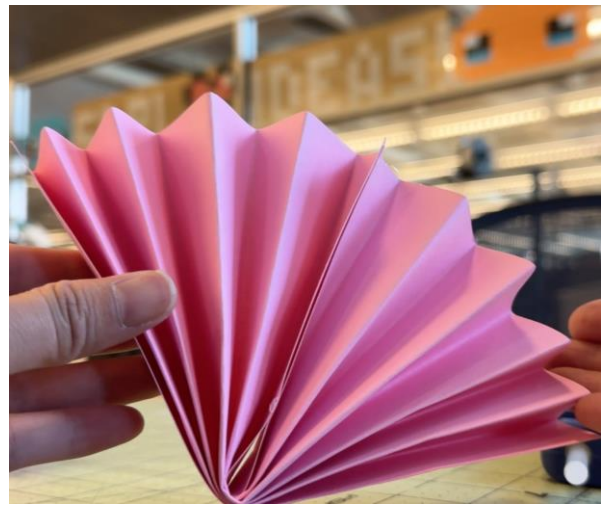
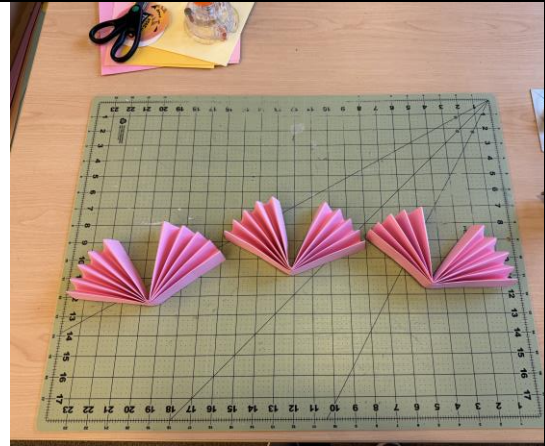
Materials:

- Paper in colors of your choice
 - Note: The example uses 8.5"x11" but you can use other sizes depending on how big you want your decoration; all paper should be the same size
- Glue or tape
- Scissors (a circle cutter works great, if you have one on hand)

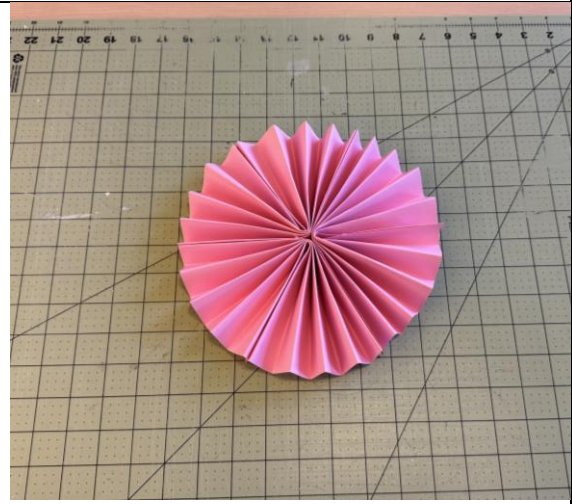
1. Take 3 sheets of paper and accordion fold each sheet



2. Fold each in half to create a fan shape and add glue to the middle section of the fan to keep it together



3. Glue all 3 fans together to create a medallion



4. Cut out a circle and glue it to the middle; you can also place a circle on the opposite side

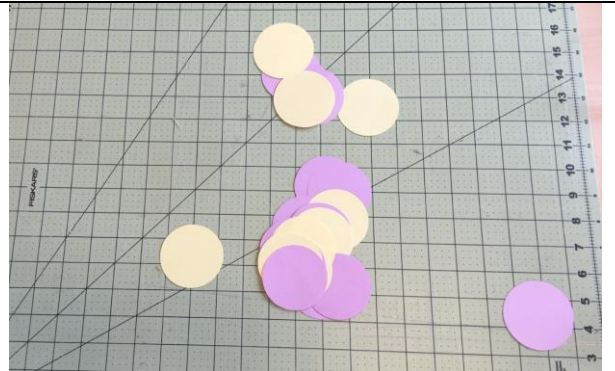


Paper Garland

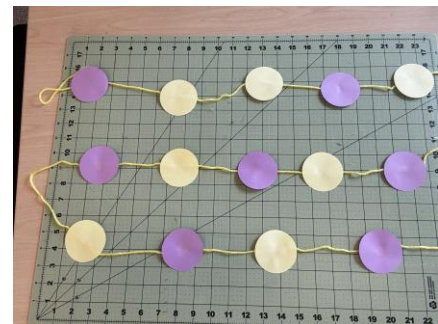
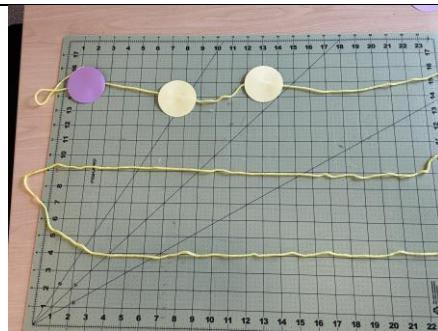
Materials:

- Paper in colors of your choice
- Glue or tape
- String
- Scissors (a circle cutter works great, if you have one on hand)

1. Start by cutting out circles
Note: Cut out as many needed for the length of garland desired



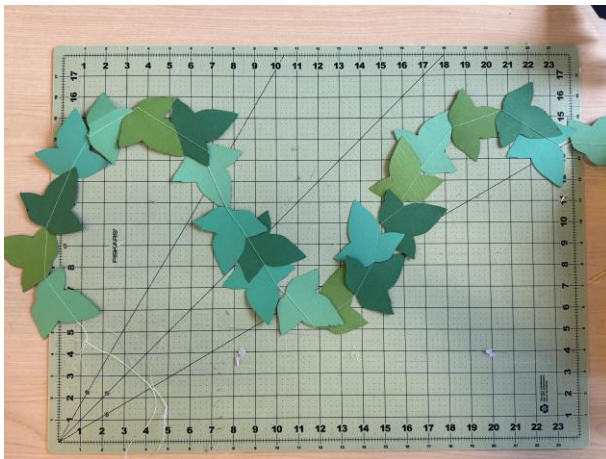
2. Glue or tape the circles on a length of string



Alternative methods:

- Choose a different shape instead of circles, such as hearts, flowers, leaves.
- Use a sewing machine to attach the shapes together – highly recommended for quick and impressive results! Sewing machines are available to use at some [San Diego Public Library IDEA Labs!](#)

Paper garland examples:

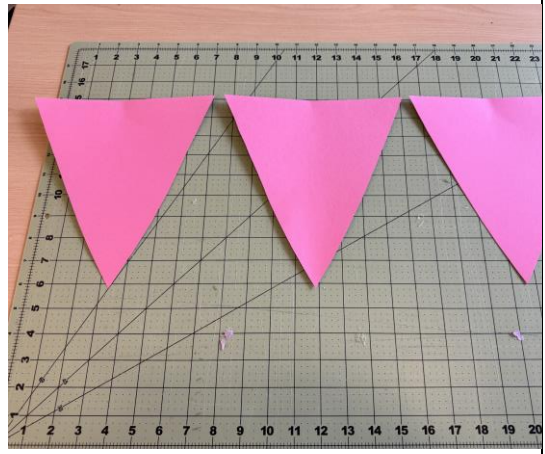


Paper Pennant Banner

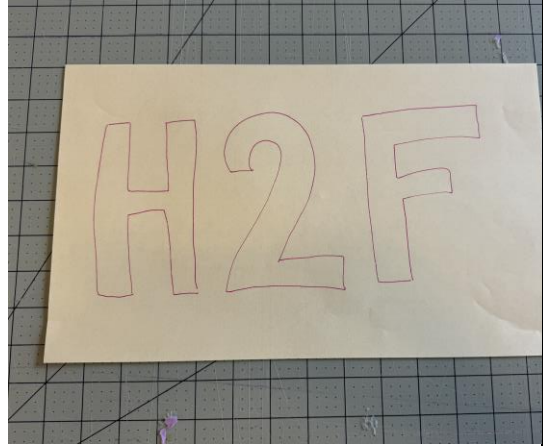
Materials:

- Paper in colors of your choice
- Glue or tape
- String
- Scissors
- Hole punch

1. Decide what you want your banner to say. Count how many letters and spaces there are. Cut out pennant shapes equal to that number.
Example: For a banner that will read "H2F", 3 pennant shapes will need to be cut out



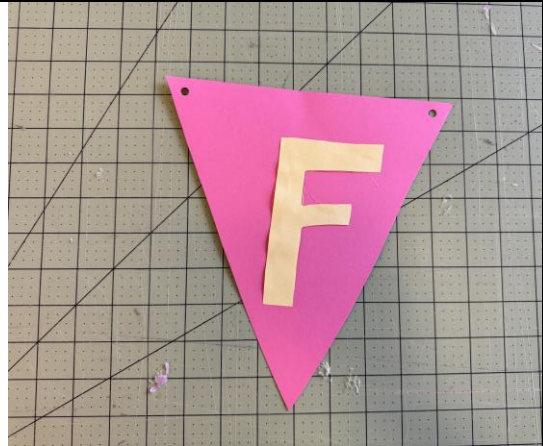
2. Cut out letters needed for the banner



3. Glue each letter to a pennant



4. Punch two holes at the top of the pennant, one on each corner



5. String the pennant together



Alternative methods:

- Use a Silhouette Cameo cutting machine to cut out the pennant shapes and letters for a more polished look. This machine is available to use at the [San Diego Public Library IDEA Labs!](https://www.sandiego.gov/library/idea-labs)

