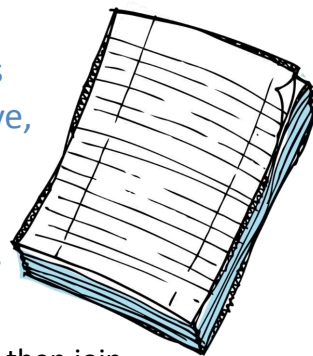


No craft materials? No problem ... the Arts team would love everyone to keep being creative, so have collected together some ideas for quick and easy activities needing little more than paper, pens, scissors and glue/tape or staples.

Have fun!



Paper chains

Simply strips of paper—join the first one into a ring, thread the next strip through and then join that one. Why not see who can make the longest one or link them together virtually across and around your zoom meeting? Use them to record the ways you've helped others and kept your promise. You could get creative and add heads and tails ... draw and cut out a head with an extra long neck then thread it through in the same way.

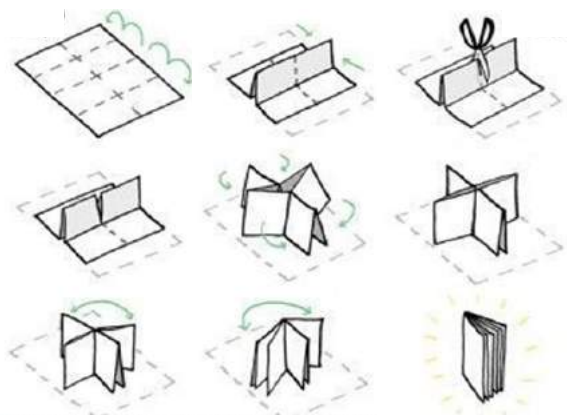
Accordion fold chains

Simply long strips of paper folded together. Take two strips of paper and glue the ends at right angles. Fold the long ends over in turn, joining additional strips as required. Glue the ends together to finish. Add a head to make an effective snake, or join into a ring which you can keep turning.



A mini notebook

Fold an A4 piece of paper into 8 and, following the diagrams, cut along the centre folds. Opening these out, refold the remaining creases to form a book.



Paper hearts

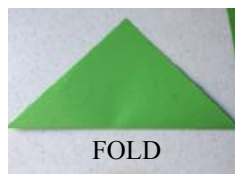
Simply strips of paper—fold them in half and staple close to the fold. Open out the ends and bring them round to form the bottom of the heart, staple together.

If you staple another folded strip over the ends you can make a chain of hearts.

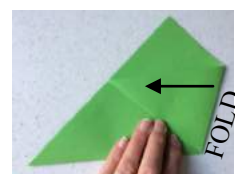
If you have several lengths of paper strips and fold them together with the longest one in the centre you will end up with several layers to your hearts. Add some cord and hang them in the window



Paper cup creatures



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Fold a square of paper into a triangle. Keeping the folded edge at the bottom, take the bottom right corner and fold it to meet the left side, keeping the two horizontal lines parallel.

Repeat with the bottom left corner. Fold one top triangle in each direction to form a cup.

Tuck the one on the plain side inside the cup so it is easier to decorate. Pinch the top to form ears if required and add extra paper shapes for tails etc.



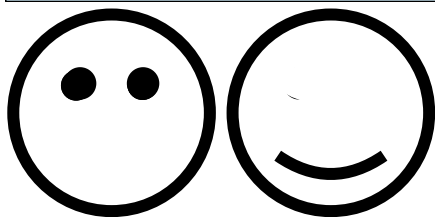
Paper doll chain

Accordion (zig-zag) fold a strip of paper, then draw your figures with the arms touching the fold. Cut out without cutting through these. Decorate your dolls in section uniforms or as family members. Could you try to do a special good turn for each of them?



A thaumatrope

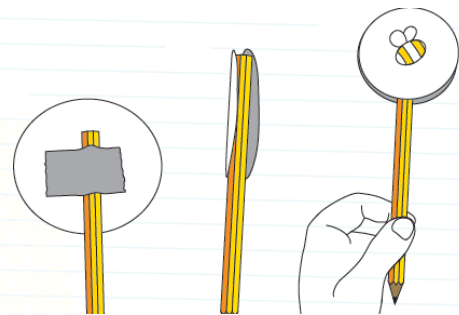
Thaumatropes are a type of optical illusion. An illusion is when your brain sees something that isn't true. When you spin your thaumatrope, the two pictures are moving so fast that your eyes and brain can't separate them, so they look like one.



For something simple try an emoji ... eyes on one side and the mouth on the other.

Fold a strip of paper in half and cut out a circle shape (about 7cm across). This should give you two identical pieces.

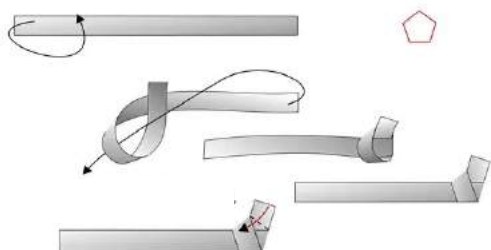
On one draw part of a picture and on the other draw the rest of it. You could draw a bee on one side and a flower on the other, or a fish on one side and some waterweed or bubbles on the other.



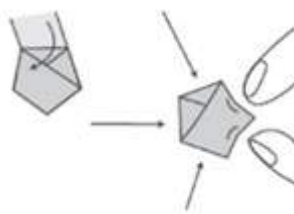
Now sellotape the back of one circle onto the top of a pencil or straw. Then, making sure you've got it the right way up tape the second circle onto the other side of the pencil. Add some pieces of tape over the edges to keep it firmly in place. Hold the pencil between your palms and rub them so that it twists quickly ... you should see the whole picture!

Paper stars

Cut a 1cm strip from the long side of an A4 piece of paper. Tie a 'knot' in one end and gently wiggle it to get it even.



Tuck the short end under a fold to secure it and then carefully wrap the long end around the pentagon shape (don't press the folds too much).

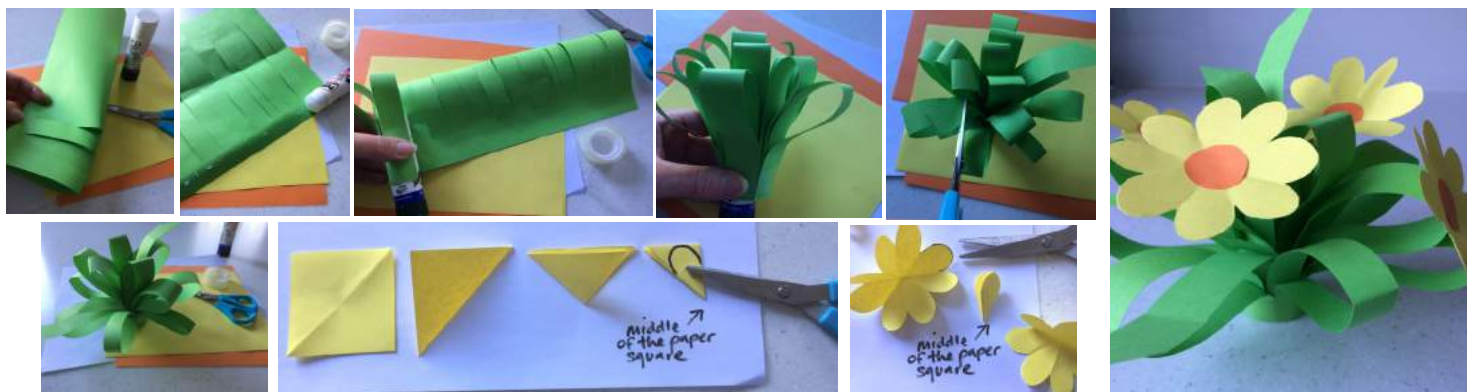


Tuck the end into a fold to secure it and then pinch the points to form a star shape.

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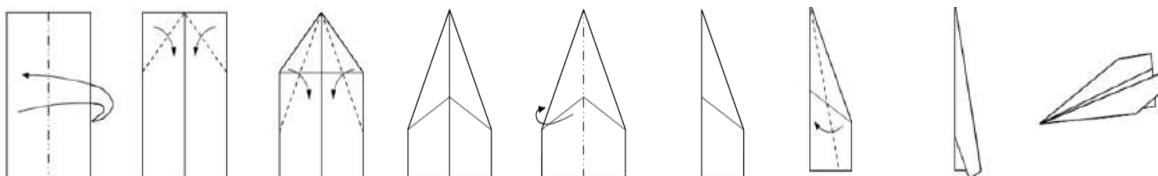
A bunch of flowers

Use a sheet of paper (green if possible), gently bend it in half lengthways and cut about 1cm strips from the fold towards the open edges. Unfold any creases and then glue the open edges together. Gently curl it up (it is easiest to wrap it around a tube to do this) and tape in place. Cut some of the loops to form longer leaves and then stick on lots of paper flowers. You could draw these and then cut them out or you could cut them from folded squares. Why not add bees and butterflies too?



Paper planes

An opportunity to experiment with design. Try different types of paper, different designs or try adding paperclips to add weight to the wings, tail or nose.



Take it further lots of these activities can also be used towards various challenges, skill builders, unit meeting activities and badges.

We hope you have had fun ... remember to share what you have done! artsteam@btconnect.com