

Thursday – Art – Paper chains

We know that during World War 2, people did not have lots of food or lots of money because not everybody could go to work. People were asked not to spend lots of money on Christmas gifts and decorations. Children made decorations from things they had at home like old paper and food packets.

Task: Make a paper chain using paper you find at home. Try to cut on your own. Try to stick on your own. Adults can help if it is tricky.

Step 1 Gather your materials. You will need to find:

Some paper. Plain is best but any will do.

A pencil.

Colouring pencils, felts or crayons.

Scissors

Glue stick (or sticky tape if you can't find glue).

Step 2 Turn the paper landscape (long edge near you)

Step 3 Draw lines along the paper the thickness of the ruler. Ask someone to help you move the ruler down if it is tricky.

Step 4 Decorate the paper. Draw your favourite things in the lines. You can colour and decorate how you like it.

Step 5 Cut along the lines. Ask someone to help you if it is tricky.

Step 6 Glue one end of the paper strip to the other end so you have created a circle.

Step 7 Thread the next paper strip through the first circle and stick the ends together.

Step 8 Repeat until you have used all the paper.

Step 9 Find somewhere to hang your paper chain.

(There is a paper chain activity on the other attachment if finding paper is hard or if students do not want to draw.)