

# Paper Art in 3D

Sculpting with paper

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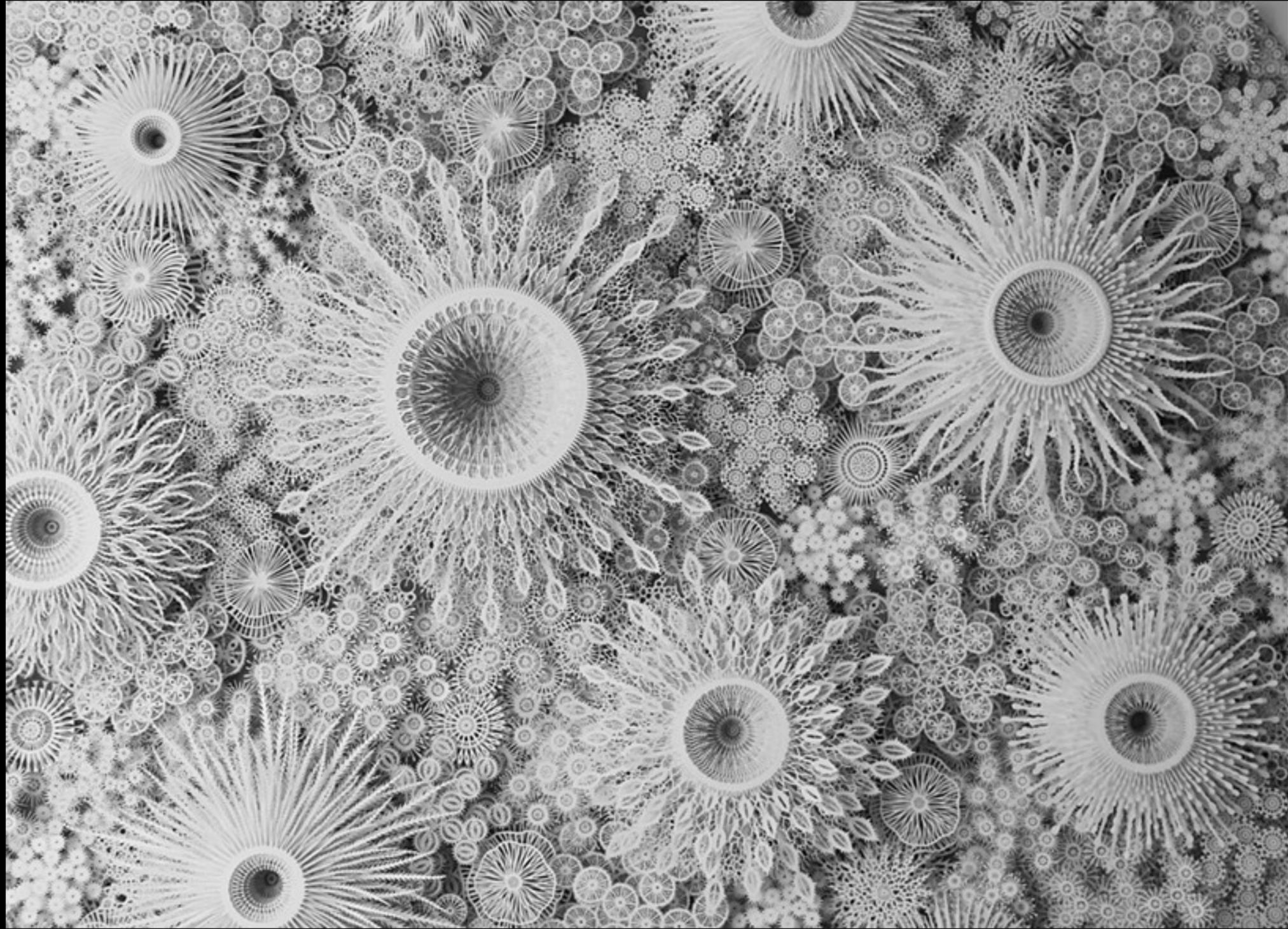


Often we create art on paper  
Today, the art will be the paper

Let's look at some accomplished paper artists!



**Felix Semper: Creates "mind-bending" sculptures that look solid but are, in fact, flexible, made from thousands of sheets of glued and carved paper.**

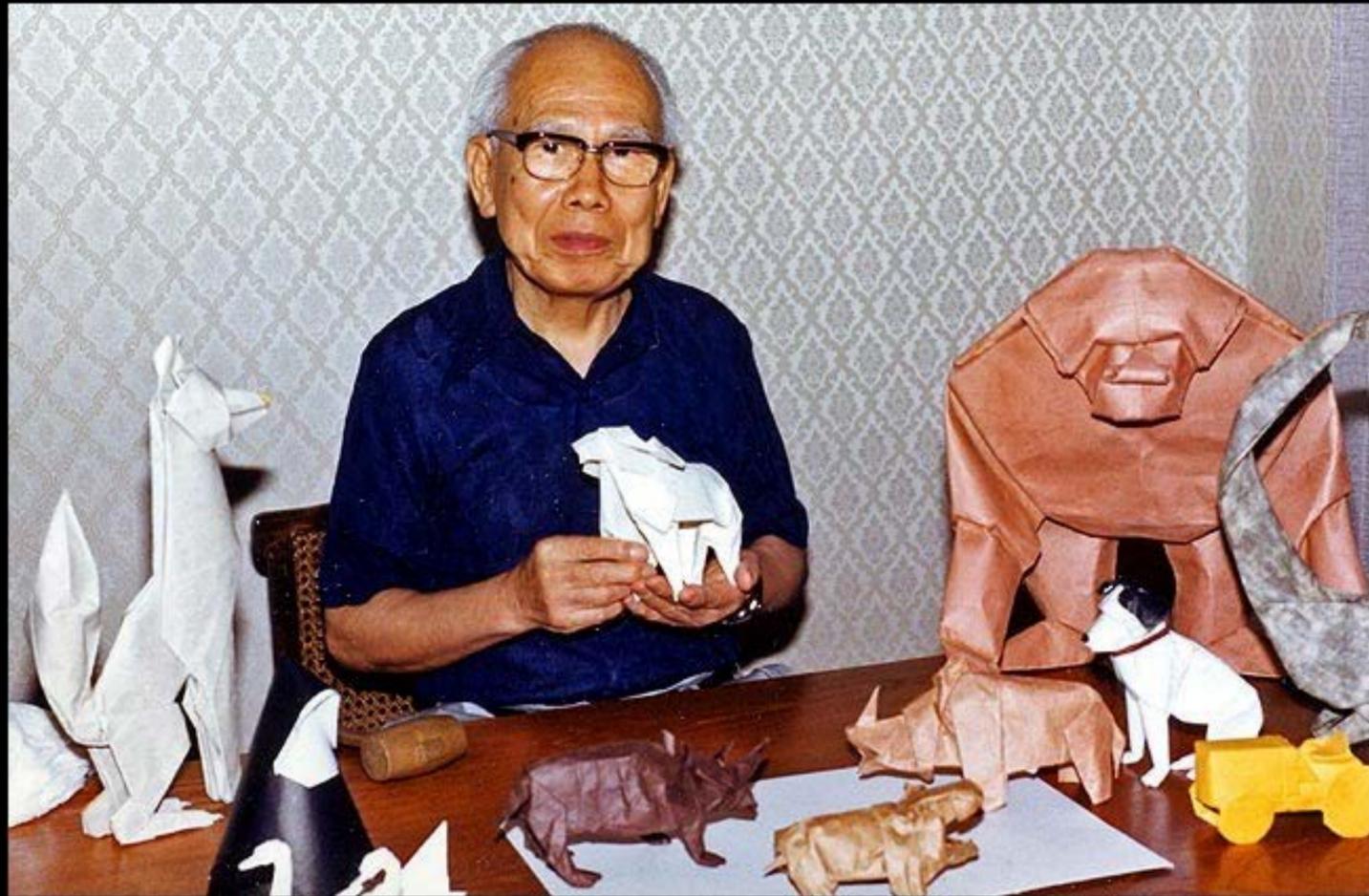


**Rogan Brown - Paper Sculptures**  
handcraft and advanced laser cutting



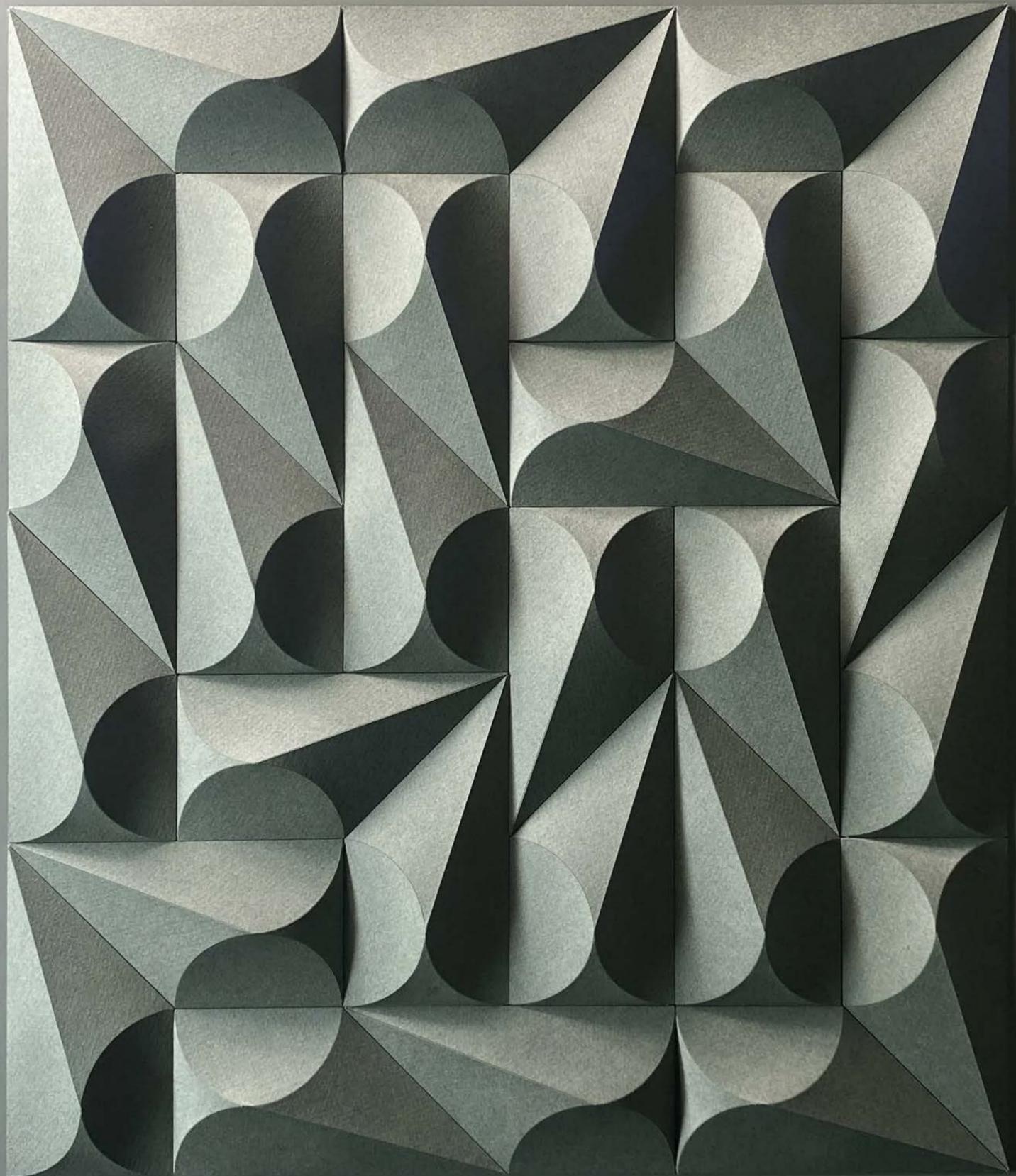
Wofram Kampffmeyer  
- 3D paper animal sculpture





Akira Yosizawa - origami





Matt Schlian paper sculpture



**Yulia Brodskaya quilling**



Cris Gilmore - life size cardboard sculpture

# Techniques





[https://www.artbarblog.com/art-and-play-activity-guide-for-learning-at-home-week-3/paper\\_sculpture\\_chart/](https://www.artbarblog.com/art-and-play-activity-guide-for-learning-at-home-week-3/paper_sculpture_chart/)



# Supplies for class of 30:

**1 square sturdy project base**

**12 sheets of 12"x12" paper cut into 1" strips (5 strips per kid)**

**15 sheets cut into 6" squares (2 per kid)**

**6 sheets cut into 3" squares (2 per kid)**

**5 sheets cut into 2" strips (1 per kid)**

**(beware of extra fancy paper - gold, glitter etc.)**

**I suggest bringing extras from previous classes to have plenty of options**

**White glue**

**sandwich stick**

**scissors (be sure to ask about lefties)**

**Bring your own big scissors or cutter if you have one**

**Please save your scraps for the next class!!**

# Tips:

**Glue: Dot Dot, Not A Lot**

**Glue, Press, Count to 10!**

**(Some techniques might require thinner paper)**

**Pre-cut some strips**

**1" Strips - many!**

**2" Strips - curvy feet, fringe, scallops, scallops flowers**

**3" Squares - for smaller flowers, hearts**

**6" Squares - for larger flowers**

**Check for lefty's... lefty scissors have yarn**

**Teach kids to make "feet"**

**Remind to build up... you can stack designs**

**Don't glue everything down (like petals)...let it be 3D**

**Encourage them to find creative ways to use their scraps**

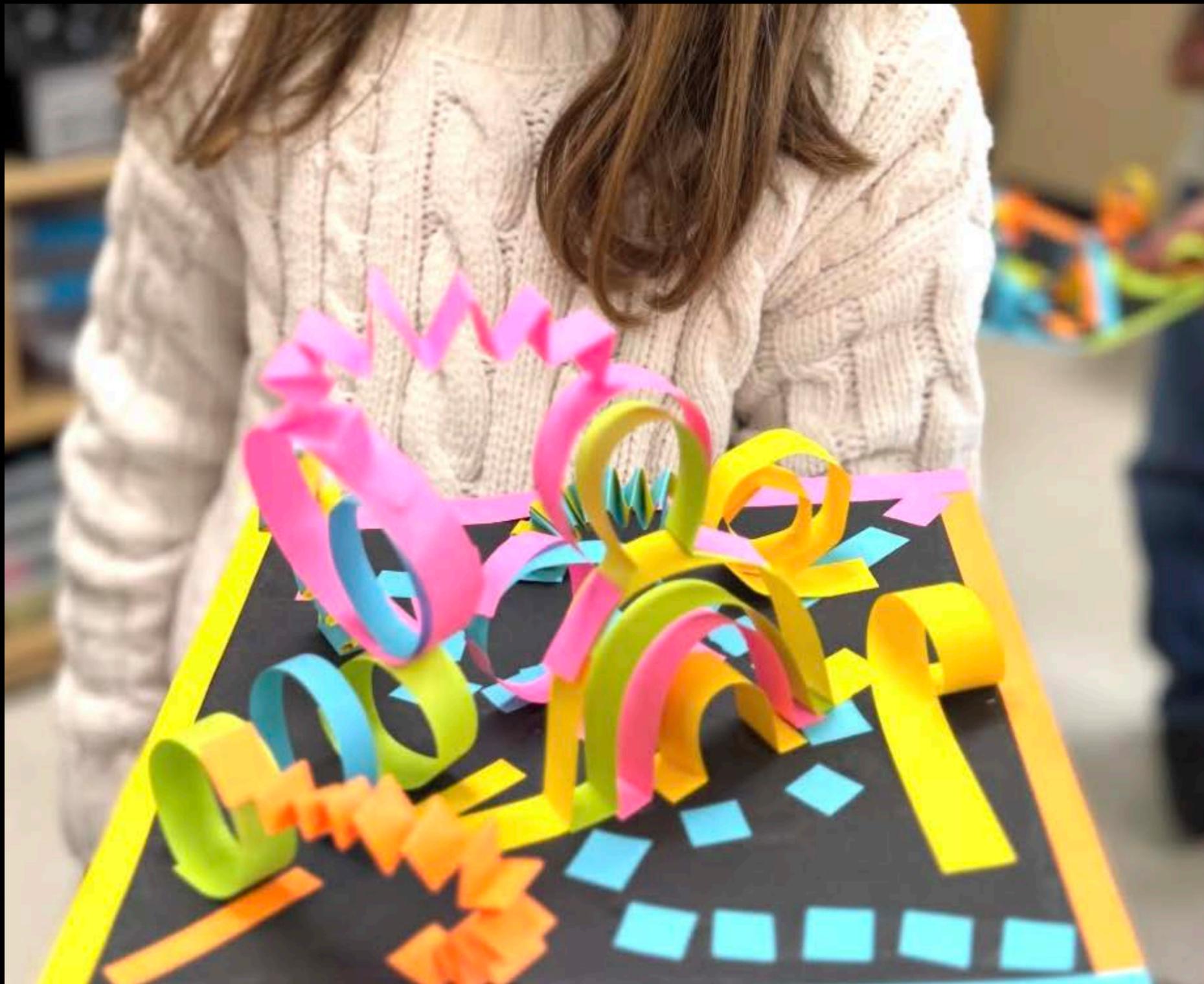
**Walk through 5ish techniques, then let kids do their thing and ask questions if they are stuck**

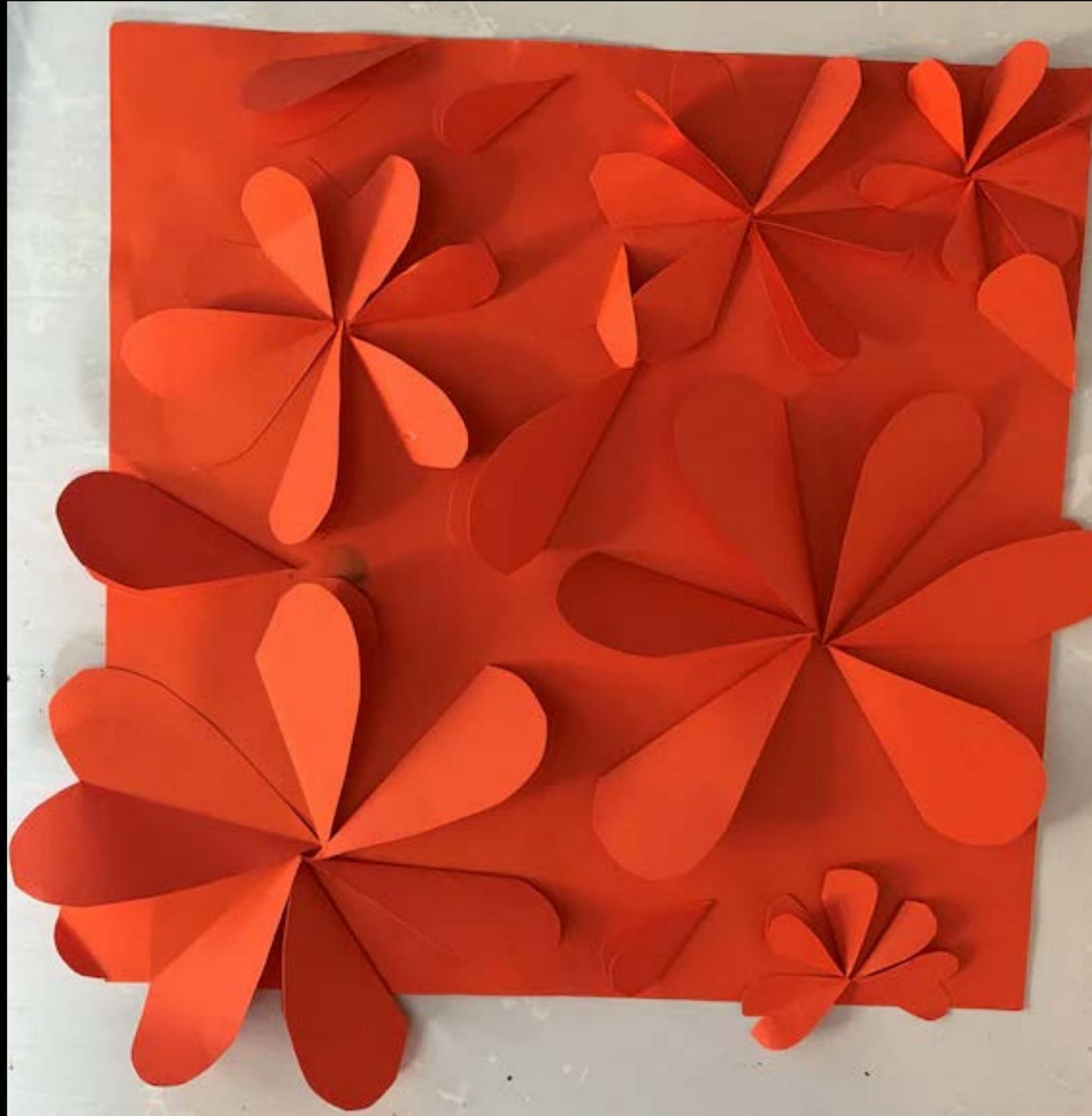
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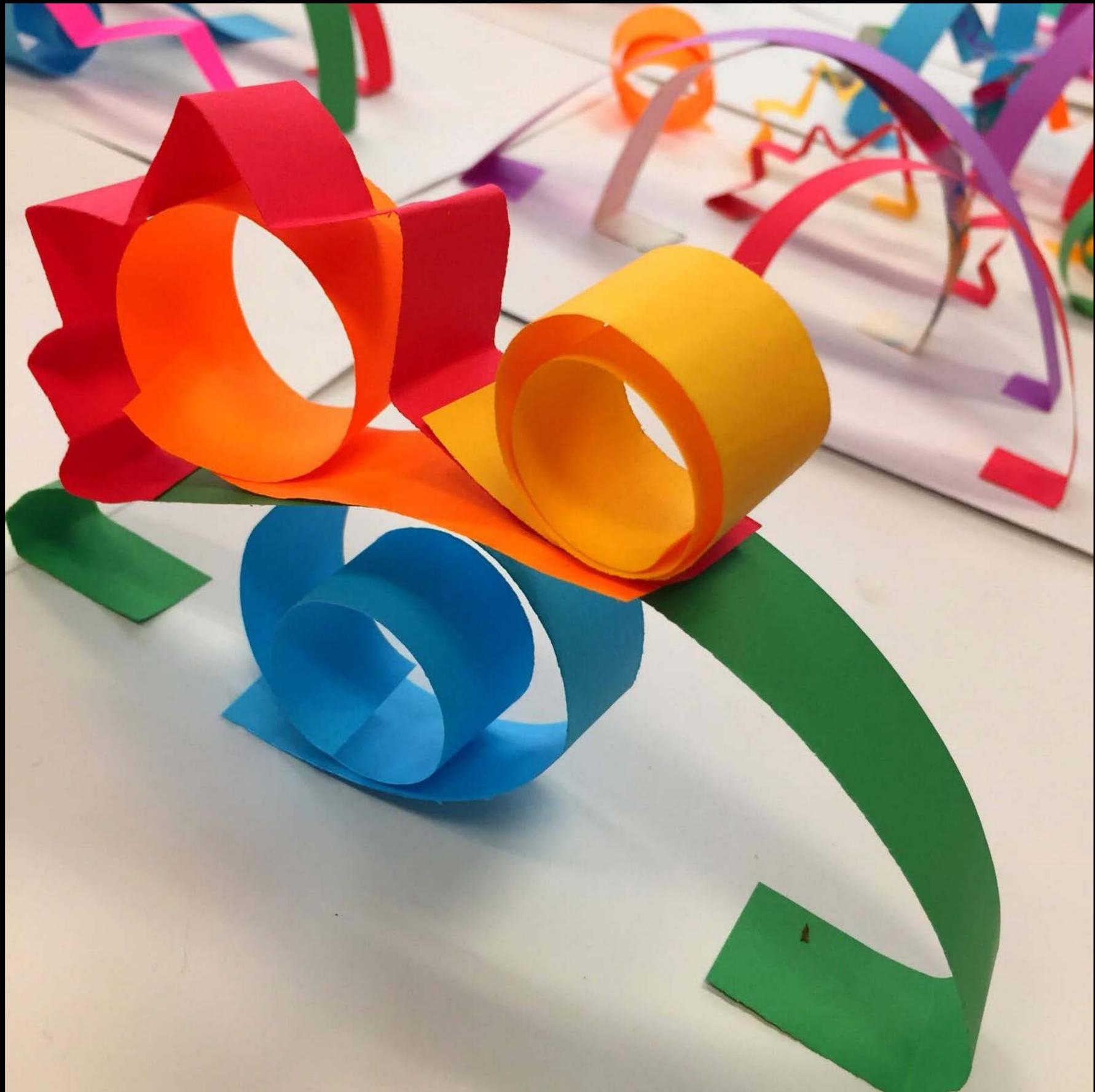








Heart flowers





- 1.1" Path: Cut strips into little squares and glue them down
- 2.1" Tabs: Cut strips into small rectangles, fold in half and add feet to glue down
- 3.1" Cut long strips into rectangles and arrange like petals of a flower. Only glue the center edge. Thin paper
- 4.1" Paper "bridges" from long strips
5. Twisted bridges from long strips (thin paper)
6. Zig Zag bridges
7. Intertwined twisted bridges
8. Woven bridges
9. Paper chains - 6"
10. Paper heart chains - use thinner paper
11. Trace circle, dot middle, cut out a triangle and make a cone.
12. Roll strips around a pencil and glue down so paper curls away from the base.
13. 3D "rainbow" cutting
14. Spirals cut from circles or squares
15. Heart Flowers / scalloped heart flowers
16. Tab Strings
17. Fold strips into shapes like circles, squares and triangles
18. Spring
19. Hearts by folding in half
20. Heart from strip of paper
21. 2" Twisty Feet - 2 layer
22. 6"x6" square tube
23. Pinwheels - thin paper only
24. Curled paper using scissor edge
25. Curled triangle