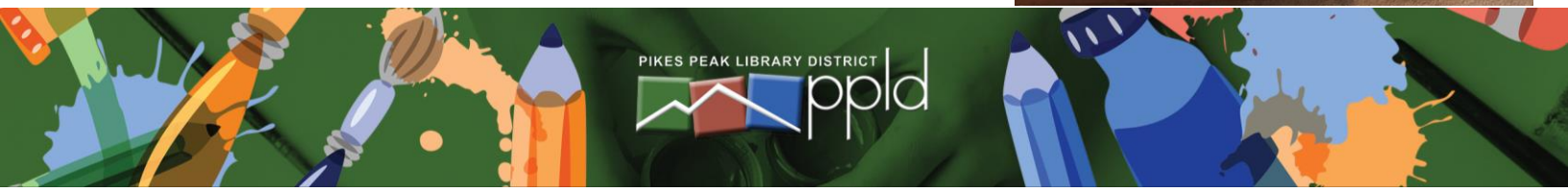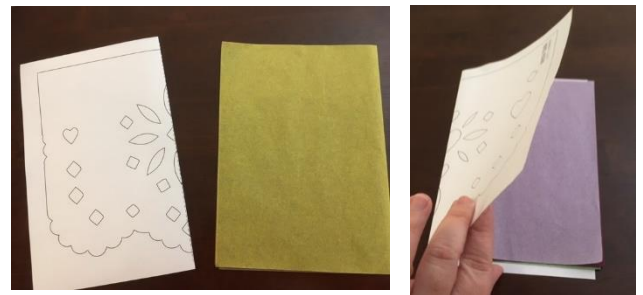**TAKE AND MAKE:** Tween Twist: Papel Picado

Ages 9-12

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by making papel picado, "punched" or "perforated" paper. This traditional folk art is often made by drawing an intricate design and using a chisel to cut several layers of tissue paper. Because this art form is created using materials that disintegrate in the elements, not many historical pieces remain. Often elaborate, these festive banners are used at many celebrations in Mexico and areas with Hispanic roots and heritage. Use scissors to cut out your own version of this traditional art form.

Supplies: Tissue paper, Paper Template, Washi Tape

Supplies needed from home: Scissors, additional tissue paper (optional)

1. Choose your favorite template and fold it in half.
2. Stack two to three pieces of tissue paper in a pile and fold it in half.
3. Slip the tissue paper inside the folded template so the folded edges are on one side.
4. Cut out the outside of the template, cutting through the tissue paper inside.
5. Cut out the inside shapes in the template, folding the template around to gain better access to the different shapes to cut out.
6. Once the template is entirely cut out, remove the tissue paper pieces and unfold them.
7. Repeat steps 1-6 with the remaining tissue paper and templates. Optional – use tissue paper from home to create even more papel picado for a larger banner.
8. Using a long, flat surface, such as a table, unroll a long strip of washi tape, leaving it attached to the roll.

9. Starting at the end, attach the top of each papel picado (tissue paper design) to the washi tape. Unroll more tape as needed, tearing it off the roll once all papel picado have been attached to the banner.
10. Fold over any washi tape hanging over across the top of the banner.
11. Hang your banner up and enjoy!

Adapted from https://happythought.co.uk/how-to-make-papel-picado/

More information about papel picado can be found at
https://www.internationalfolkart.org/learn/lesson-plans/papel-picado-(dia-de-los-muertos).html