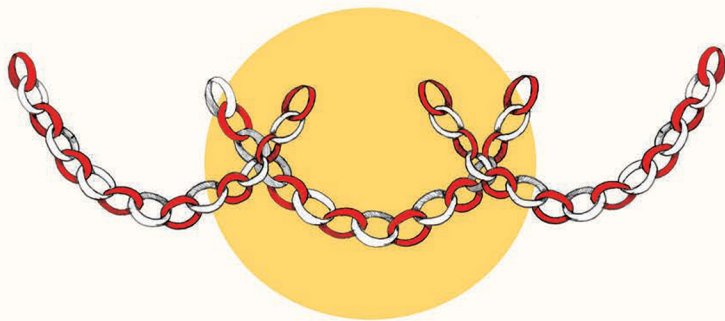


# MAKE A PAPER CHAIN DECORATION



*Paper chains are really easy to make and they are  
a great way to decorate your house for Christmas!*

*You can hang them from the ceiling or use  
them to decorate your Christmas tree.*

YOU WILL NEED:  
COLORED PAPER (OR OLD MAGAZINES)  
GLUE OR TAPE  
SCISSORS

1. Cut your paper into thirty strips, roughly  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch wide and 8-inches long. Try to make all the strips the same size, but it doesn't matter if some of them are different! You can cut as many strips as you want and your paper chain can be as long or as short as you like.
2. Once you've cut your strips, take one strip of paper and make a circle with it so that the two ends meet. Stick the ends to each other using either glue or tape.
3. Now take your next strip—if you are using colored paper choose a different color—and put it through the middle of the circle you just made. Glue or stick the ends of your second strip together so that the first and second strips are linked. This is the beginning of your chain!
4. Take a third strip and put it through the middle of the second circle and stick the ends together as before.
5. Keep repeating this process until you have used up all your strips of paper. You can cut out more strips if you want to make your paper chain longer.
6. And that's it! Now you can ask a grown-up to hang your paper chain for you.
7. It's so easy to make paper chains. You can try decorating your paper with drawings or stickers before you cut it into strips!