

Paper Sculpture

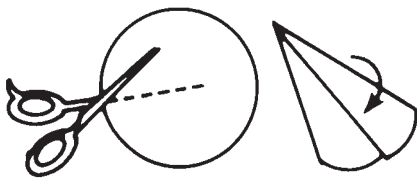
Studio Background

Paper has many purposes in art. Artists draw on paper, of course, but they also use it to create sculptures. The many colors and varieties of paper, as well as paper's ability to be bent, torn, and shaped into forms, make it an exciting medium.

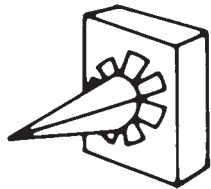
Paper Sculpture Techniques

Gather a variety of paper samples—heavy or light, smooth or rough—and experiment with the techniques shown here. The forms you make can be used to create paper sculptures or can be added to papier-mâché or other sculptural forms.

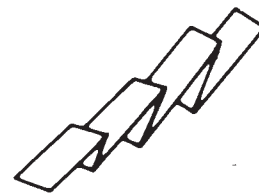
1 Make a cut partway across circle; overlap and glue to form a cone.



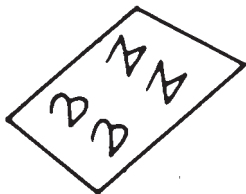
2 Cut tabs at bottom of cone and glue to surface to make it stand or project.



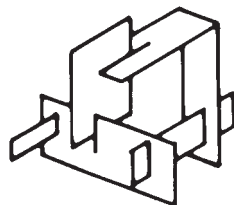
3 Accordion fold, or make folds progressively smaller.



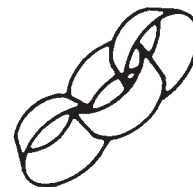
4 Cut triangular or half-circular notches in paper; bend cut pieces upward.



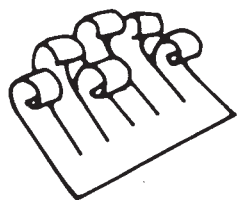
5 Make slots in paper or light cardboard; join pieces by slotting together.



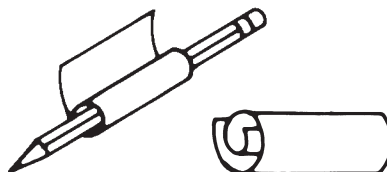
6 Join paper loops by gluing.



7 Slide scissors blade along strips to form curls.



8 Roll paper around pencil to form large curls.



9 Cut crescent shapes; score between points; bend to make forms.

