MATERIALS

1. 6 x 6 inch double-sided origami paper or colored construction paper
2. Scissors
3. Glue
4. Double-sided tape
5. Paperclips
6. Stapler
7. String
8. Needle

ABOUT

Nature is an important feature of Himalayan art across the centuries, whether it’s the focal point or backdrop of an artwork. As the holiday season approaches we see how nature is changing around us, from the days getting shorter to leaves falling from the trees. In this Family Sunday DIY project, you can create holiday ornaments shaped like flowers or snowflakes to bring a little nature into your home.
INSTRUCTIONS

PAPER FLOWER

Step 1
Cut colored paper into 8½ × 1 inch strips. You will need 11 strips, so using 8½ × 11 inch paper is a good idea.

Step 2
Stack the 11 strips on top of each other and staple at center, making sure staple is parallel to the 1 inch ends of the strips.

Step 3
Put a piece of double-stick tape at one end of the first strip, then bend it toward the center and stick it down to itself so that the strip makes the shape of a teardrop or petal. Repeat this step for all of the strips.

Step 4
Puncture a small hole through one of the petals and thread a piece of string through to hang the ornament.
INSTRUCTIONS

SNOW FLAKE

Step 1
Take 6 pieces of double-sided, 6 × 6 inch paper.

Step 2
Take 1 piece and fold diagonally so paper is now in the shape of right angle triangle. Make sure the point of the right angle is facing away from you; it should look like a mountain.

Step 3
Fold again to make a smaller triangle, bringing the right side to the left side to create a right-angle triangle.

Step 4
Using a ruler, draw a line parallel to the hypotenuse at a distance of 1 cm. Draw 4 more parallel lines 1 cm apart from each other, with the longest line 1 cm from the first line. It is fine if the shortest line, which is closest to the right angle of the triangle, is more than 1 cm from the right angle.

Step 5
Cut along the 4 longer parallel lines, from one side of the triangle almost to the other side, making sure not to cut all the way across. For the shortest line, which is closest to the right angle, cut it completely across so the corner of the triangle comes off.

Step 6
Unfold the triangle completely, so your paper is in the shape of a square with the center cut out in the shape of a square; your design should look something like this image.
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Step 7
Take the corners of the two innermost strips and bring them together to make a roll shape; glue them together by putting one corner on top of the other. Use a paperclip to secure until dry.

Step 8
Turn the paper over and make another roll on the other side by bringing the inner strips together, gluing them in place, and securing with a paperclip.

Step 9
Repeat this process of turning over the paper and connecting the strips together; repeat until all of the strips are connected into rolls. It is fine if one side has more rolls than the other. Let dry for about 5 minutes.

Step 10
Take 3 of the completed rolled diamond pieces and glue them together at the center and tip, using a paperclip at both points to secure. Do this with the other 3 completed diamond rolls. Let dry. Once dry connect two sets at the center and tip. Let dry.

Step 11
Puncture a small hole through the end of one loop and thread a piece of string through to hang the ornament.