

Helga's Paper Cutting (Scherenschnitte)

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Introduction

This little booklet is just a collection of information and completed projects Helga collected about Paper-Cutting. In German it is called "scherenschnitte" and pronounced 'shár-on-schnit'. In America it is often called "Paper Silhouettes"

Helga grew up in Germany. In Germany, children are often given scissors and paper and instructed in how to cut out different designs. In US, Helga became a German teacher and when teaching young students, she would use both music and art to instruct the German language and culture.

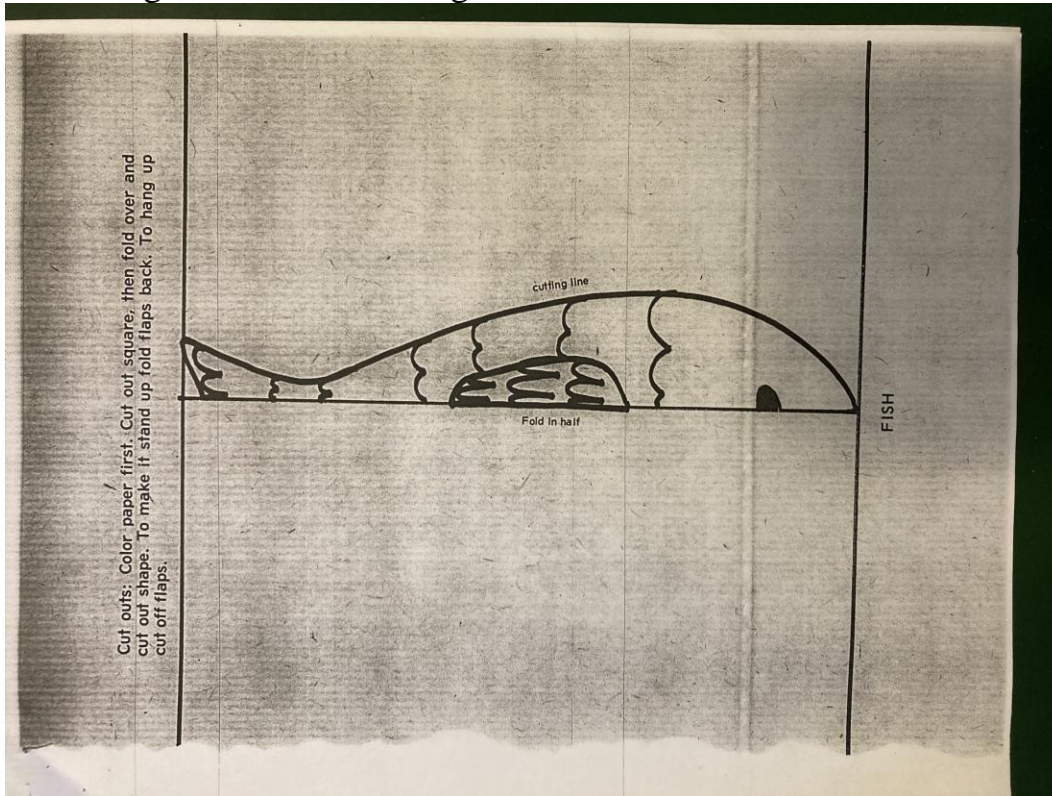
In 1991, an organization that Helga and Hans belonged to, the "German and Texan Heritage Society" inherited an old building in Austin Texas. The building used to be a "German Free School". The society slowly renovated the building and re-started a school to teach German, the language and the culture. Helga would teach classes and again used Paper-cutting as a teaching aide. Often the School would have events open to the public. Helga and Hans volunteered to organize and instruct a booth where the public could learn about German "scherenschnitte" and also pick up scissors and try it for themselves.

Types of Scherenschnitte

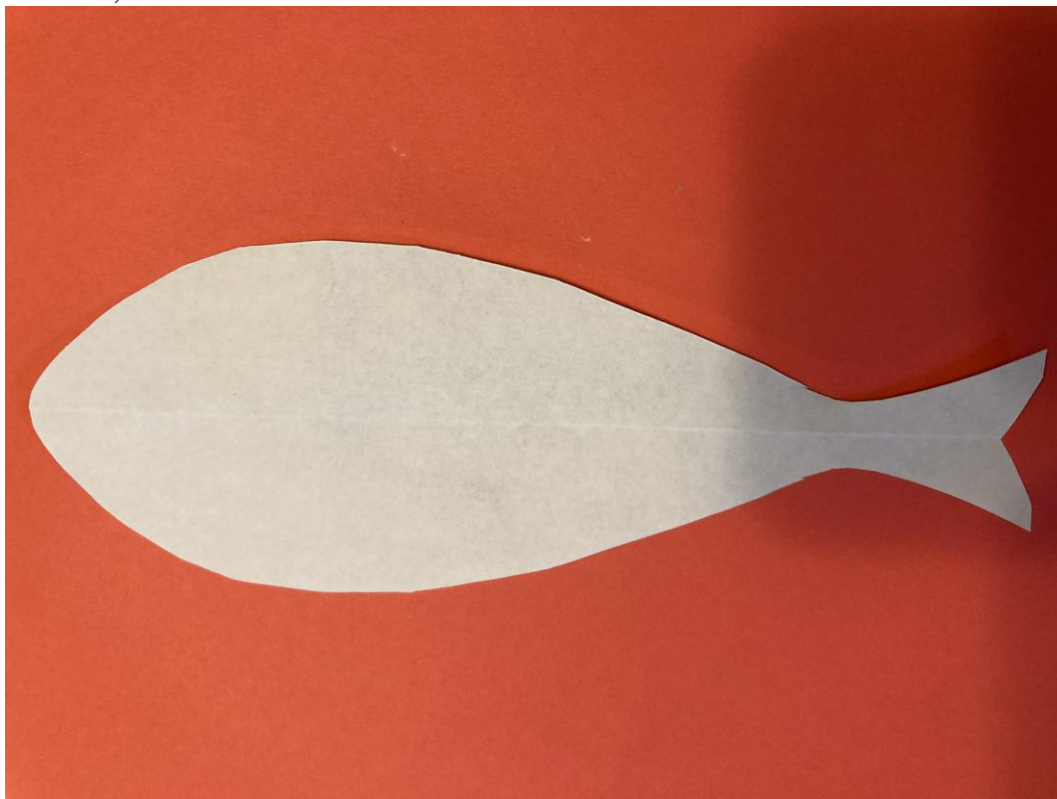
Helga used four types of 'scherenschnitte';

- 1) a single mirror pattern that just required a single fold than cutting along the line (the fish or heart),
- 2) a string of repeat pattern that is made by folding the paper into an accordion and cutting along the line (the paper dolls)
- 3) a multi mirror pattern that required folding the paper into fours and then cutting a random pattern (snow flake)
- 4) design that Helga made to commemorate the German Texan Society. A flag pennant with Texas on one side and German on the other side.

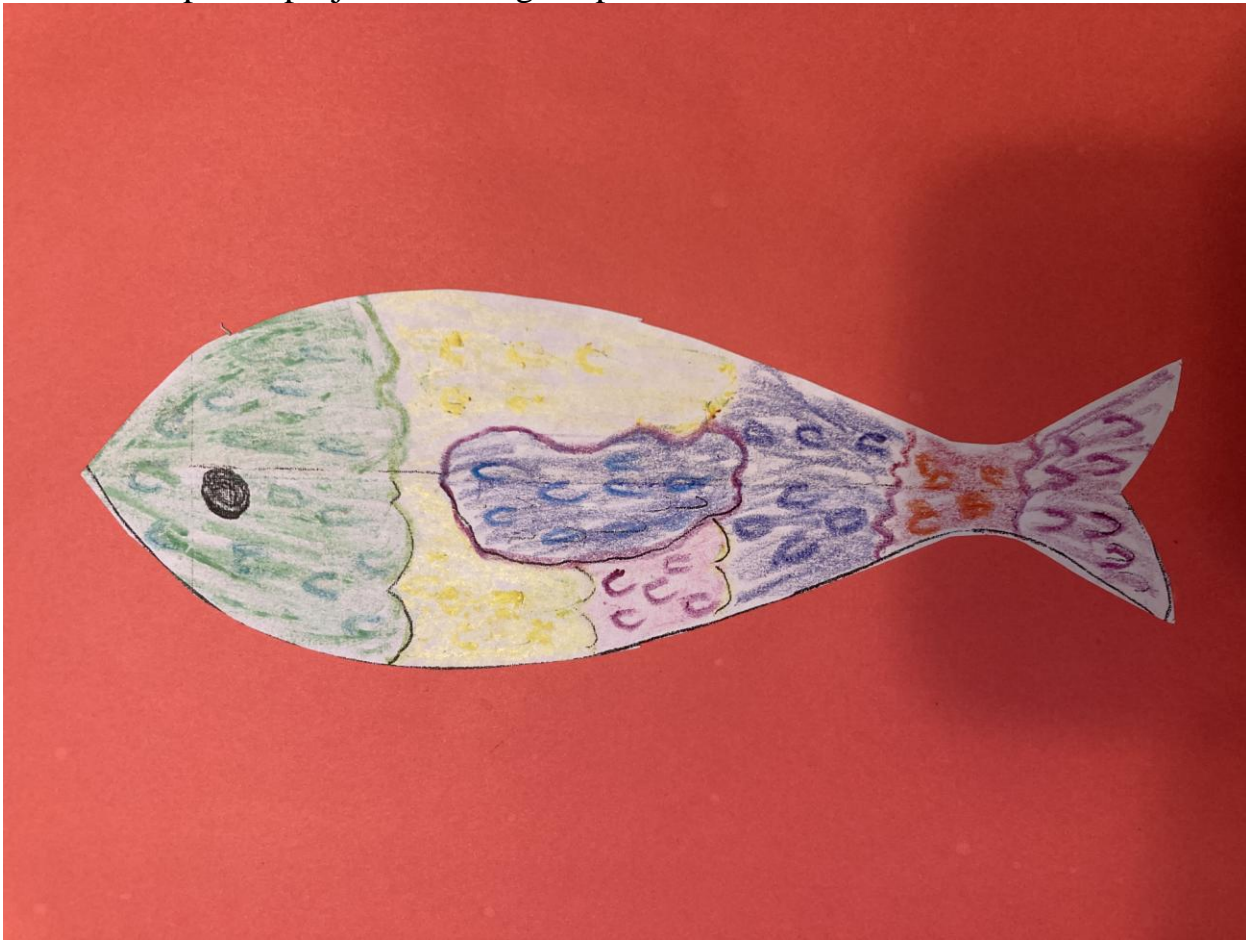
Fish: Single fold and cut along line



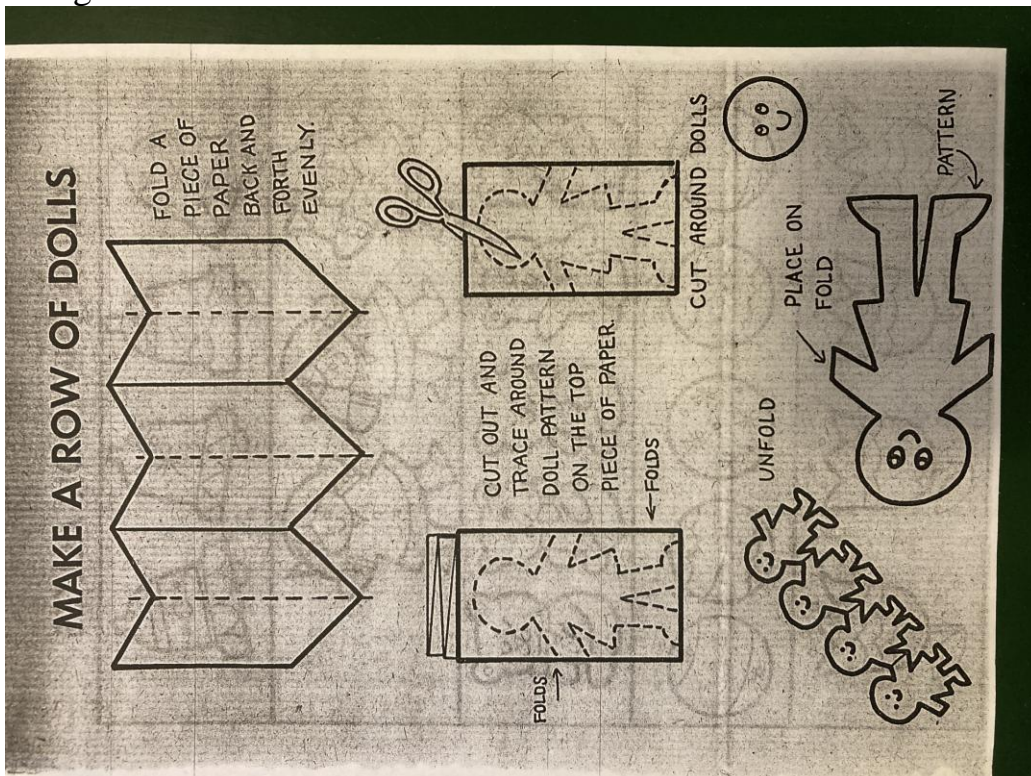
Cut out, now embellish



Fish: A completed project that Helga kept

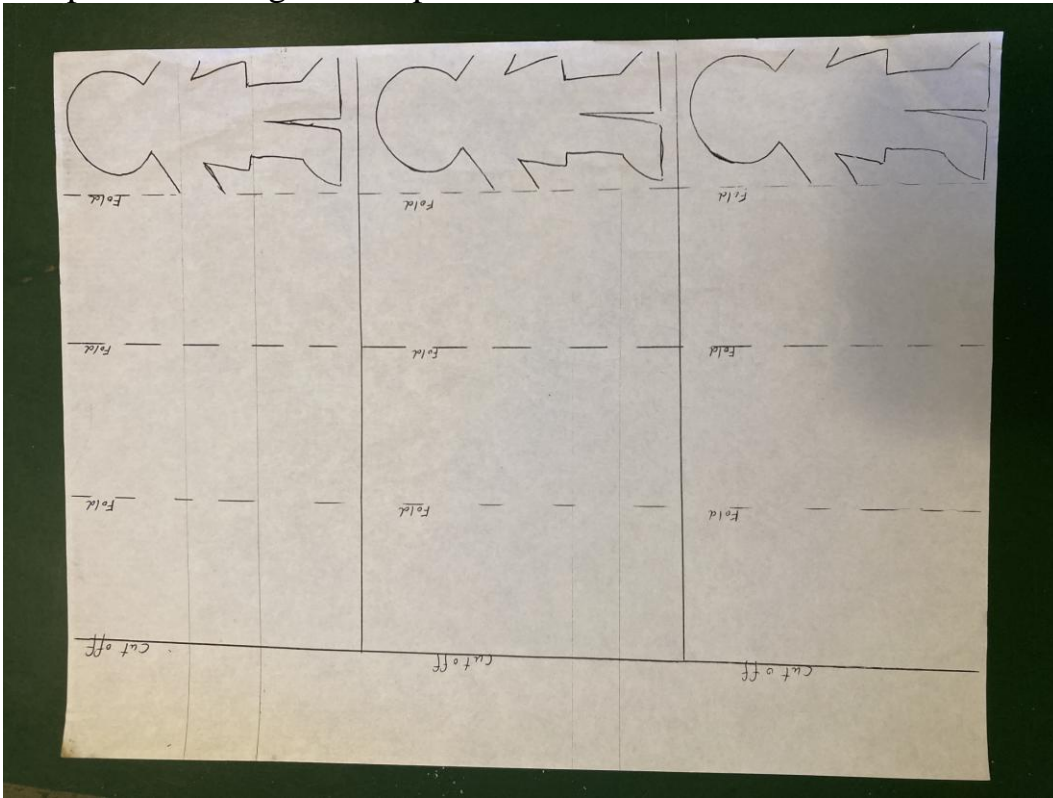


String of Dolls instructions

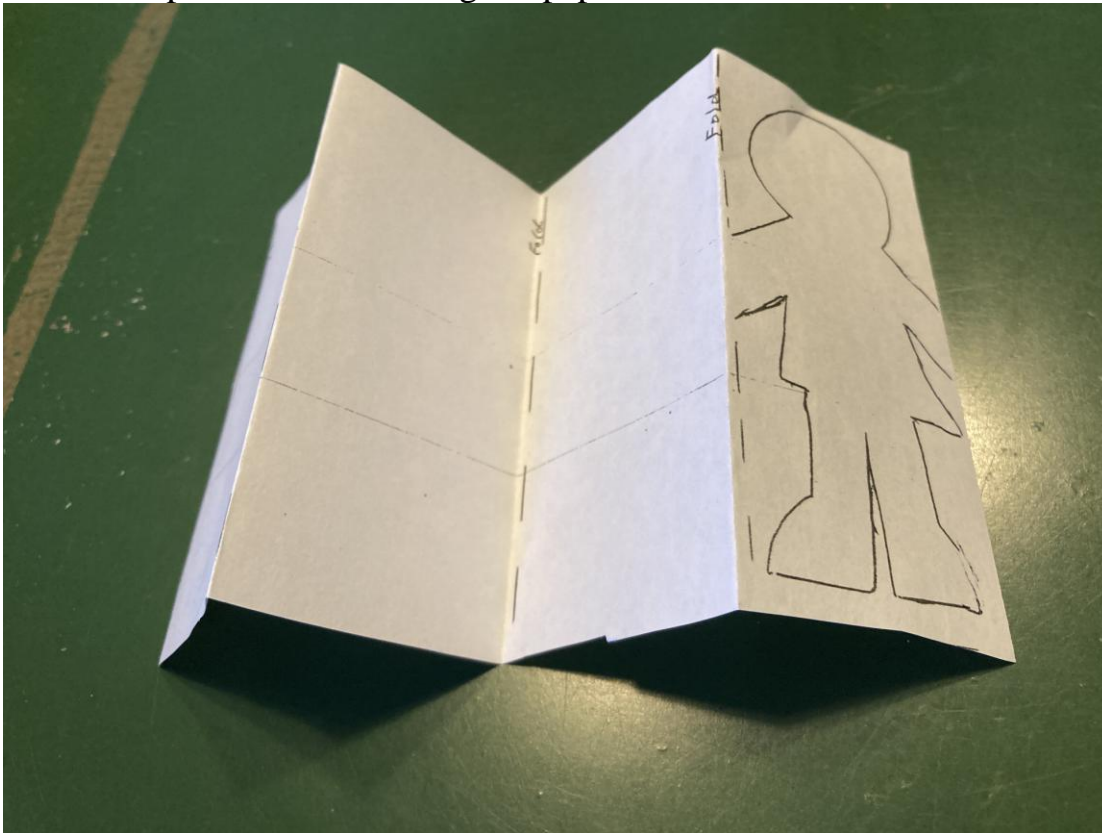


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Template that Helga developed



Cut out strip and then according the paper folds

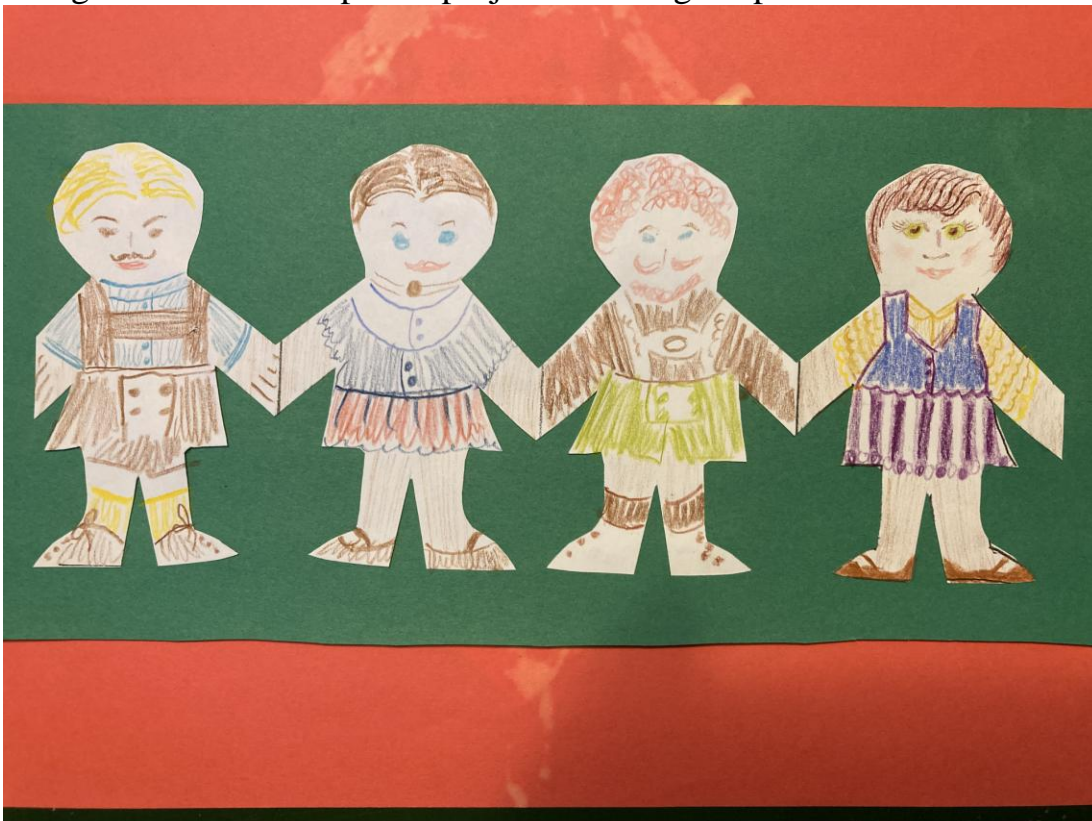


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Cut along the lines and do not separate and embellish

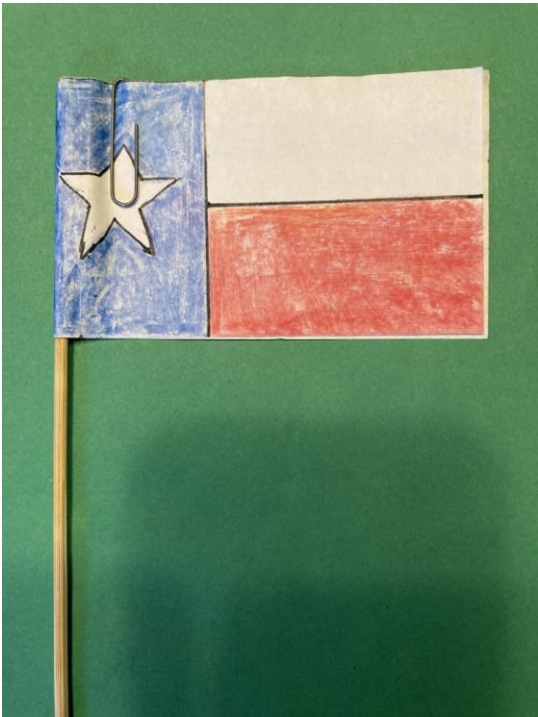
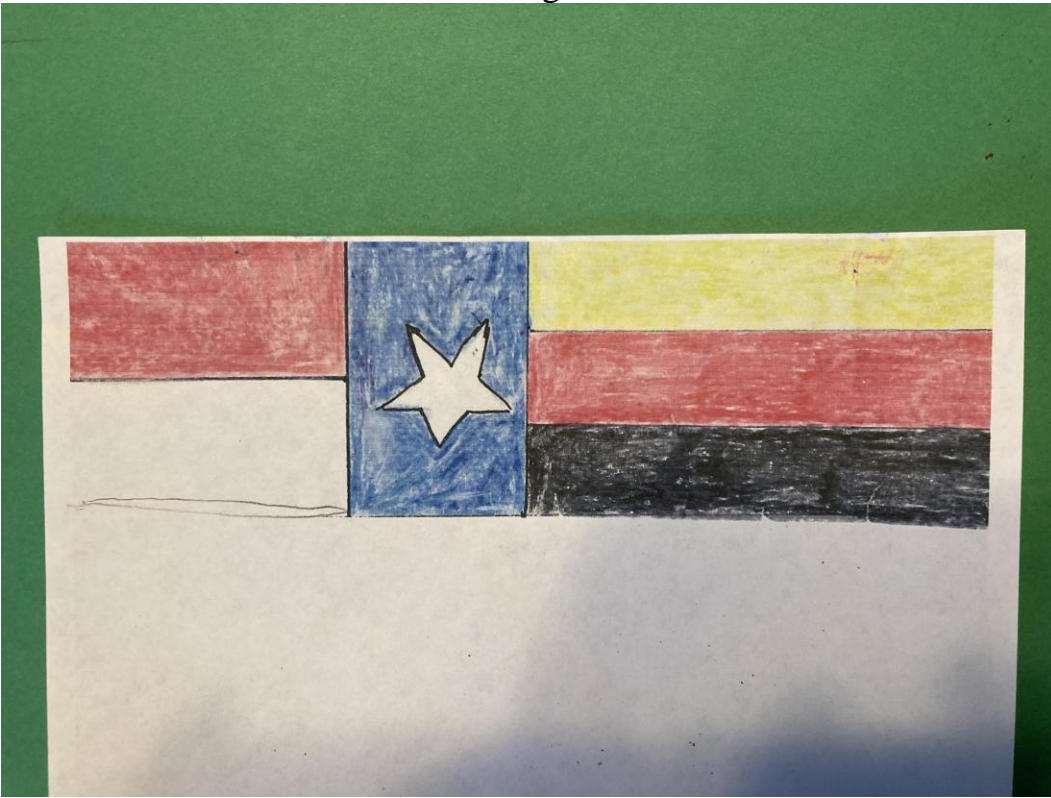


String of Dolls: A completed project that Helga kept



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Pinnate with Texas and German Flag



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The following are other projects that Helga kept as memories

Snow Flake finished project with String of angels and String of Christmas trees



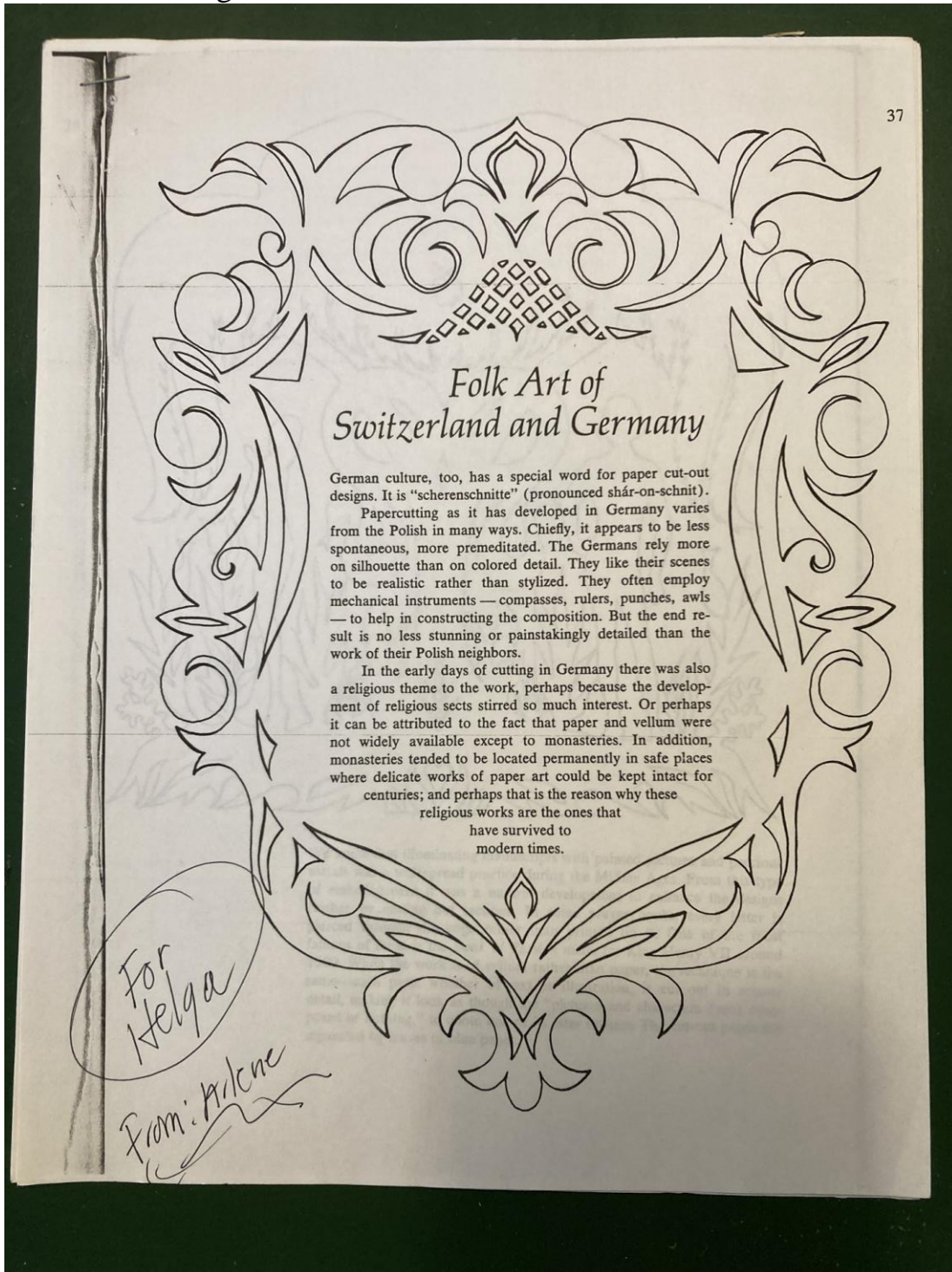
Butterfly



Even Helga's Granddaughter gave "scherenschnitte" a try



Reference materials that Helga used:



Solvang Papirklip

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