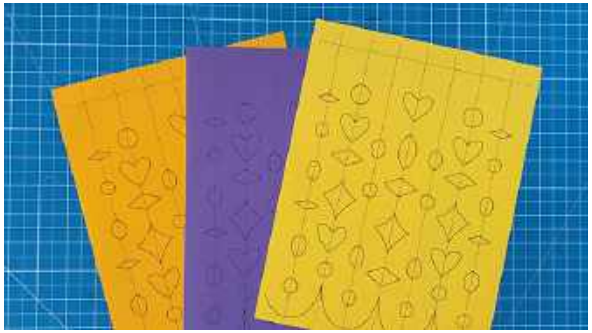
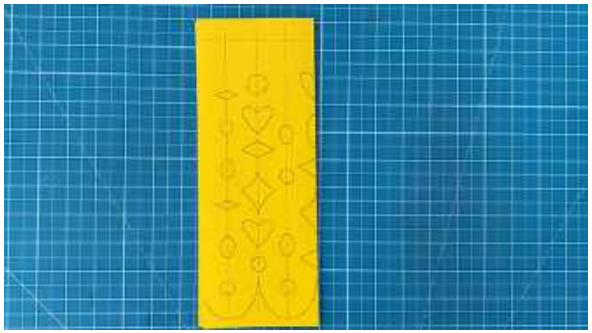
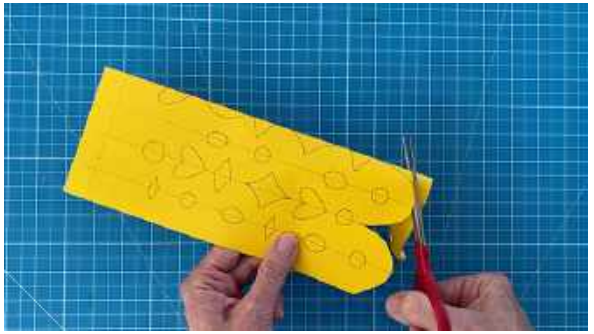
How to Make Papel Picado



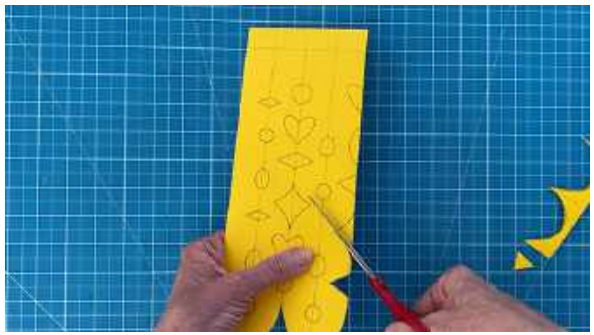
1. Print the template on thin colored paper. Note that the dashed lines are for folding, the solid for cutting.



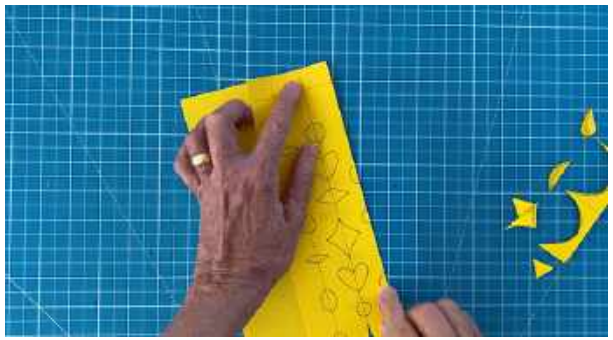
2. Fold the paper along the center line, print side out.



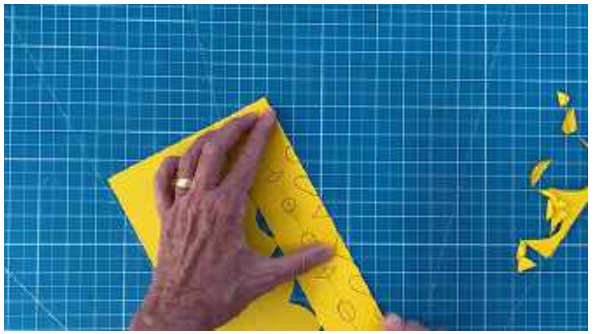
3. Cut the scalloped edge on the bottom.



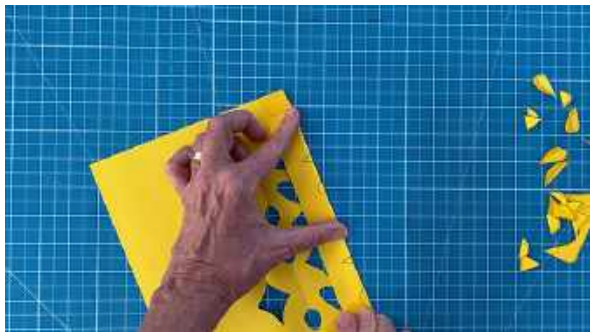
4. Cut the center shapes out on the fold.



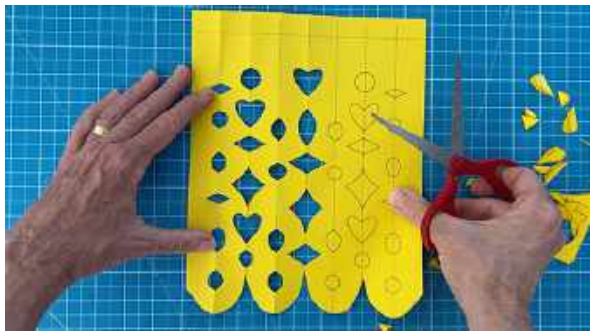
5. Open, fold on the next line, and cut out the shapes.



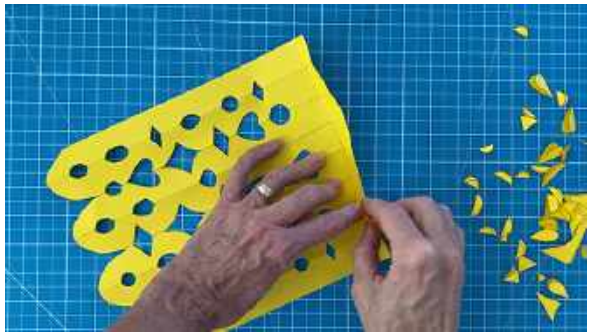
6. Open, fold on the next line, and cut out the shapes.



7. Open, fold on the last line, and cut out the shapes.



8. Repeat this process for the right, starting with the closest line to the center and then working out to the edge. It helps keep the process more manageable.



9. Fold on the top line so that it is in the inside. This will make the printed side the back side, and the clean side the front side. Tape closed over a string and hang.

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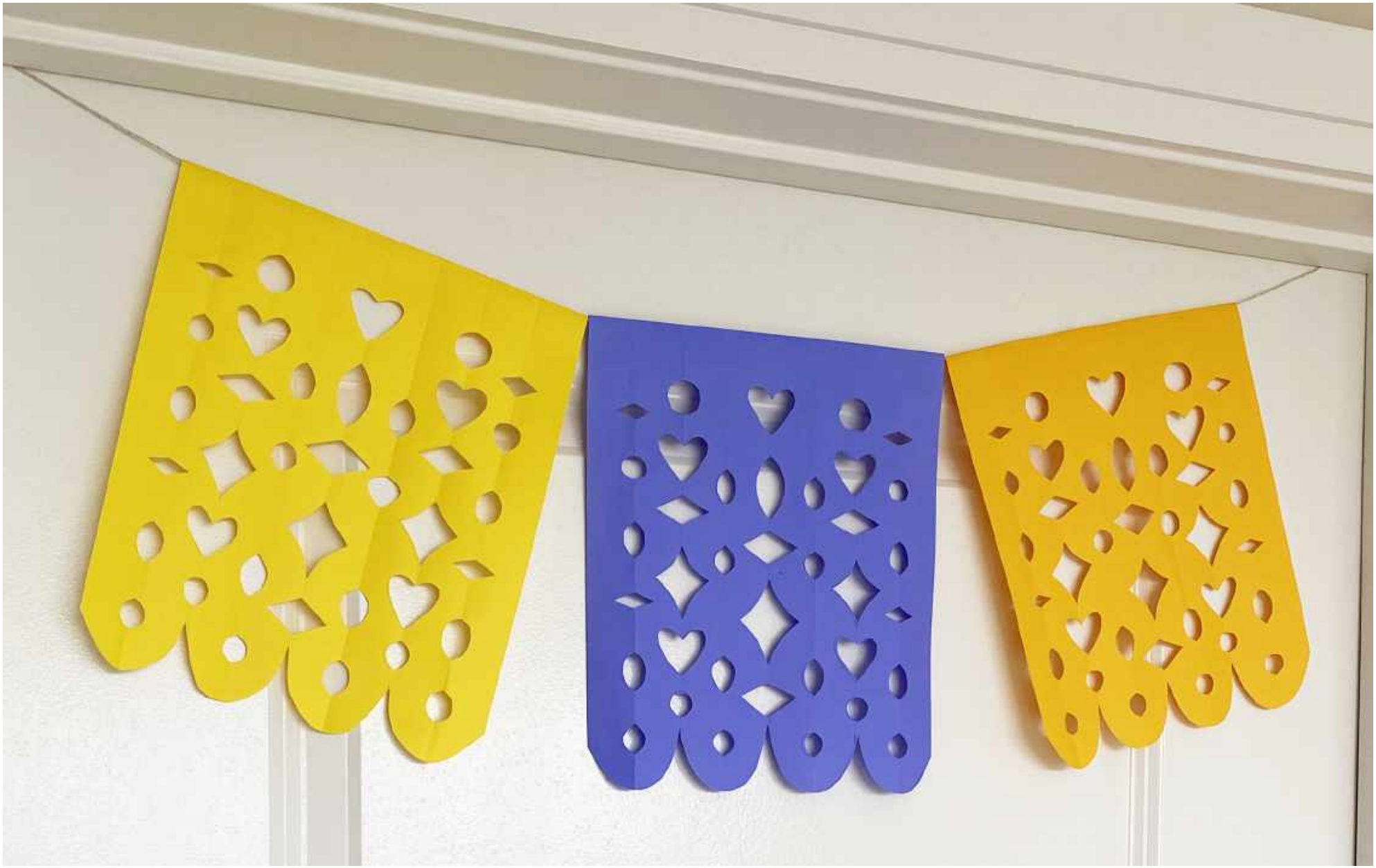

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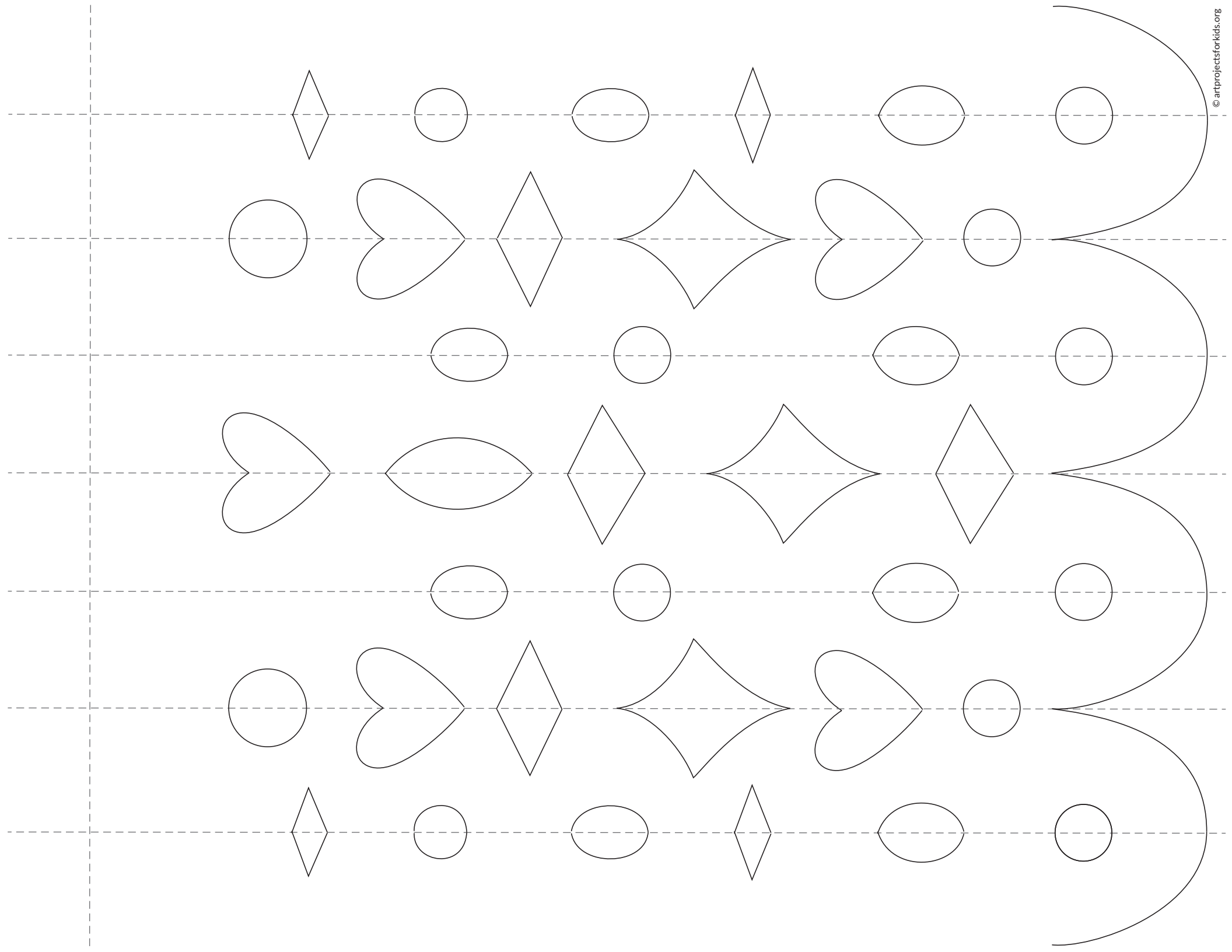
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