

# Foldable Mobile Instructions

## Materials:

1 or 2 Wire hangers

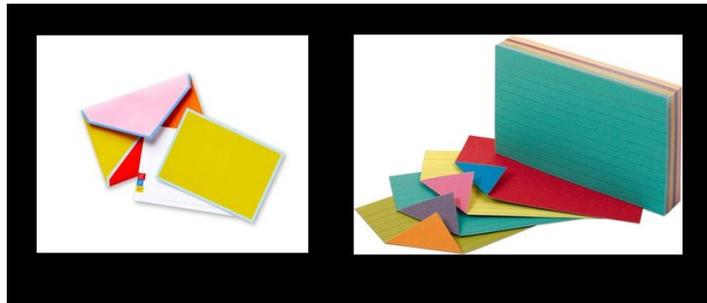
Multi colored cardstock, a great brand is “Astrobrights” 75ct cardstock.

Thread or monofilament

Invisible Tape

Scissors

1. Set aside everything but your cardstock and scissors for the first step. If you don't have multi colored cardstock you can also use items like colorful index cards, old holiday cards, or old stationary.

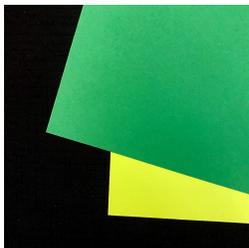


2. Look at your cardstock and decide what colors you want to work with. The mobile I made was inspired by Jacob Hashimoto's work *Cloud Deck* located at University of Houston Downtown and this Aaron Parazette painting *Remembering Next Summer* located at UH Main Campus. so I stuck with shades of green, yellow, and orange.

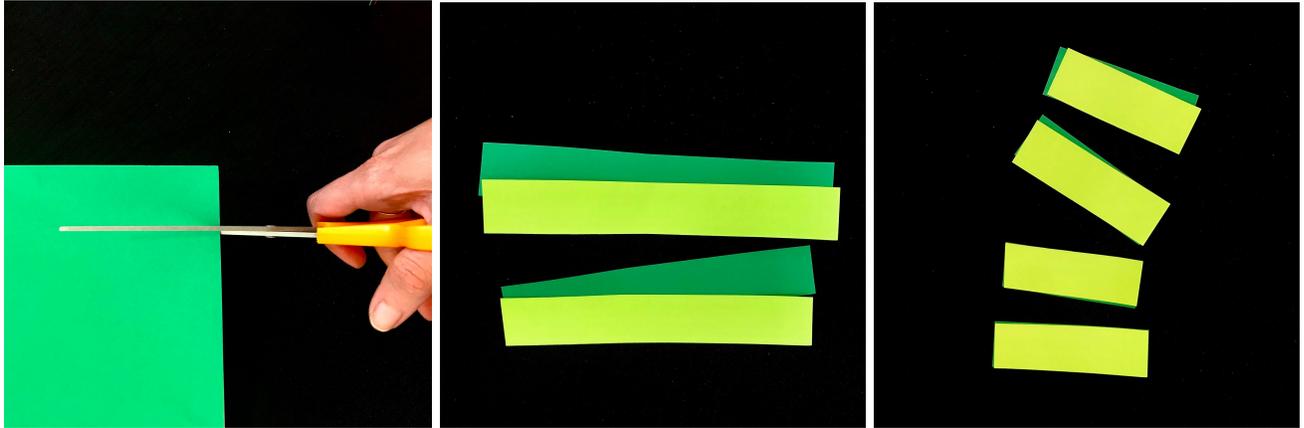


**Aaron Parazette, *Remembering Next Summer***

3. Once you have picked your colors start to pair up your cardstock papers making sure that you have pairs of cardstock that will be the front and back of your foldable mobile. To create a gradient of color pair up cardstock papers using analogous colors, or colors that are very close to each other like green and lime green. Here's an example:

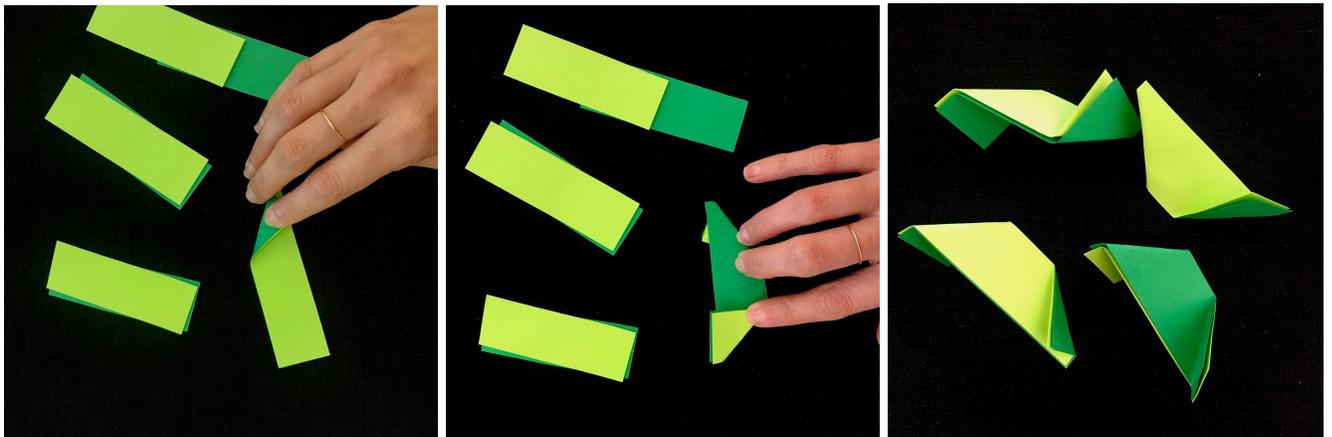


- Now that you have your cardstock pairs you can start cutting the shapes for your mobile pieces. Take your papers and cut long strips and then cut the strips down into smaller rectangles. You don't need to use a ruler or measure anything which makes this project so fun and easy to do! Just be sure your strips are roughly the same size and try your best to keep your two pieces of cardstock together while cutting. You can use a paperclip to hold both sheets of paper together if you would like.

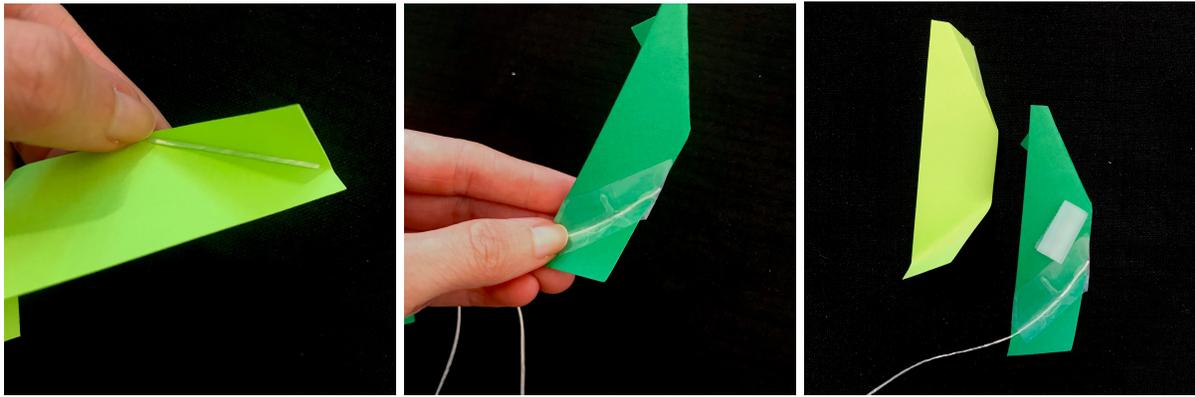


*Keep both sides together while cutting, cut into long strips that are about the same size, then cut into smaller pieces. I chose rectangular pieces but you can explore other shapes using the same technique!*

- Once you've cut a few of your pieces you can start folding them into your 3D shapes. For these small rectangles two folds going in opposite directions was an easy and simple way to create fun and interesting geometric shapes that move and dance when they are suspended. If you decide to cut larger pieces you can try to add more folds to your shapes.



- As you create your mobile pieces try and map out how many you would like for one hanger. You can draw out a sketch or use simple math to dictate how many pieces you want per string. For a cascade effect increase the number of pieces in each string.
- Get your invisible tape and a set of mobile pieces that will fit the length of your string. I started with about 8 pieces for 24 inches of string. Attach the end of your string inside of a fold with invisible tape. Then make a loop of tape to attach the other piece on top:



8. Create the rest of your mobile strings for the hanger or hangers you are using. So you can visualize your final mobile easier, tape up your finished strings to a wall so you can see how they will look altogether.
9. When you're done with all your mobile strings start to attach them to your hanger. Leave about 1 ½ to 3 inches of space between each attachment point to make sure the pieces don't get caught on each other.
10. If you are only creating a singular mobile on one hanger you're finished! If you are crafting with two hangers carefully insert one hanger into the other and join both hooks together. You may want to secure the hooks with thread or tape. Arrange the two hangers into an "X" shape and move all the mobile strings in place so they aren't getting caught on each other.
11. Use thread or string to hang your mobile up at home!



A completed mobile!



Inspiration: Jacob Hashimoto's *Cloud Deck*