

Materials

- Paper (e.g., construction paper, magazine pages, etc.)
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hole puncher
- Stapler
- String, yarn, fishing line, or ribbon

Instructions

1. Prepare Materials

Use your ruler to measure one inch strips across the long side of your paper. Using a pencil, draw your cutting lines all the way down the length of the paper until you run out of paper..

2. Cut and Stack

Cut your paper along your cutting lines. To save time, you can stack two to three pieces of paper on top of each other before cutting strips. After you have cut all of your paper strips, cut the length down on some of your strip ends to create different sized lengths.

3. Secure Ends

Stack 3-5 strips together and line up along one end. Staple the strips together about one inch away from this top edge to leave room for a hold punched hanging point. On the opposite side, line up the other end of the strips along their edge. What shapes are your paper strips creating? Is the paper moving easily as you join the different strip lengths? Move the strips slightly left or right to create your 3-Dimensional shapes. When you are satisfied with your design, secure this edge with another staple to create the bottom side of your paper ornament.

4. Complete and Hang

Punch a hole in the center of the top of your ornament. Cut a small piece of string, yarn, fishing line, or ribbon to hang your ornament. Weave the string into the punched hole and secure the ends into a knot. Your ornament is now ready to hang!