

Cut Up/Cut Out

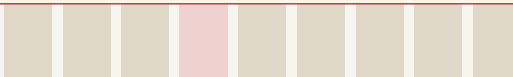
The art of paper cutting is among the earliest examples of human expression and innovation. Many cultures create cut-paper art; the practice dates back to the sixth century.

Use the word bank and clues to learn more. After filling in the blanks, “cut” the letters from the numbered squares and “paste” them into the numbered boxes to reveal the theme.


Clues

✂ Country where the earliest cut paper art was discovered  2


✂ First peoples in the Americas to cut paper  9

✂ To cut pieces from a map to create a collage  7


✂ Japanese performance art involving paper cutting  5

✂ Japanese paper cutouts  4

✂ Mexican artisan tradition  1 3

✂ Cutting away layers of paper to discover what lies within  8 11

✂ German for “scissor cuts”  10

✂ To layer pieces of paper  6 12

Word Bank

Scherenschnitte

Collage

Aztecs

Excavation

Repurpose

China

Kirie

Papel Picado

Kamikiri

Answer

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Hidden Treasures

Think about a one-dollar bill as a work of art. In addition to a portrait of George Washington, every U.S. dollar includes many symbols and details.

Be a Detective

Find the hidden treasures in a dollar bill.
Study the intricate curlicues and patterns.
Look for: 26 stars, 4 eyeballs, a scale, and more.



Mark Wagner, *Americans in Paris, 2015*, currency collage on panel

Mark Wagner's collages are made entirely from pieces cut from dollar bills. Identify the original currency elements reconfigured in this artwork.

Look for these collaged images: a wristwatch, a bird, a smartphone, and more.

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