

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

(day of the dead)

Dia De Los Muertos is a Mexican Holiday to celebrate the lives of your loved ones who have passed on. Everything in this guide is to be used to help your children make a connection with loved ones who passed on!



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Simple Marigold Paper Flowers

To make One Flower:

- 5 Tissue Paper Squares (used Waldorf Kite Size 6.5 in)
- 1 Pipe Cleaner
- Ruler (to flatten paper)
- Scissors (to cut edge)



Directions:

1. Start by making sure all 5 sheets are aligned.
2. Fold accordion style till you get to the end, use flat end of ruler or something else flat to flatten the paper. Careful tissue/waldorf kite paper is very soft and can tear. (and if it does it's okay) Then fold in half to create a middle point, and open.
3. Cut the edges either half moon or triangle, this is for a flower edge. Be creative. You can cut the edges anyway you like!
4. Use a pipe cleaner to tie and twist in the middle point. This will give a good hold to attach.
5. Lightly fold out one fan opposite from the pipe cleaner. Lightly separate from stack and lift up. Once one side is completed, repeat on the other side.
6. Now repeat to make more than one!





Dia De Los Muertos Colors:

Purple: The color purple is important and signifies grief and mourning.

Pink: Is meant to be a happy color to celebrate the life of the person.

White: Is color to symbolize renewal. When we die we are pure.

Orange: Marigold Petals are placed from the doors to the ofrendas to help guide our loved ones back home.

Yellow: Is symbolic for the sun which is meant for all life. The sun is needed to survive.

Black: Is the most recognizable color for the land of the dead. Not commonly used but will see in some art.

Day of the Dead Facts

What is Dia de Los Muertos?

First of all it's NOT HALLOWEEN! It's a Mexican Holiday that we call a family reunion but with our ancestors that have passed on. It's celebrated November 1st + 2nd. Day of the dead is a "joyous" holiday where we create an Ofrenda to place a photo of our loved one, flowers and food. It's a celebration to remember the life they lived here on earth. Although it's a Mexican Holiday it's celebrated also in Latin America and the United States!



What is an Ofrenda?

An Ofrenda is an altar. The altar, small space or table dedicated in your house for your ancestors who have passed on. You place their photo and a candle so they can find their way home. Don't forget to place food, flowers, books and celebrate!

Why Food and Flowers?

Well I'm sure you get hungry and so do they after a long journey. So we leave their favorite food in case they get hungry. Most commonly "Pan de Muerto" or Mexican Day of the Dead bread is left on the altar. And don't forget to look for the colors that represent Day of the Dead to bring meaning to your altar!

Why Marigolds?

Marigold represents how delicate life is. The vibrant color and pungent smell are a great addition to any ofrenda. You can make some from tissue if you don't have any. *Do you have marigolds in your garden? If not stop by a local garden, Lowes or Home Depot where you can surely find some in the garden section.*

What is a Calavera?

It's a decorated skull made from sugar or ceramic and used on the altar. You see a lot of skeletons being used and it's not scary! But the skeletons for Dia De Los Muertos are used to symbolize one day we will be a skeleton. Also used to show the next stage of life and it's always happy and decorated!





Mini Papel Picado

You will need:

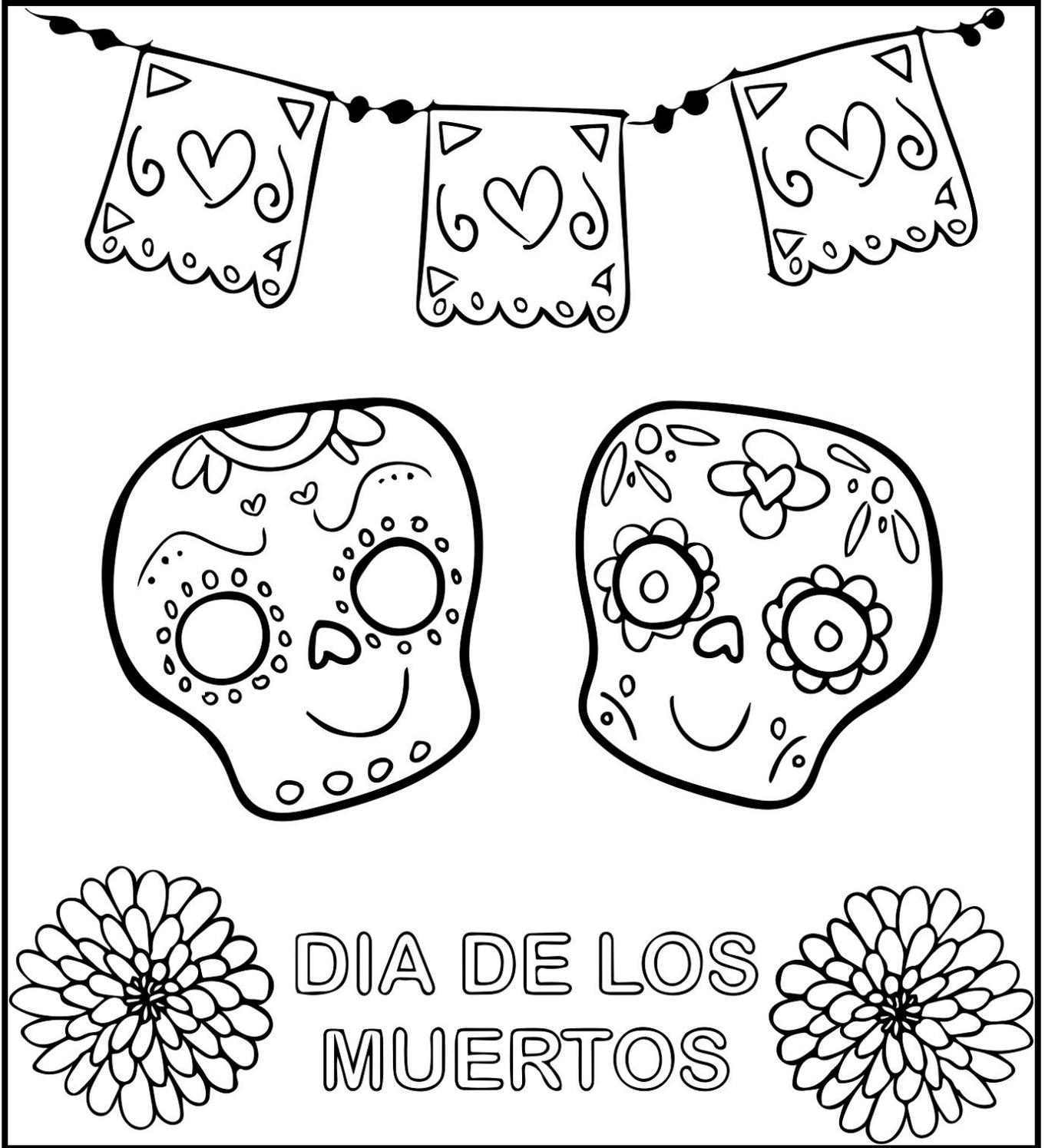
- 3-6 Various Sheets of Tissue Paper (we used Waldorf Kite Sheets 6.5in)
- Scissors
- Glue (my favorite Ukkie dries fast and is clear)
- Bakers Twine (or any other cotton/jute string will work)



Directions:

1. Take one Sheet of paper and fold in half (river/horizontal), then crease.
2. Take one side and make it into a square and crease.
3. Take edges with all loose ends and fold it up into a triangle. & crease.
4. Take the point where the two small sides meet and fold to make a small triangle.
5. Here is where it gets tricky. Make a design with a pencil if you need to but do not cut on the fold but where the triangle meets and edges are open.
6. Cut a few designs and slowly open. You will have a square with repeated patterns.
7. Take a side you want to fold and make the top of the banner. Fold $\frac{1}{4}$ in or a tad more.
8. Place the string and dab glue where needed and it's ready to hang!





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