

Paper Playground

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~for grades K-5~

Do your best dreaming! What would your playground look like? Slides? Swings? Things to climb on? Using paper in different sizes, you can create what would be the perfect playground.

The supplies you will need:

- Paper (colored construction paper and/or plain paper)
- scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers and/or paints



Pick one piece of paper to glue your playground on, the base - this can be big, medium or small.



Cut ten long pieces of paper.

Cut the sides with all kinds of shapes.

Decorate them with people, patterns, your cat or dog, anything you want - it's easier to draw on them while they are flat.

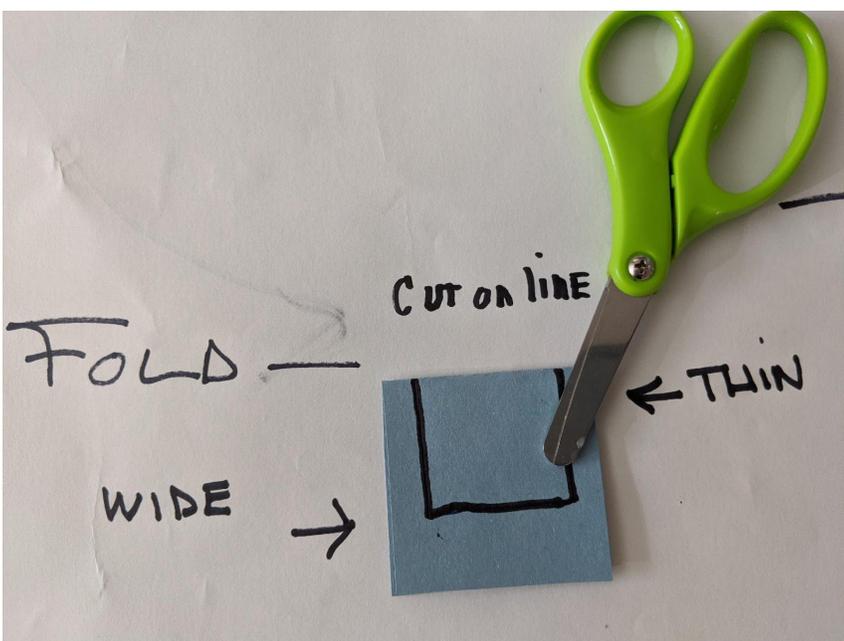


Take your long pieces of paper and glue each end.



Bend the paper and press on the ends - remember count to ten so the glue has a chance to stick.

Let's add some swings:



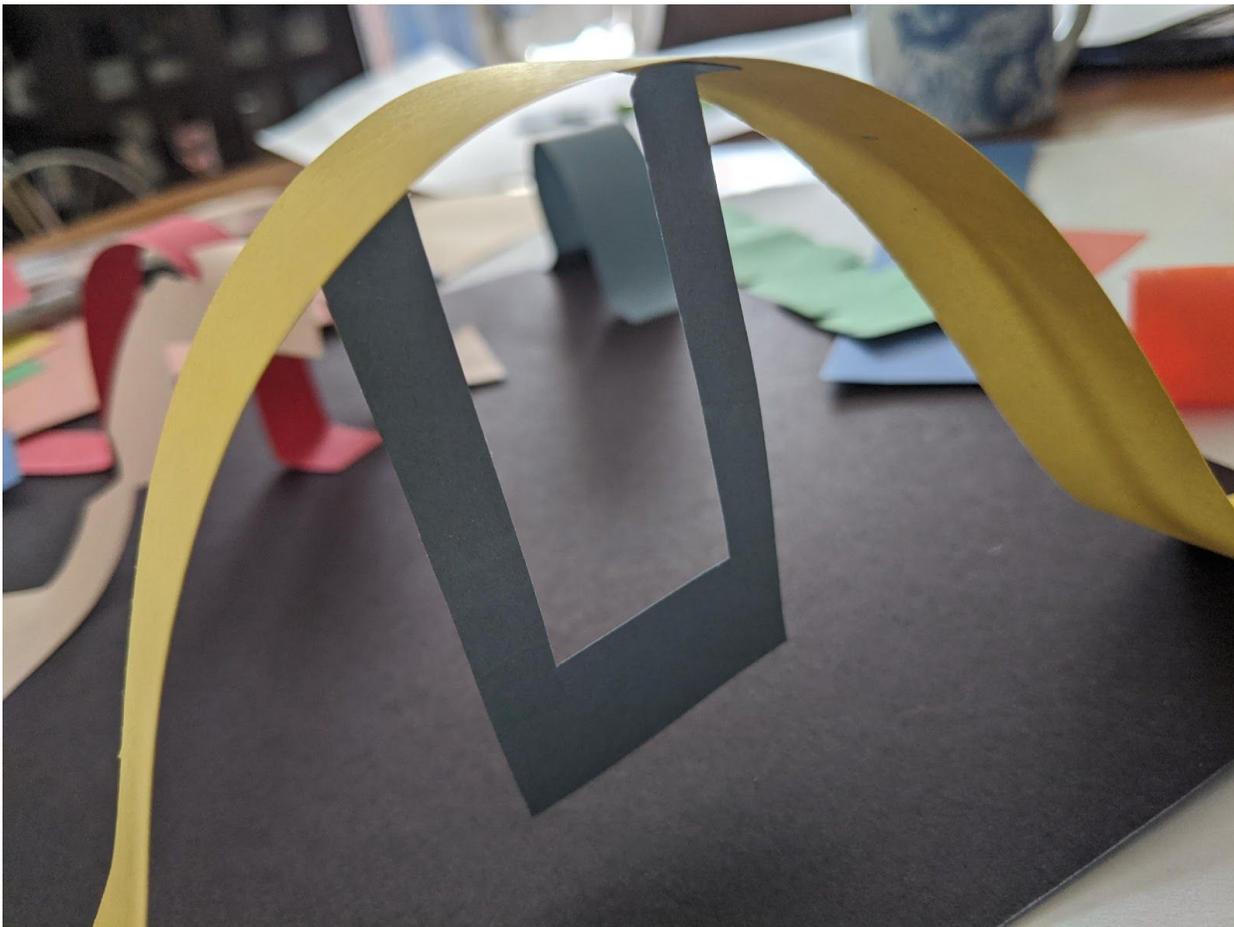
Fold a rectangle piece of paper - draw thin lines on the sides for the chains of the swing and a wider part for the seat section on the bottom.

Cut out the swing and then cut in half at the fold - you will have two swings.

Fold little tabs, add glue and attach it to the middle of one of the long pieces of paper...

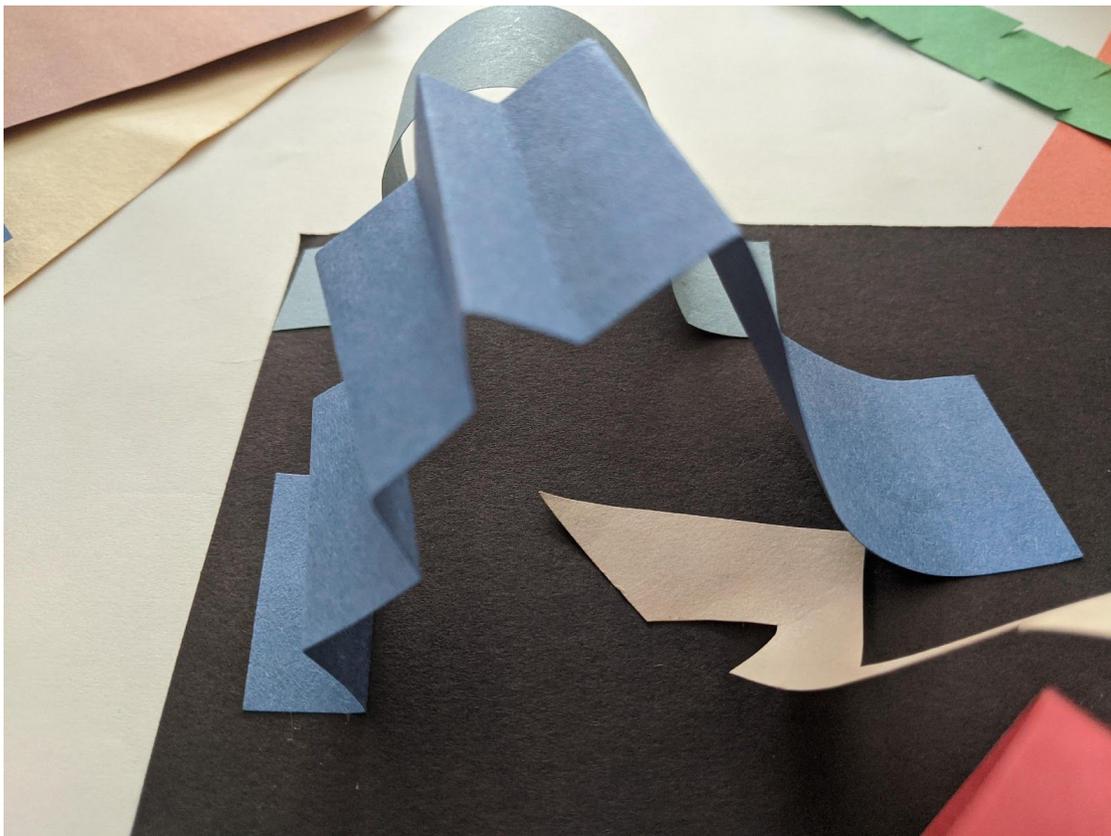
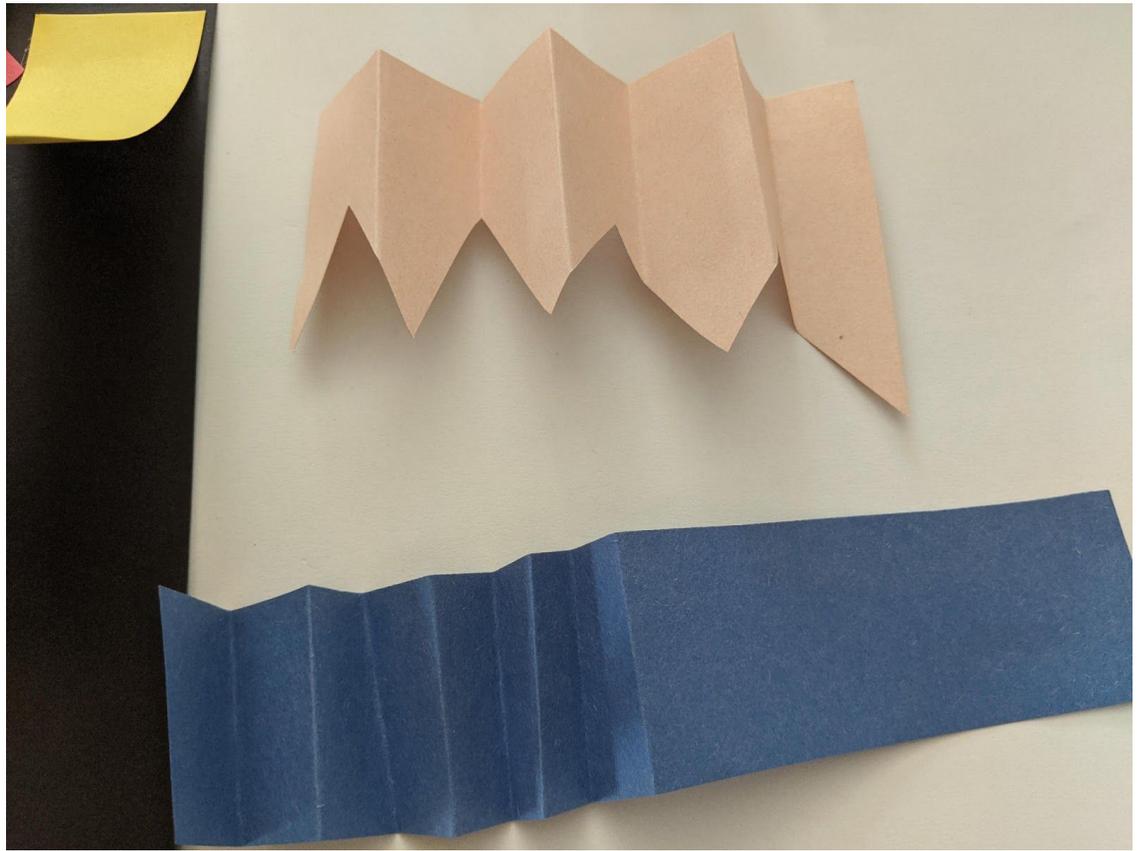


...Or you can glue the swing to a standing piece of paper.



Folding the strip of paper at one end, this is the ladder to your slide.

Make a small fold, then turn the piece of paper over and make another fold and another fold.



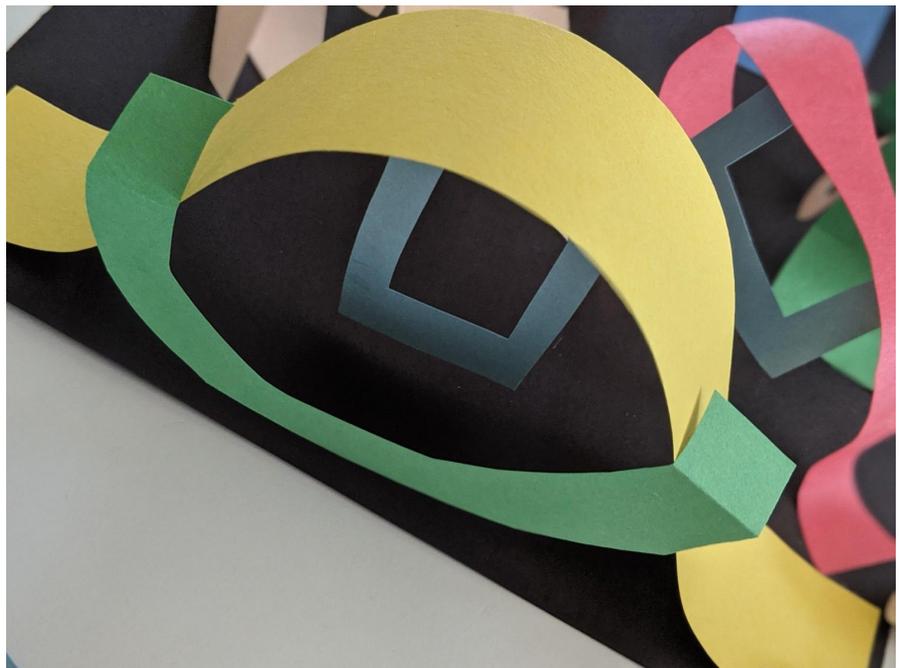
Glue down the ladder (folded) side and bend it at the top, then glue down the bottom of the slide.



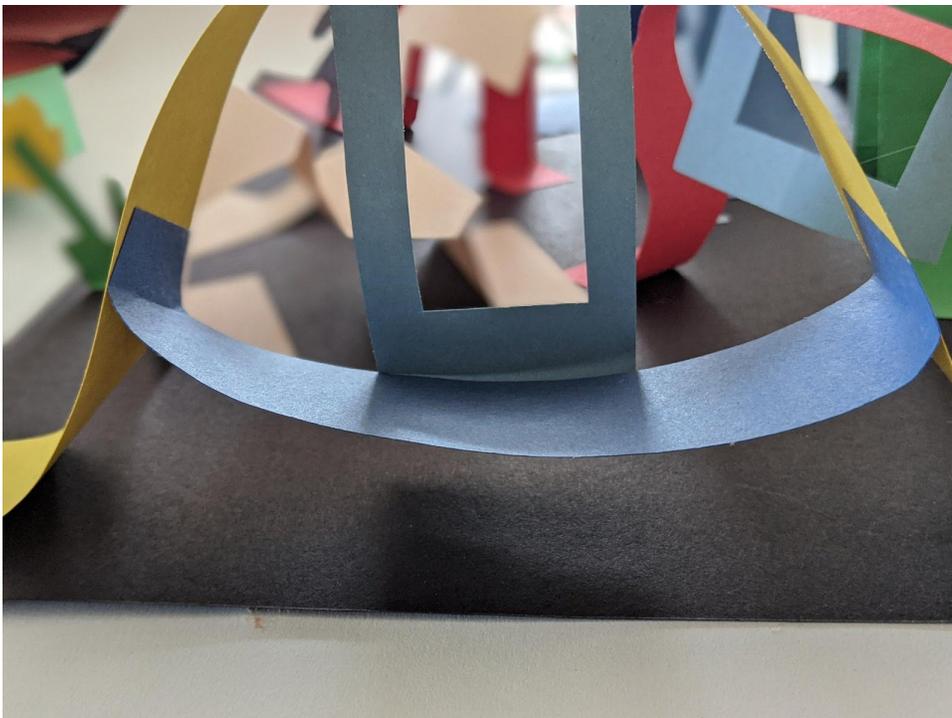
Cut very thin pieces of paper to wrap around your finger.

These are fun to glue around the playground or make flowers out of them.

Make a bridge and attach it to the outside:



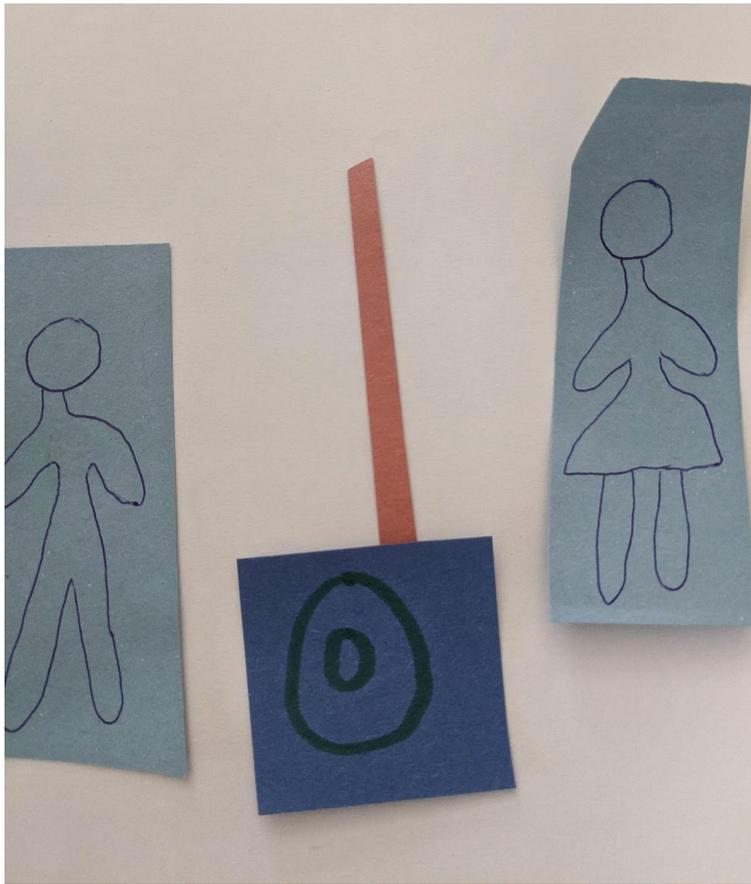
Or glue it to the inside:



To make a
tire swing,
cut a thin
piece of
paper to
make the
rope, draw
a circle and
cut it out.



Fold a tab at the top to glue to the top of the green paper.



You can draw and cut out people too.

You and your friend, see the fold at the feet to make them stand up?



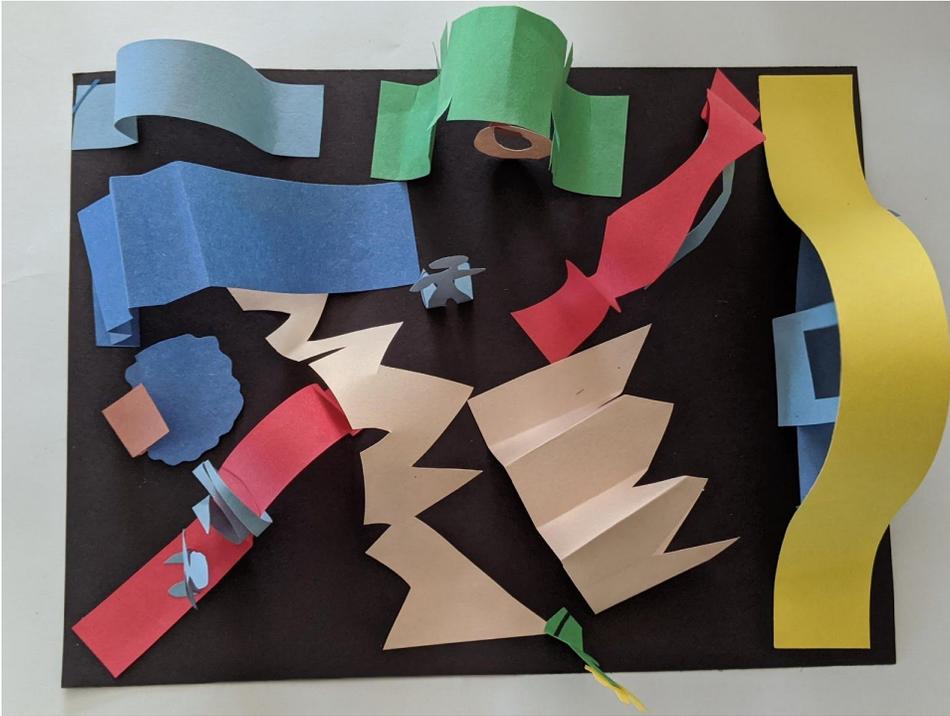
How about a pool with a diving board?



Flowers or trees?

Remember to fold a tab at the end of the paper and it will stand up.

YOUR DREAM PLAYGROUND...



You can make all kinds of things with paper and make them stand up - the sky's the limit! 😊

Take care and be well!



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