

# GUADALUPE DAY

## HISTORICAL AID

Guadalupe Day, December 12th, is Mexico's most important religious holiday. On this day people from all over Mexico journey to the chapel on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico City, where it is believed that the mother of Jesus appeared to an Indian peasant named Juan Diego.

The festival begins the night before with dance performances and parties, but throughout Guadalupe Day people come to the church to pray. Many of them pin *milagros* (which means *miracles*) to the wall near the statue of the Virgin of Guadalupe. These small silver or tin objects are shaped like hearts, arms or legs, and symbolize the giver's thanks for a cure.

## PROJECT

Make paper roses and tin ornaments to celebrate Guadalupe Day.

## MATERIALS

- See projects on next page

## DIRECTIONS

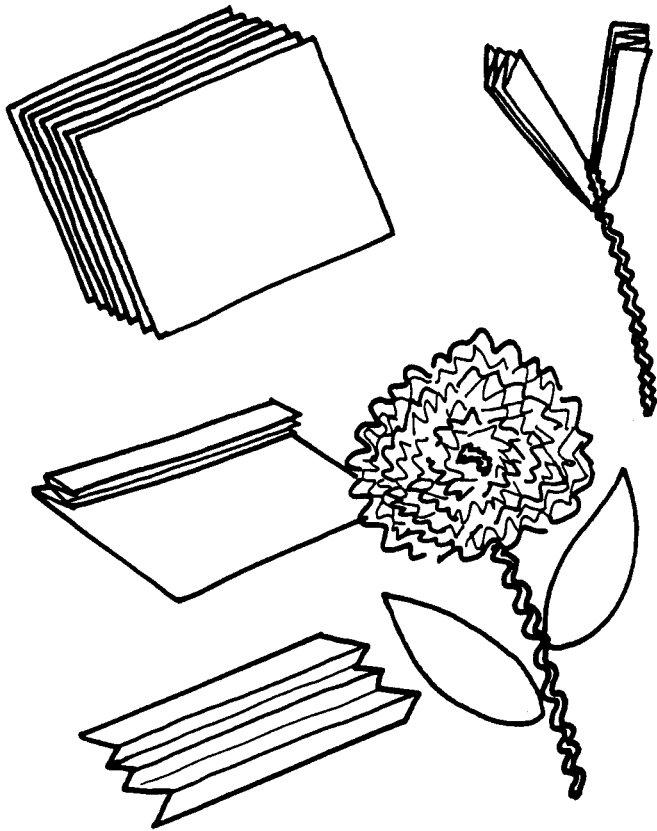
1. Celebrate Guadalupe Day with a fiesta (page 36) that includes making paper flowers and *milagros*.



## THE STORY OF THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE

Mexicans believe that in 1531 Mary, the mother of Jesus, appeared to an Indian named Juan Diego. She asked Juan to go to the bishop and request that a church be built on the hill so she could be close to her people. When the bishop asked for a sign that the woman was indeed the Blessed Virgin, Juan opened his cape to show the roses that had sprung up at the site where roses had never grown before. But the bishop did not look at the roses. He gazed instead at the picture of the woman who had appeared to Juan on the inside of his cape. No one could explain how it got there! Juan's cape, or *tilma*, still hangs in the church built there.

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## PAPER ROSES

### Materials

- Red tissue or crepe paper
- Green construction paper
- Chenille sticks
- Scissors
- Tape or glue

### Directions

1. Cut crepe paper into 10-inch (25.4 cm) squares.
2. Lay 10-12 sheets on top of each other and accordion pleat. Wrap a chenille stick tightly around the middle and twist securely. Gently separate the tissue and fluff to make a rose.
3. Cut leaves from construction paper and tape or glue to the back of the flower.

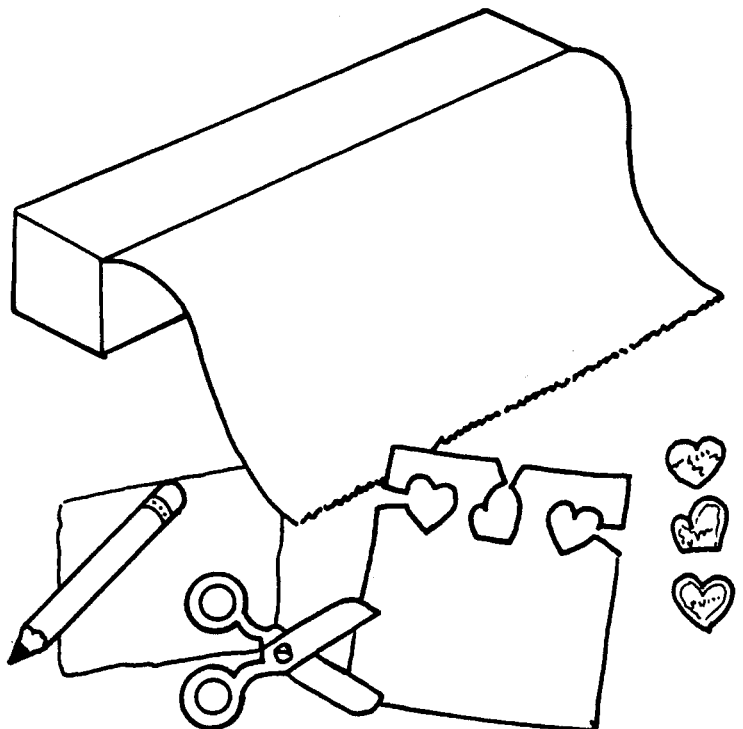
## MILAGROS

### Materials

- Tagboard
- Aluminum foil
- Pencil      • Scissors
- Toothpick   • Tape
- Permanent markers ( optional)

### Directions

1. Cut a mitten or heart shape from the tagboard. Cover with aluminum foil.
2. Use a toothpick to gently inscribe details and your name on the *milagro*. Decorate with marker.
3. Tape to the wall of the classroom.





## Mini God's Eyes

Add a pin for a great swap, add a loop for an interesting ornament or add some cord make a necklace.

The Ojo de Dios or God's Eye is an ancient symbol made by the Huichol of Mexico. The central eye was made when a child was born. Each year, a bit of yarn was added until the child turned five at which point the Ojo is complete.

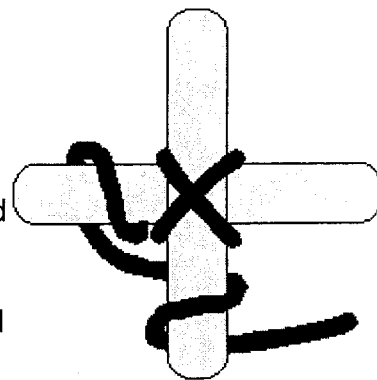
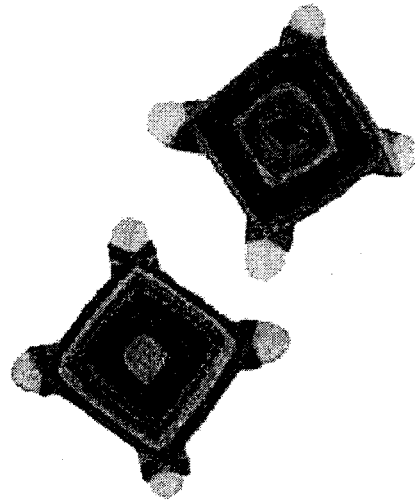
### You need:

- Multi-colored yarn
- Mini Craft Sticks
- Low Temp Glue Gun or Tacky Glue

### Instructions:

Glue two mini craft sticks together forming an "X". Glue the end of the yarn to the middle where your sticks cross.

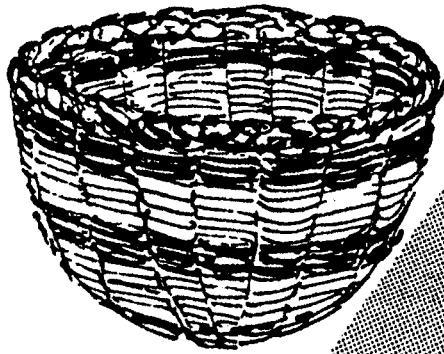
Begin by wrapping the yarn over and around one leg of one craft stick, then over and around the next next leg. Pull the yarn tight each time and push it toward the center. (Diagram shows back side of the God's Eye).



Continue until the craft sticks are covered. Glue and trim.

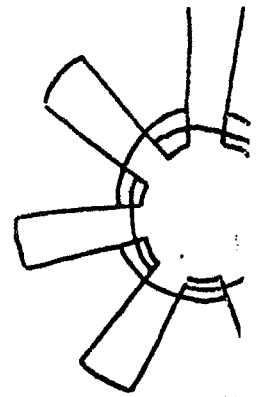
### Woven Yarn Basket

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**Materials:**  
Posterboard  
Scissors, pencil, yarn

Trace the pattern on posterboard, matching dotted lines. Cut out. Weave the yarn over and under the spokes, as in Fig. 1. To shape basket,



*"A New Batch"*

