

Paper Peruvian Arpilleras

Arpilleras, or *cuadros*, are wonderfully detailed, hand-sewn three-dimensional textile pictures that illustrate stories. In Peru, this textile art provides essential income for many families. Arpilleras tell stories of everyday life: stories of planting and harvesting, weaving wool, country life, tending llamas, weddings, and celebrations.



Peruvian Arpillera, Education Collection. HistoryMiami Museum.

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What you'll need:

- Construction paper
- Cardstock
- Glue / tape
- Scissors
- If available, pompoms and paper with different textures can also be used.

Instructions:

- Select a piece of cardstock for your background color.
- Cut out different paper shapes. Choose the shapes and textures you want to use.
- Using glue and/or tape, attach the shapes onto the cardstock and start telling your story.

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