

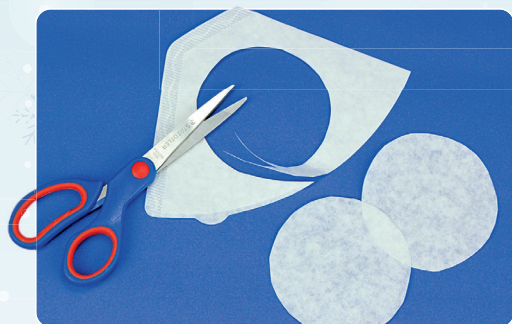


Make tie-dye decorations

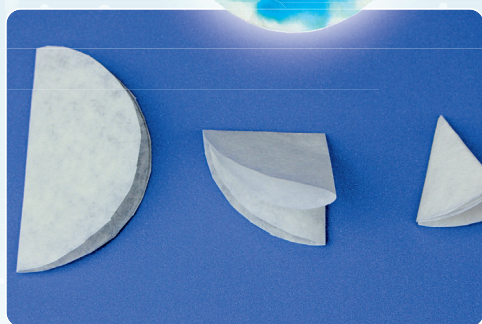
These tie-dye-patterned decorations will brighten up dull winter days. They look great hung in a window or anywhere in your house that needs a splash of colour. This technique uses ink or paint on filter paper to create a different pattern every time.

What you need

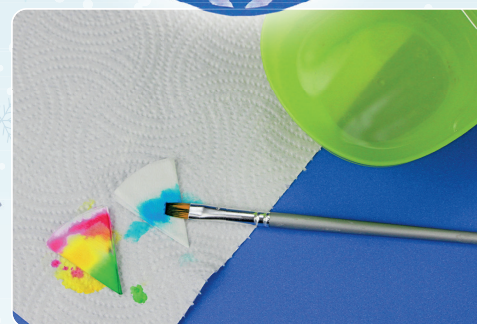
- A pencil
- Mug or small plate
- Coffee filter paper cones
- Scissors
- Paper towel
- A bowl of water
- Coloured inks or poster paints
- Paintbrush
- Glue stick
- Coloured card
- Thread
- Sticky tape



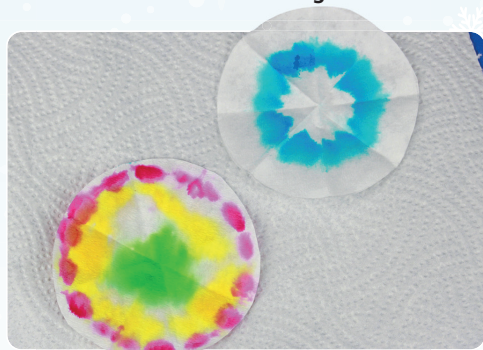
1 Draw around a mug or a small plate onto a coffee filter paper cone, then carefully cut out. This will make two matching circles.



2 Fold each circle in half, in half again and then once more. Cover your work surface with paper towel before you start the next step.



3 Dip the folded paper into the bowl of water, place it on the paper towel. Dab it with coloured inks or paint. Turn over and repeat.



4 After a few minutes, carefully unfold the filter paper. The colours will have merged, which is fine. Leave it to dry on a fresh paper towel.



5 For a hanging decoration, glue the coloured filter paper onto a circle of card the same size. Then tape a loop of thread on the back.



6 For a snowflake, refold the paper along the creases. Cut out small pieces from the edge. Unfold and glue onto a card circle. Add loop.

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