

PAPER CRAFT

Meaning of paper craft

This is the making of craft by manipulation of paper to create an object. It involves skills such as ability to make accurate measurements, proper folding, neat glueing etc.

Materials and tools used in making paper craft

1. Scissors
2. Paper
3. Needle and thread
4. pencil
5. Glue

Methods of folding in paper crafts

Making a square

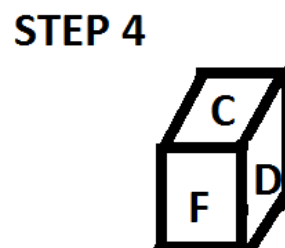
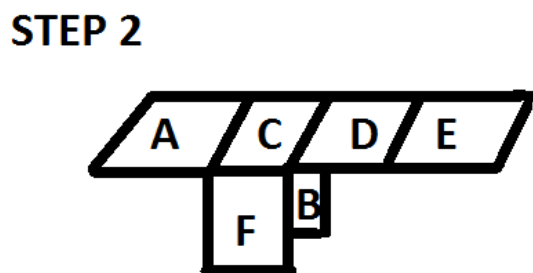
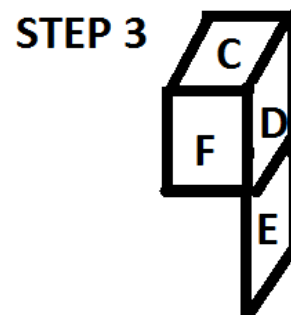
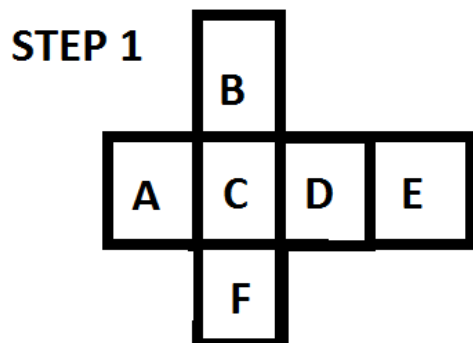
STEP 1: On a cardboard sheet, draw squares of equal length and breadth and label them A, B, C, D, E and F as shown below

STEP 2: Fold sides B and F to point downwards

STEP 3: Fold sides A and D

STEP 4: Fold side E to cover the remaining opening.

STEP 5: Use gum to seal up the edges.



Making a rectangular folding

The procedure for making rectangular folding is the same for square folding only that rectangles are used instead of squares.

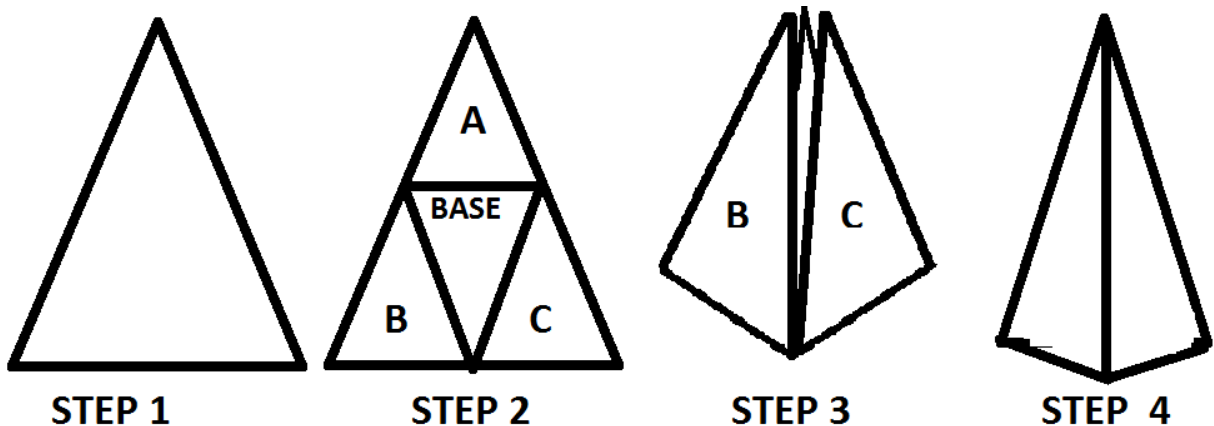
Making pyramid using triangular folding

STEP 1: Draw a large triangle

STEP 2: Draw a smaller triangle inside the first one pointing downwards and label sides A, B, C and base as shown below:

STEP 3: Fold sides A, B and C in a way that their tips would meet at a point.

STEP 4: Use glue or gum to hold it together.

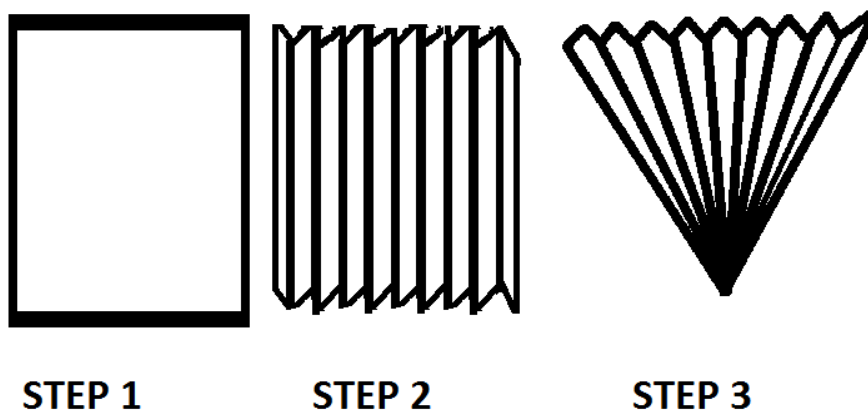


Pleating method

STEP 1: Carve out a rectangle out of a cardboard.

STEP 2: Fold it vertically as shown below

STEP 3: Join the ends of the folding on one side and pin it up as shown below:



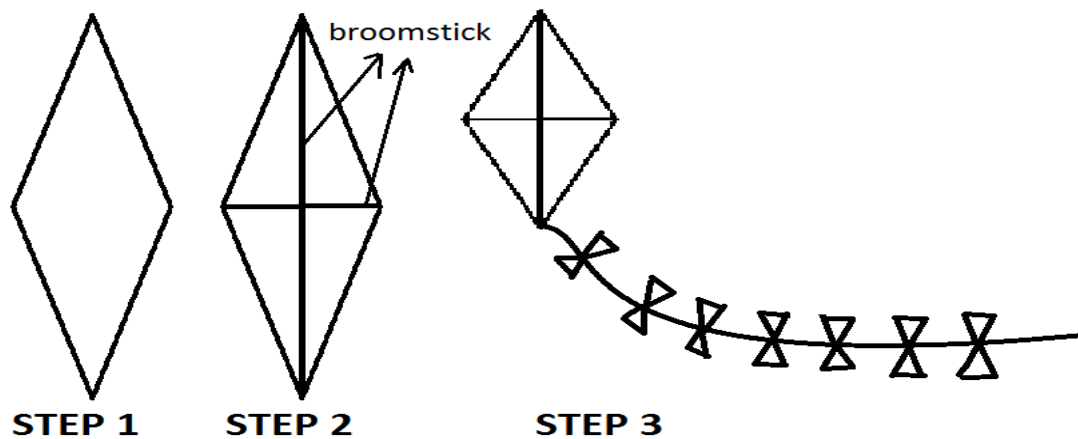
Other forms of paper craft production are

Paper kite

STEP 1: Carve out the shape of a kite from a cardboard or paper

STEP 2: Use broomstick to hold opposite sides as shown below:

STEP 3: Attach rope at one end of the kite with some kind of decoration on it as shown below:



Others include:

1. Greetings card
2. Mat weaving

Summary

Paper craft is the making of craft by manipulation of paper to create an object. Materials needed for paper craft are scissors, paper, needle and thread, pencil, glue etc. Following various methods of paper folding: squares method, rectangle method, triangle method and pleating method, one can create paper crafts of various kinds.

Review Questions

1. Explain the meaning of paper craft
2. List five materials and tools used in making paper craft
3. Produce a paper mat by weaving