

# Chinese Paper Cutting



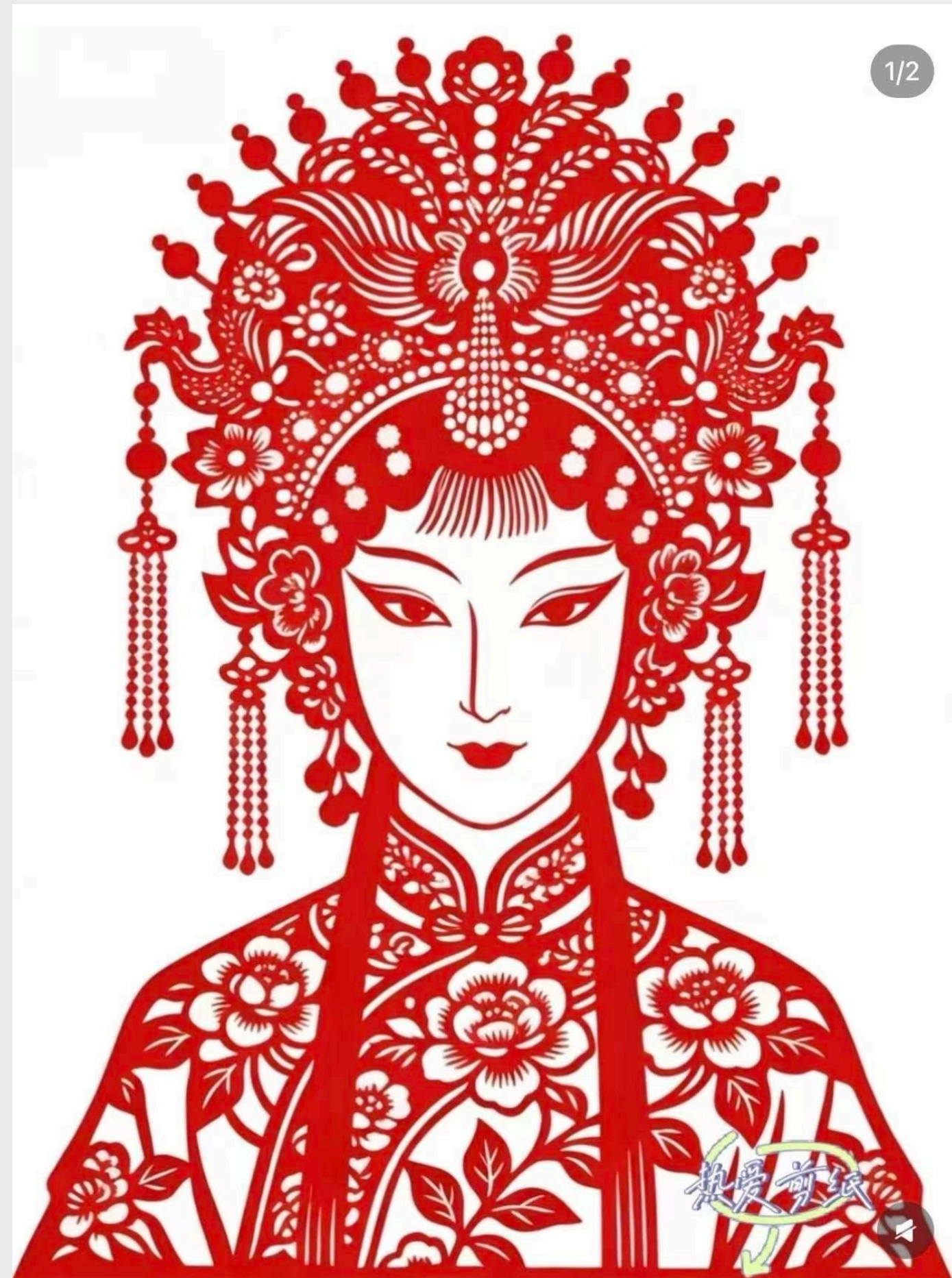
# Traditional Folk Art

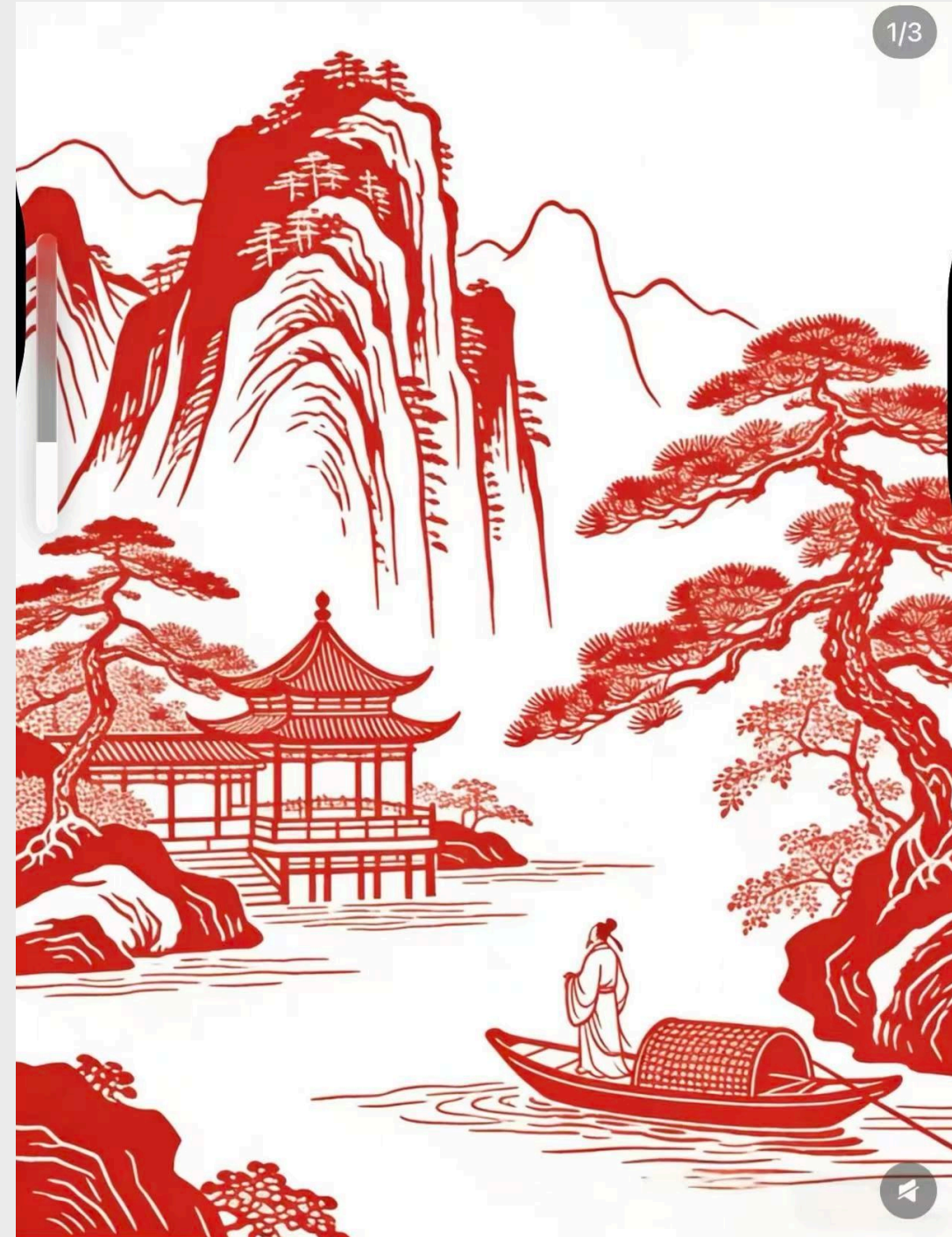
Traditional folk arts are used to decorate homes, windows, and doors to symbolize good luck, prosperity, and joy for the coming year.

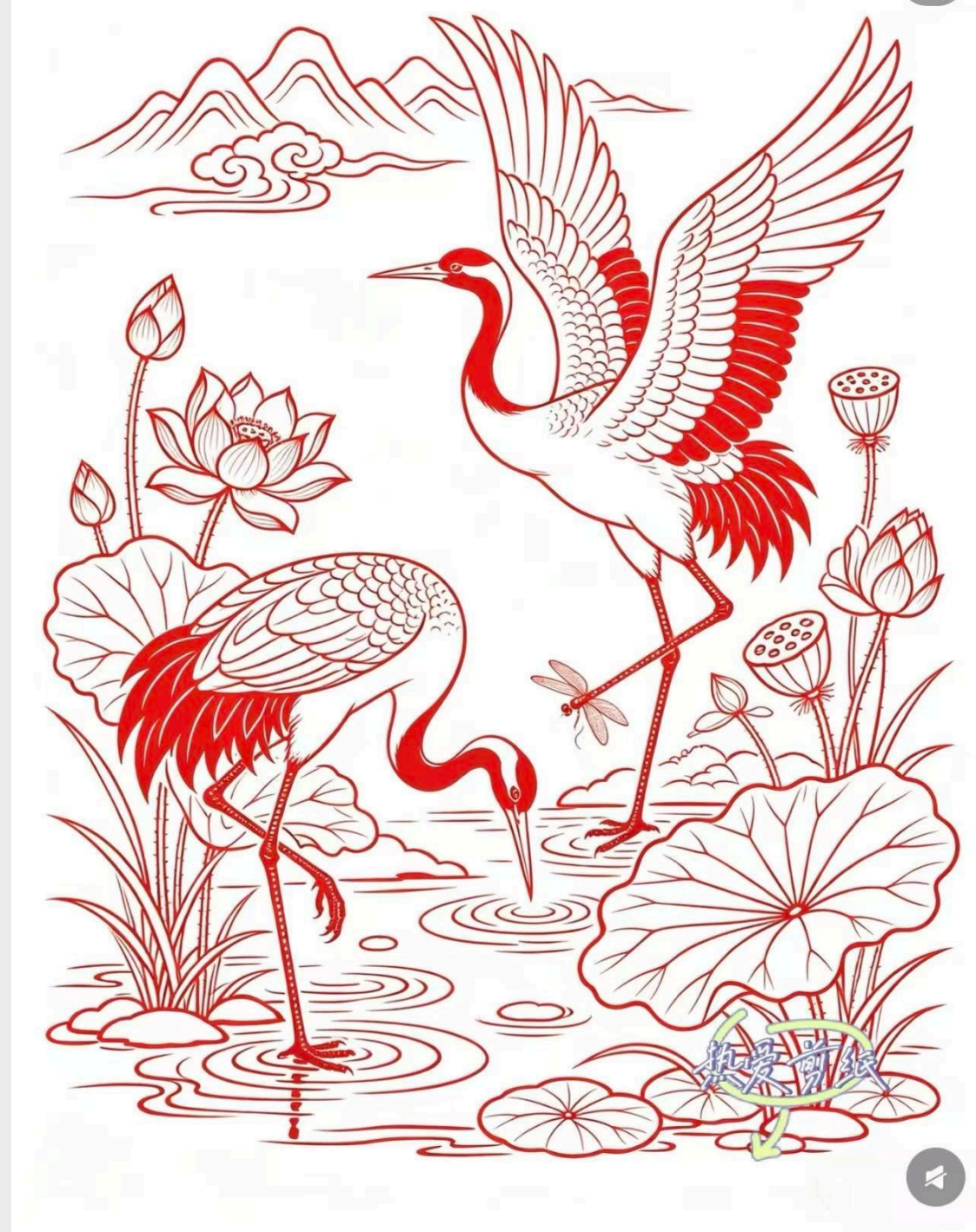
Usually done on red paper—representing happiness—these decorations often feature intricate designs like the spring character (春), the blessing character (福), or zodiac animal, birthday, wedding ceremony.











Chinese traditional collection examples





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# Paper Cutting Basics

## Symbolism

Paper cuts (窗花) on windows are believed to attract good fortune and act as offerings for ancestors.

## Colours & Shapes

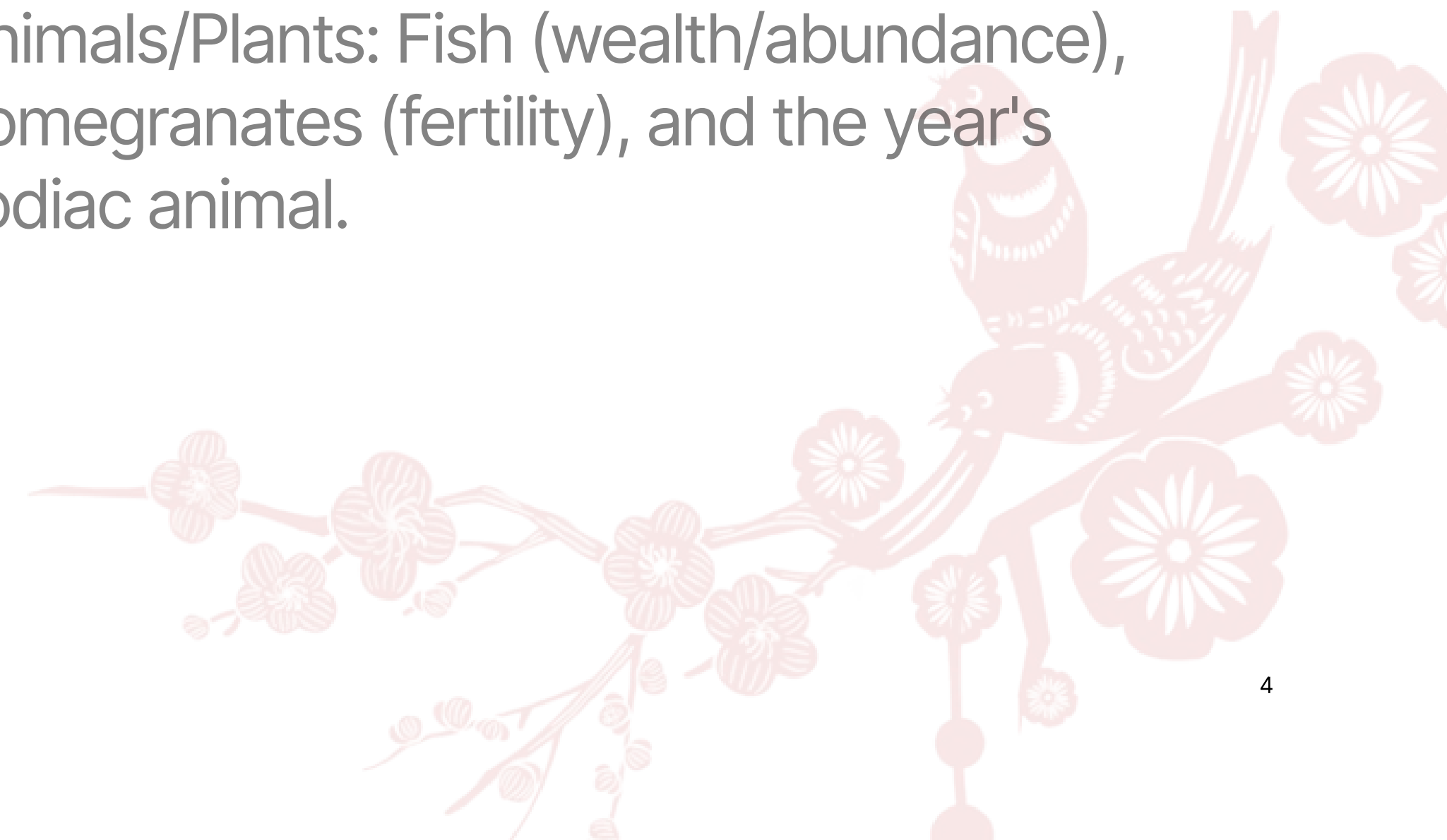
**Red** is the dominant colour. Designs are typically symmetrical, often involving folding a square sheet multiple times before cutting.

## Common Motifs

"Fu" (福): Means "good fortune" or "blessing," often displayed upside down to mean fortune is "falling" into the home.

"Chun" (春): Represents "spring".

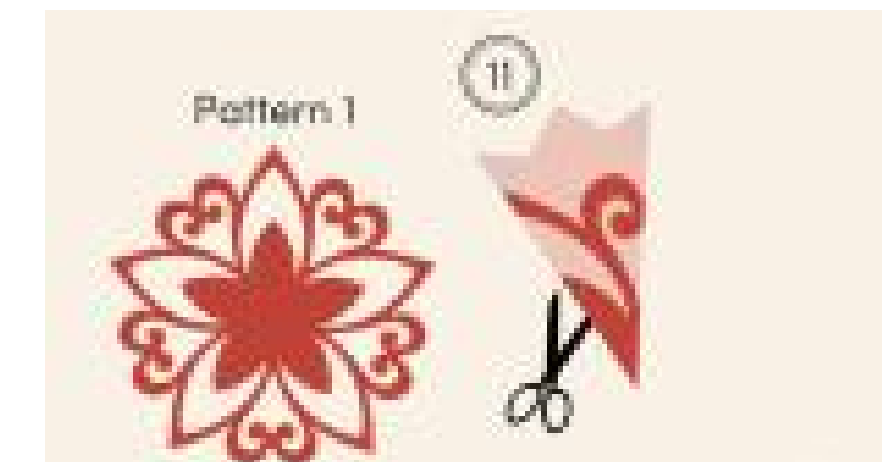
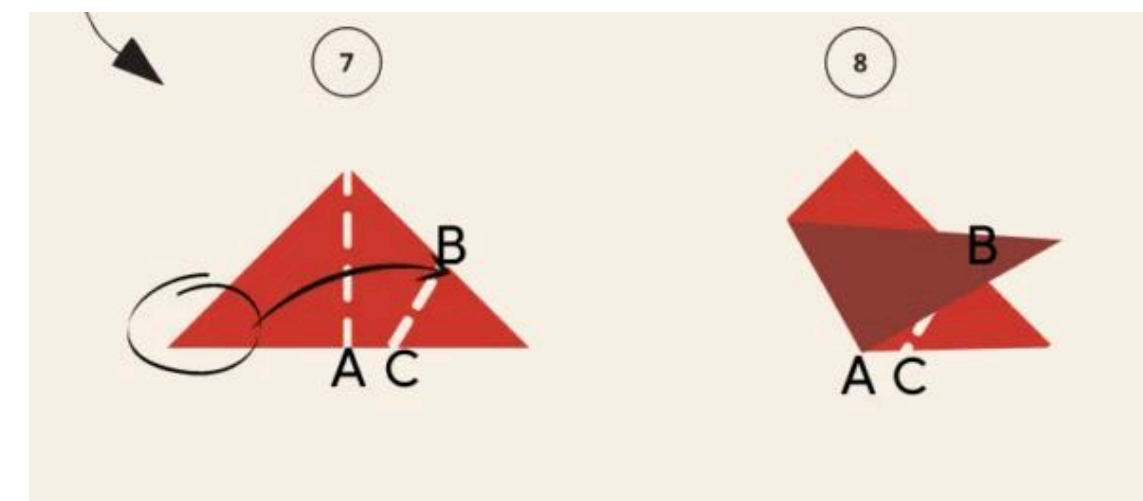
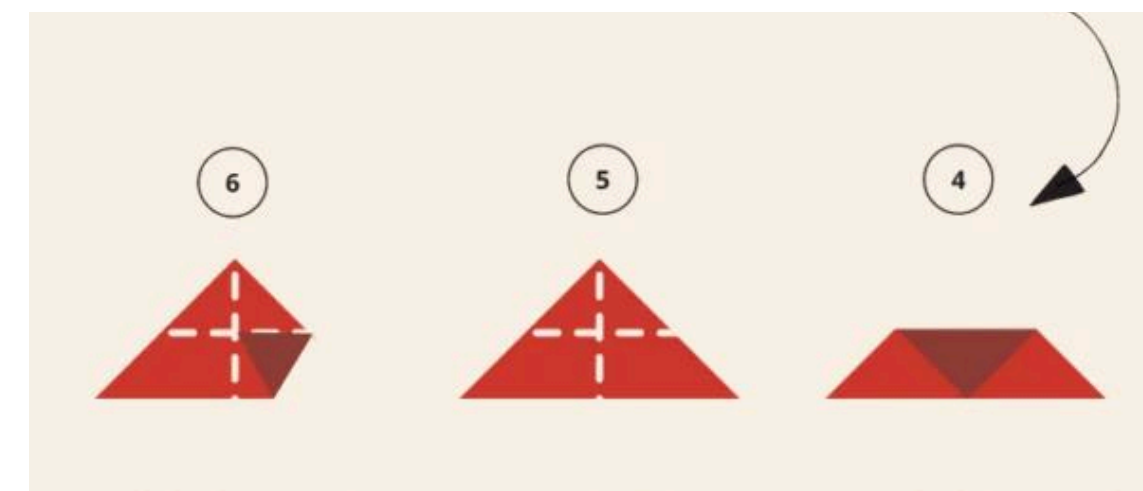
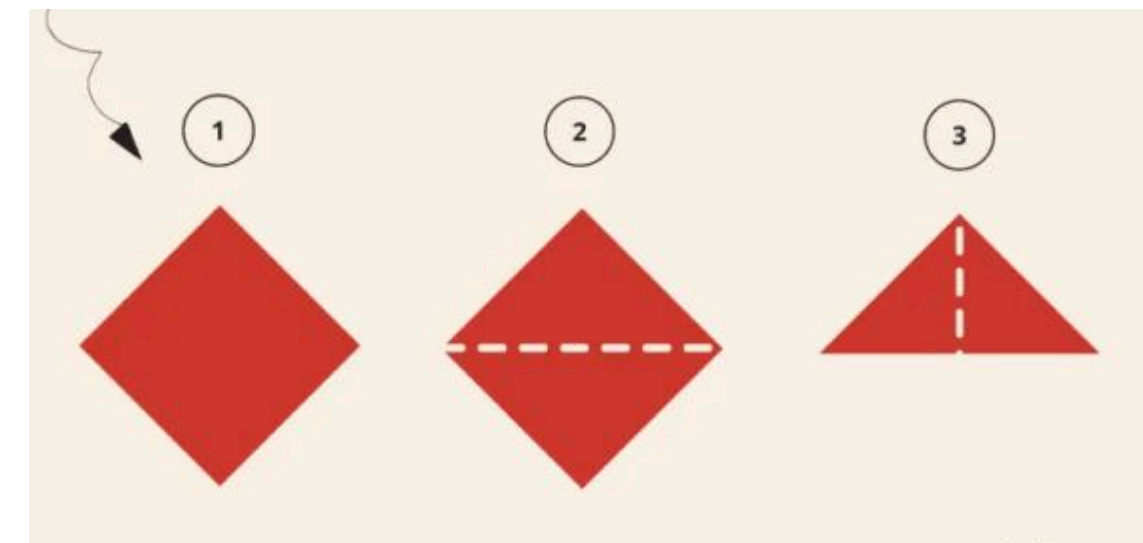
Animals/Plants: Fish (wealth/abundance), pomegranates (fertility), and the year's zodiac animal.



# Paper Cutting Basics

## How to Make Simple Cuttings:

1. Use thin red paper and sharp scissors.
2. Fold the paper in half, then into quarters, and again into eighths to create symmetry.
3. Draw designs on the folded paper, ensuring they are connected.
4. Cut out the designs and unfold carefully.



Unfold your paper and admire your masterpiece!



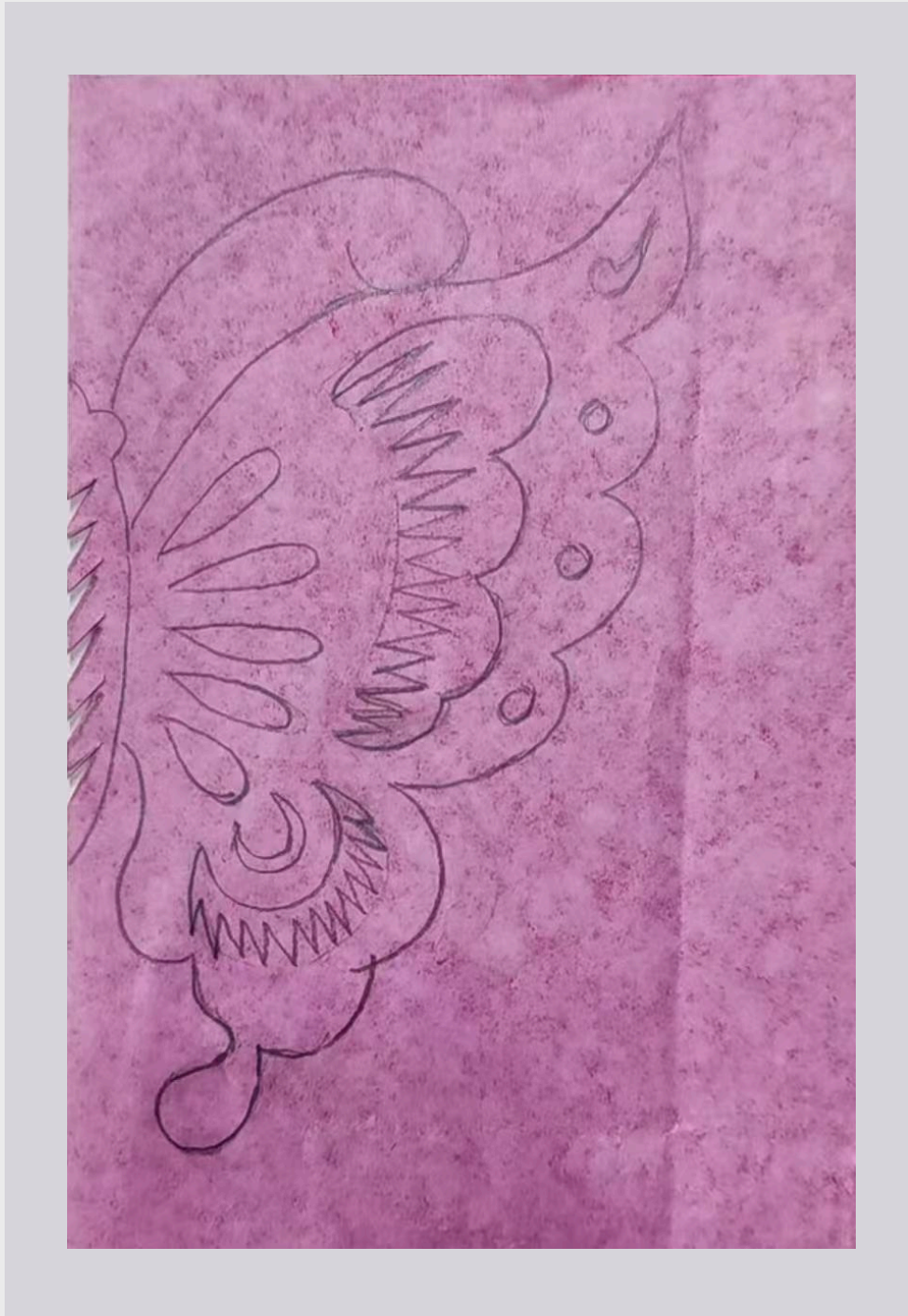
Let's Begin!



一拆

1 fold

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二折

2 fold



3 fold



4 fold

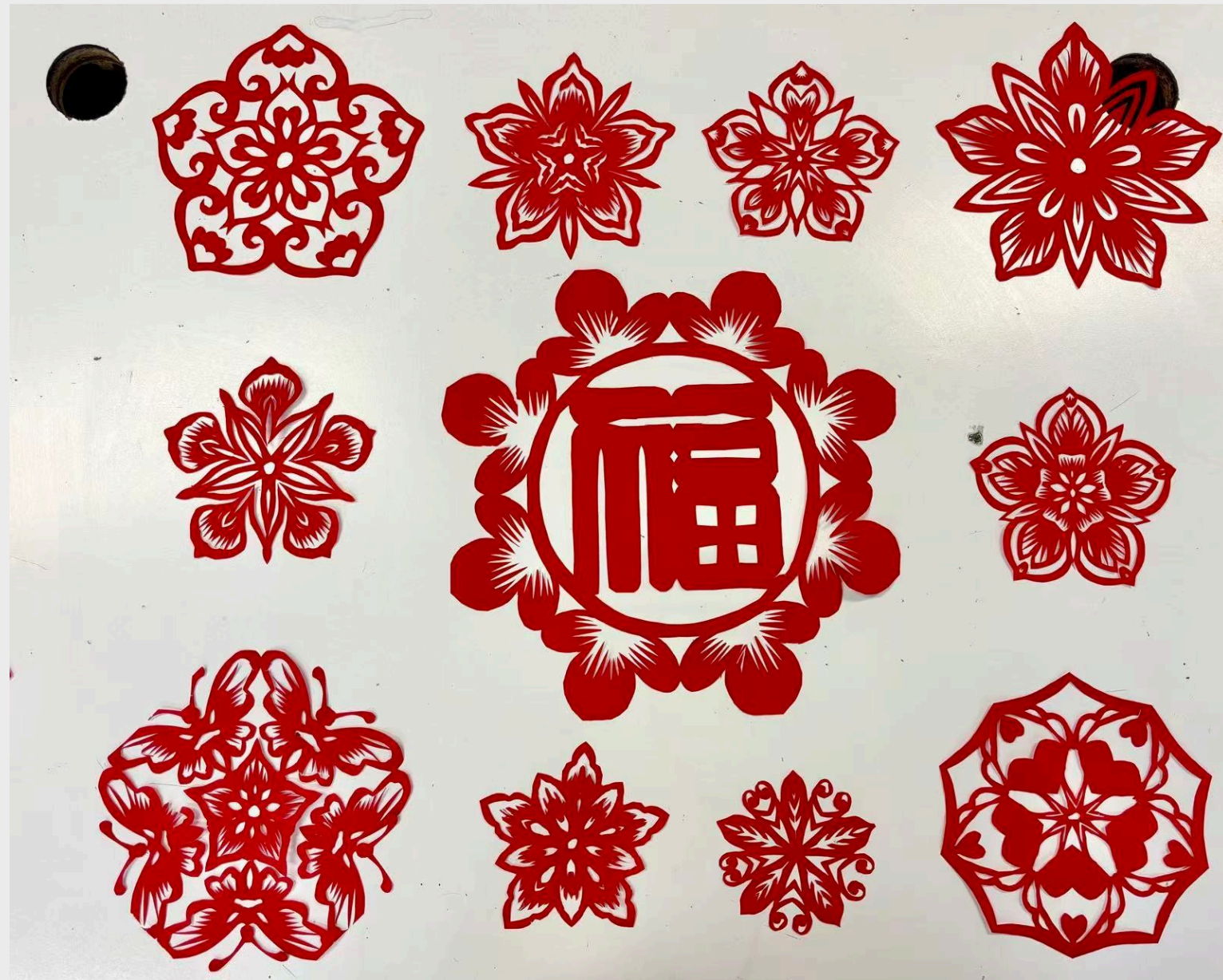
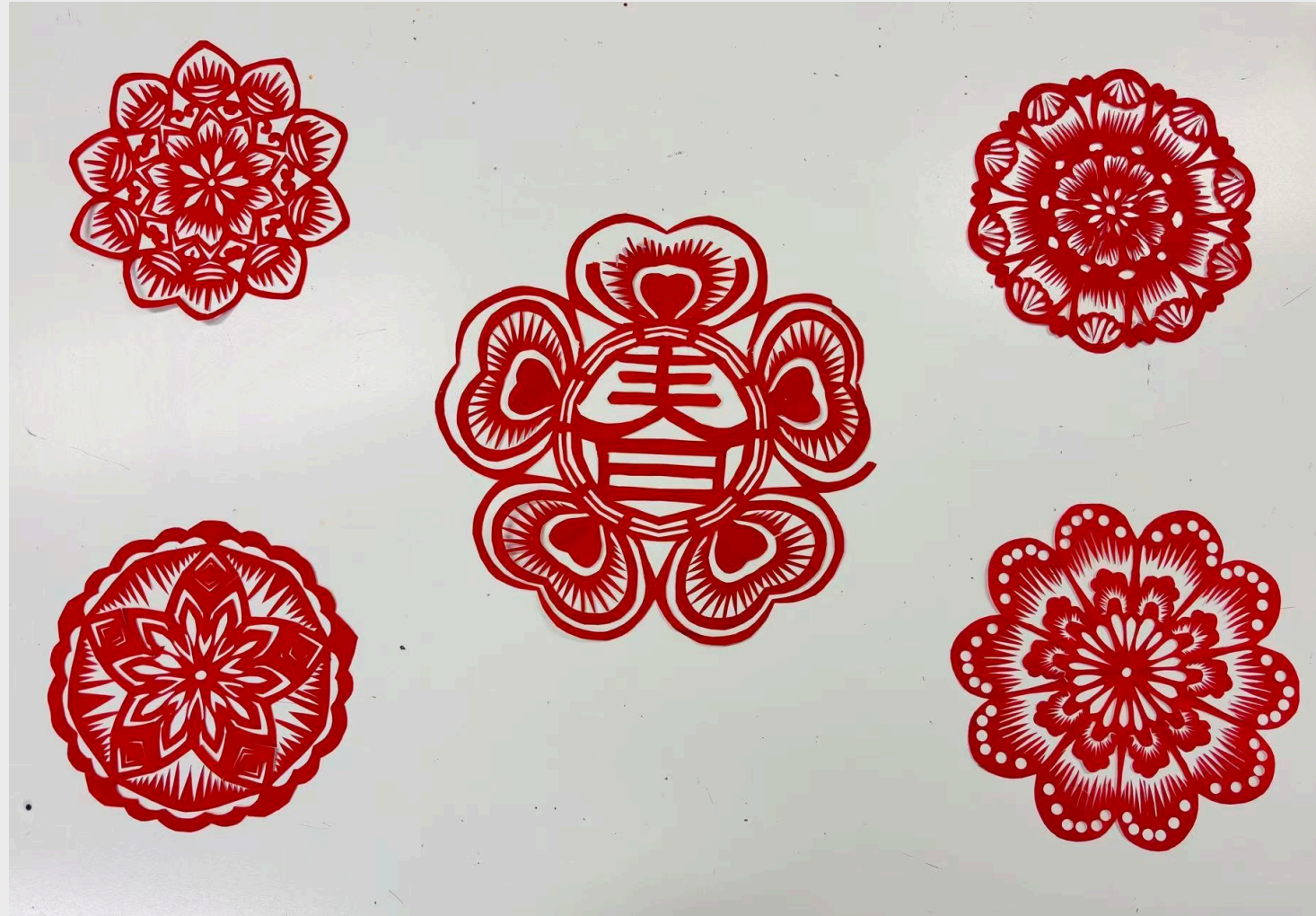


5 fold

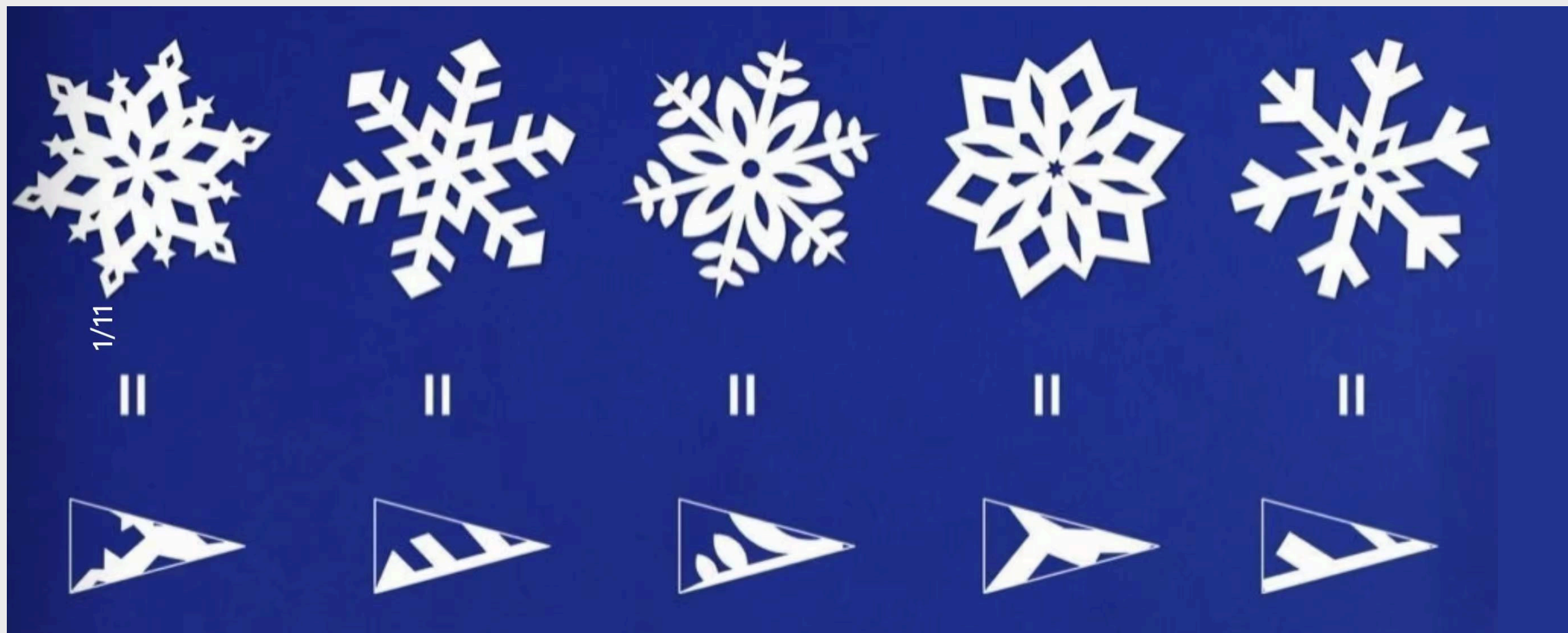
三至五折

3 - 5 fold







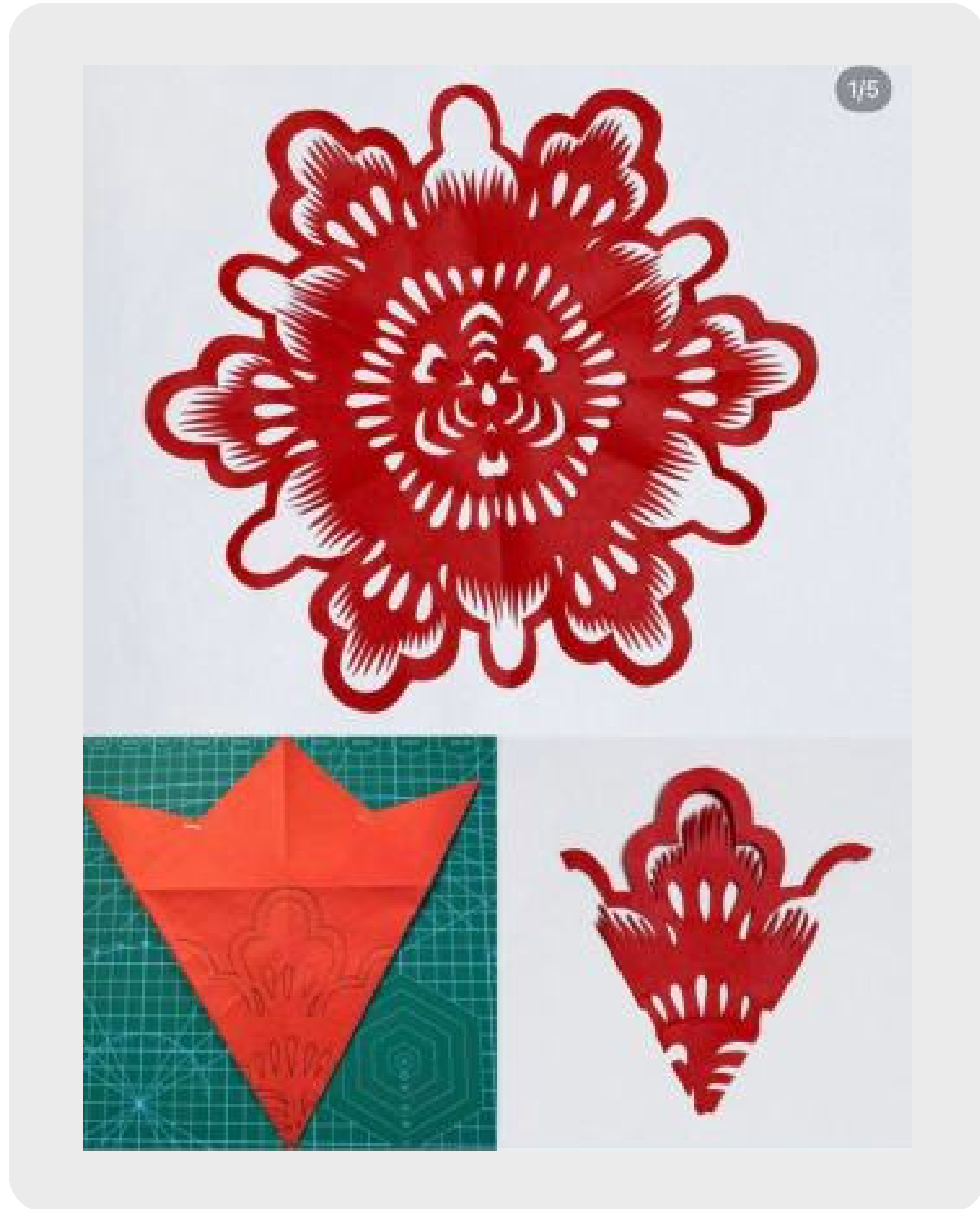


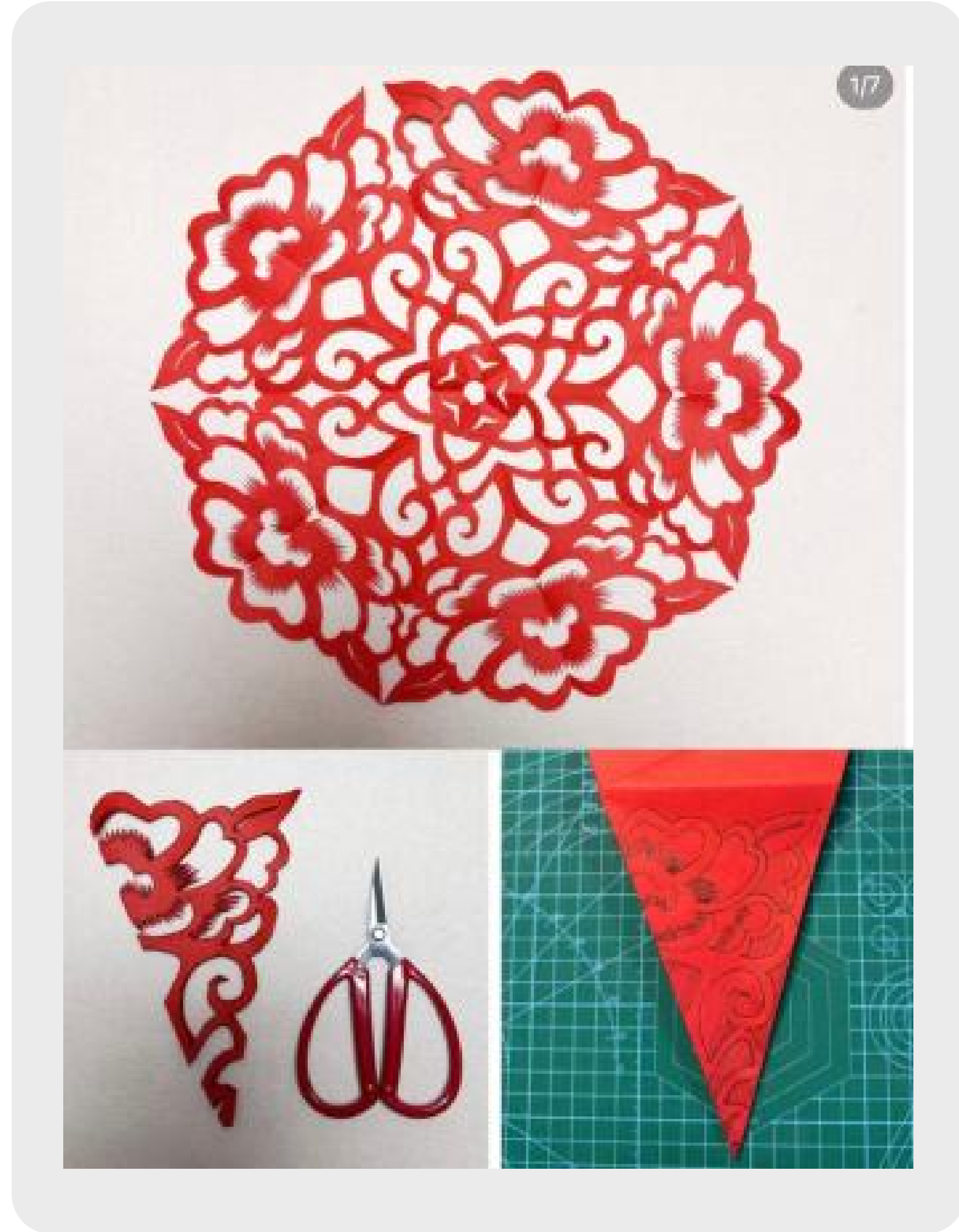
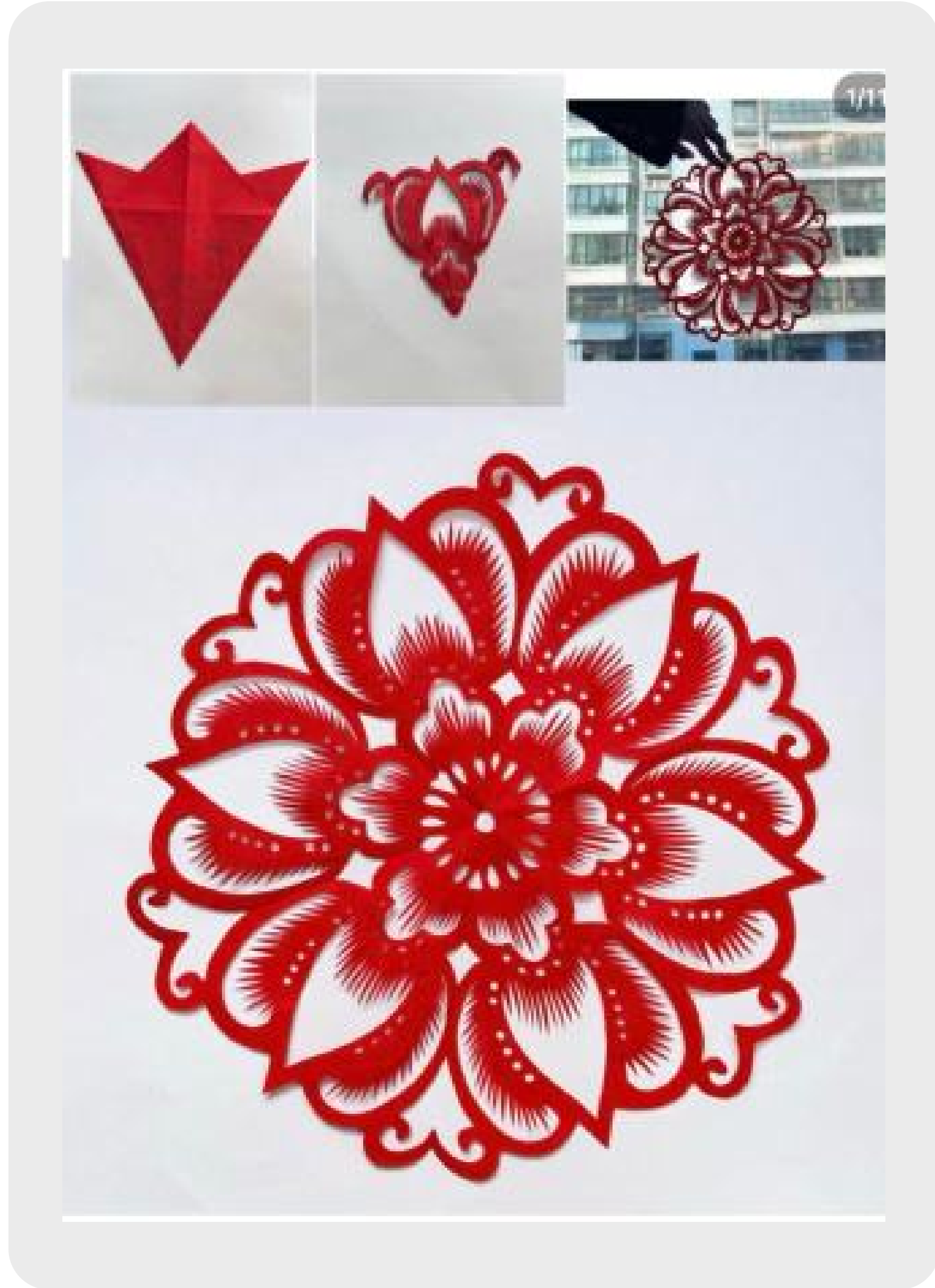
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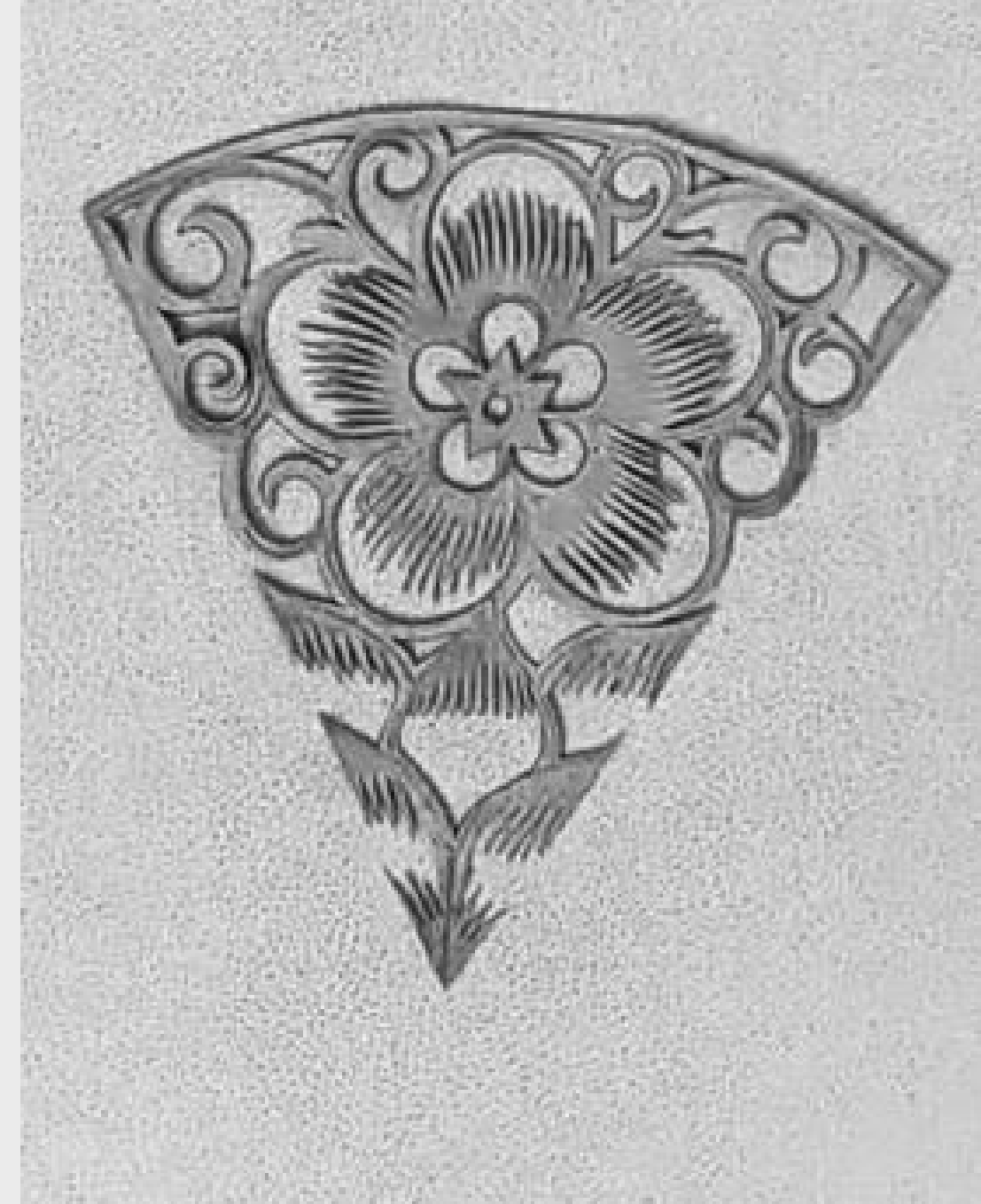
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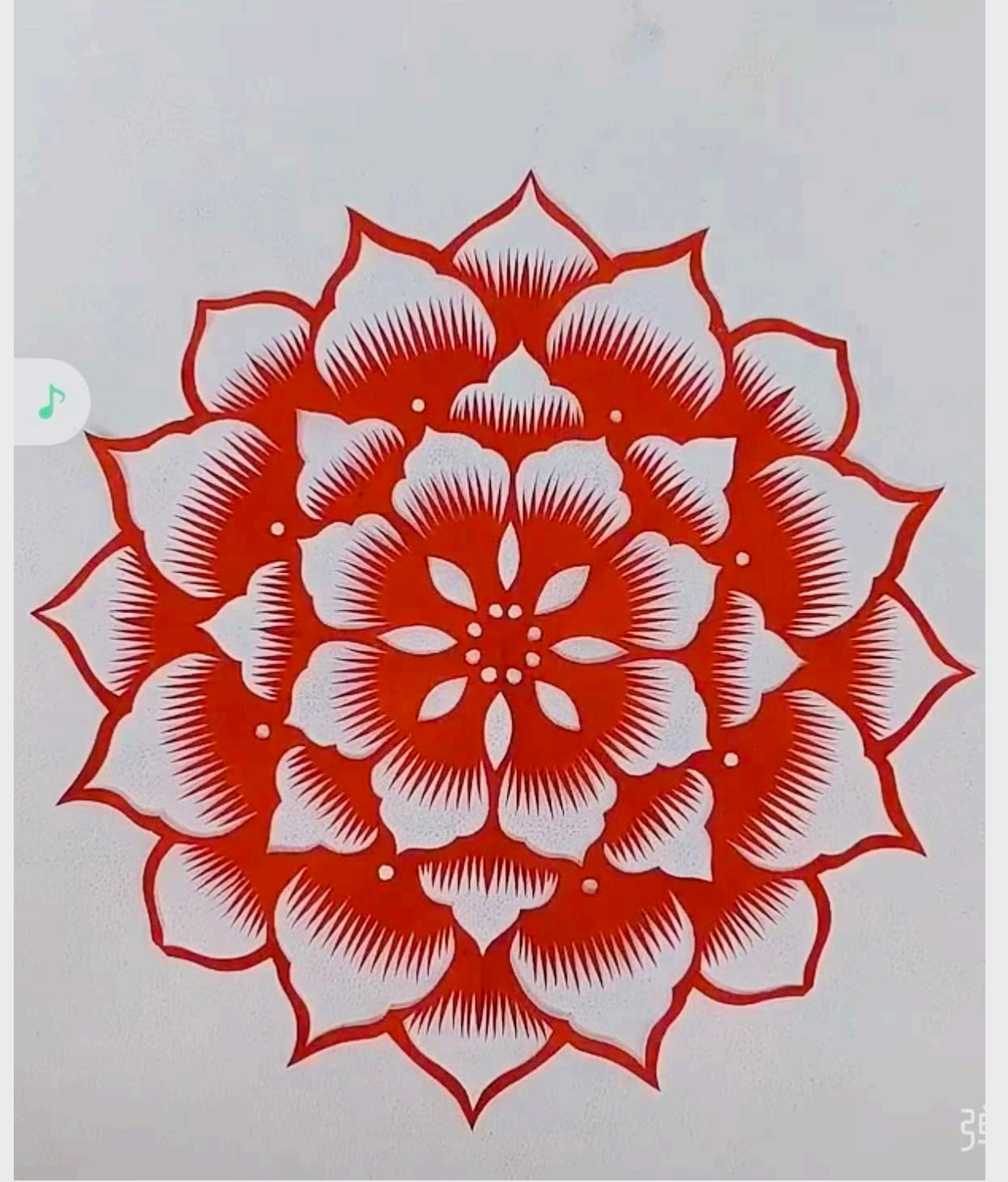
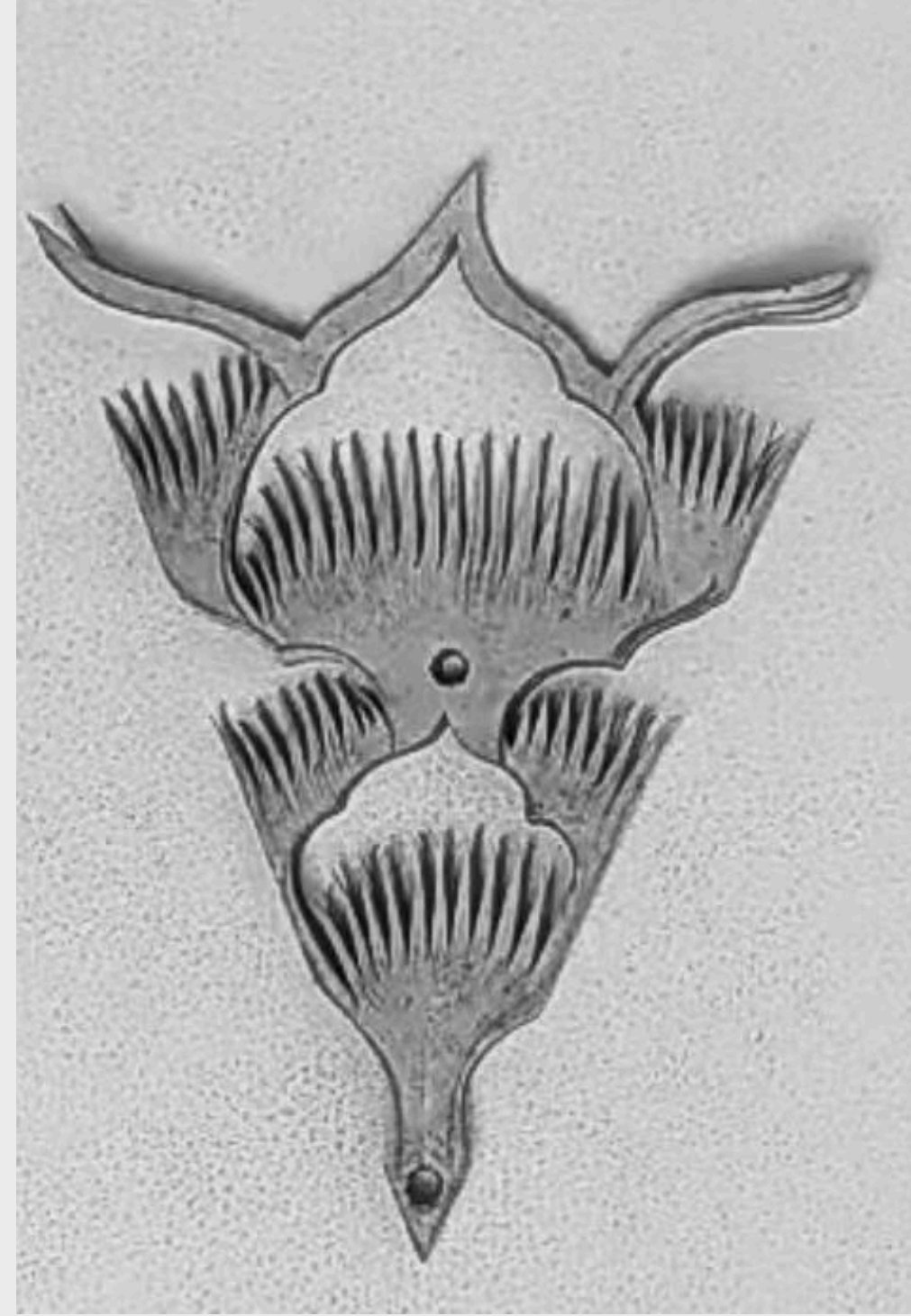
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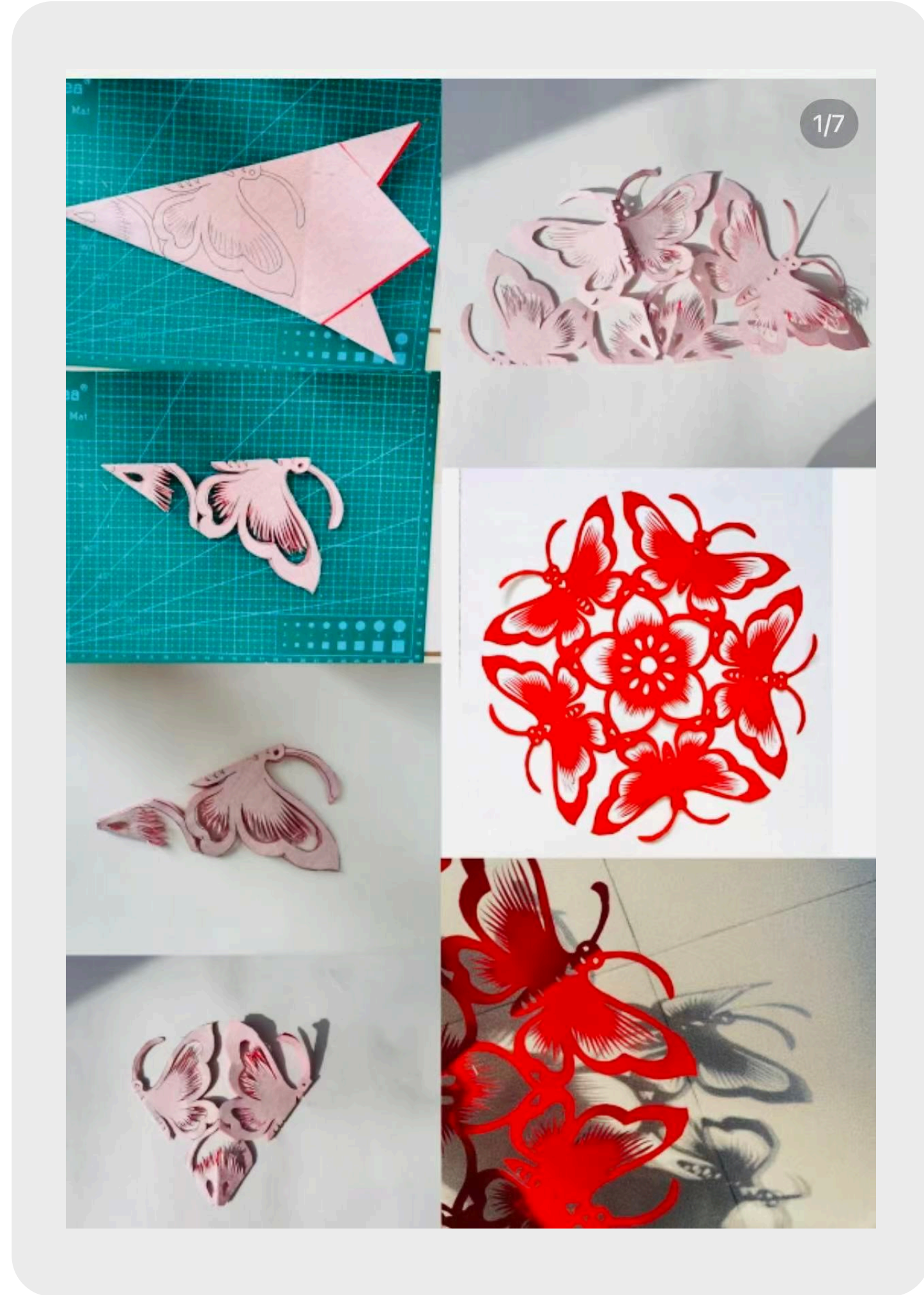
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# 熏样剪纸

Smoked  
paper  
cutting

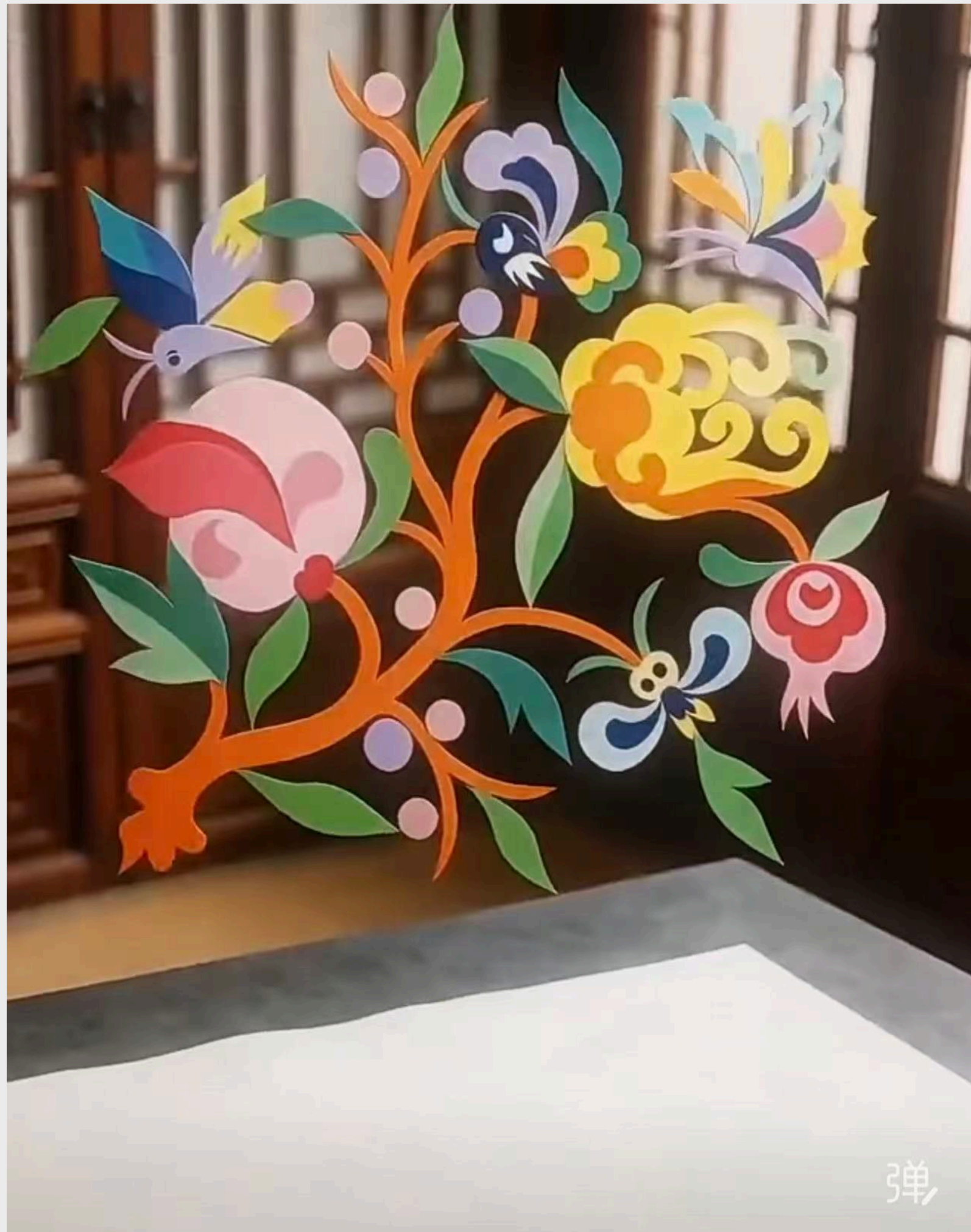
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# 染色剪纸

Dyed  
paper  
cutting

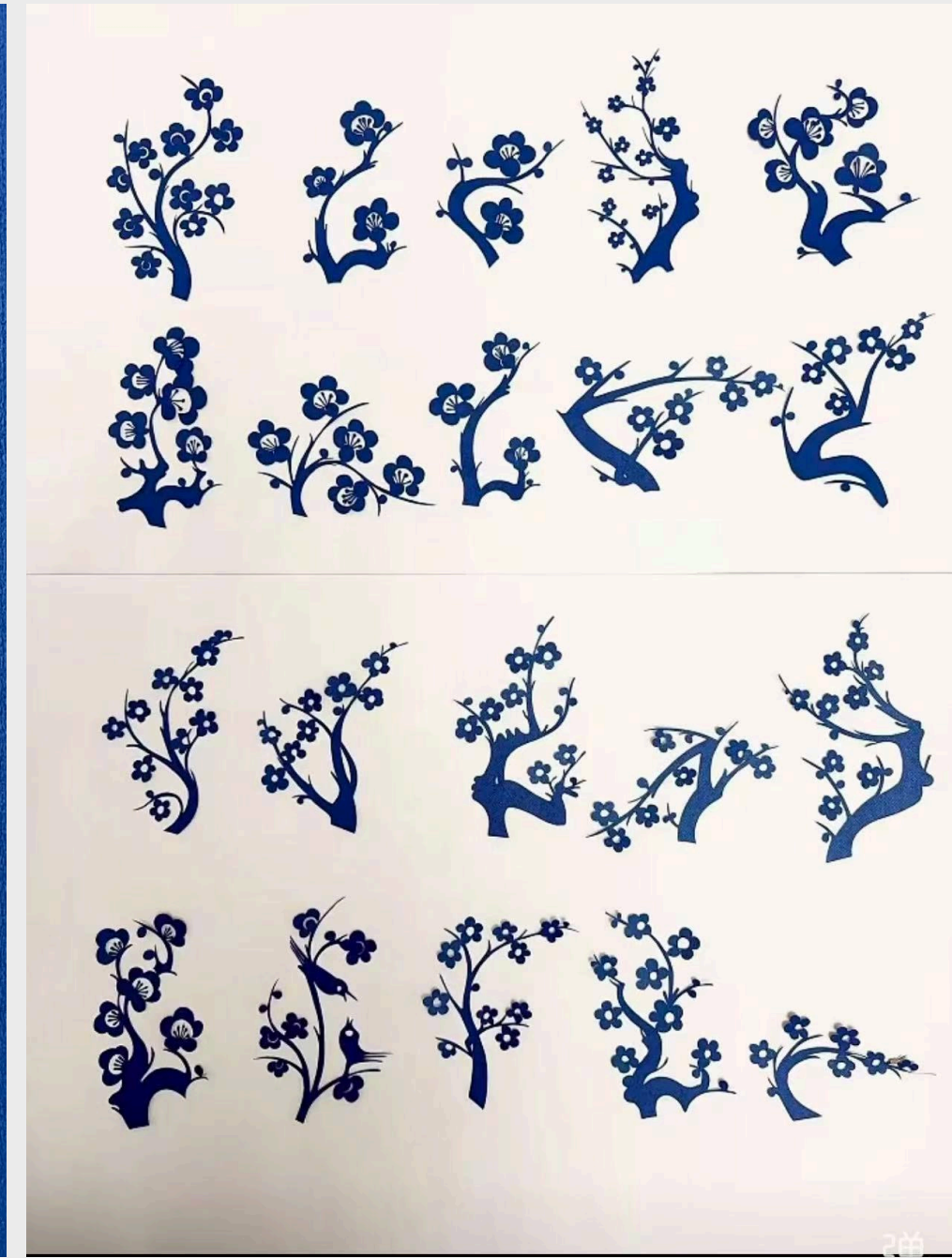
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# 既兴剪纸

Free  
cutting

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# 手工剪纸

Folk  
paper  
cutting

