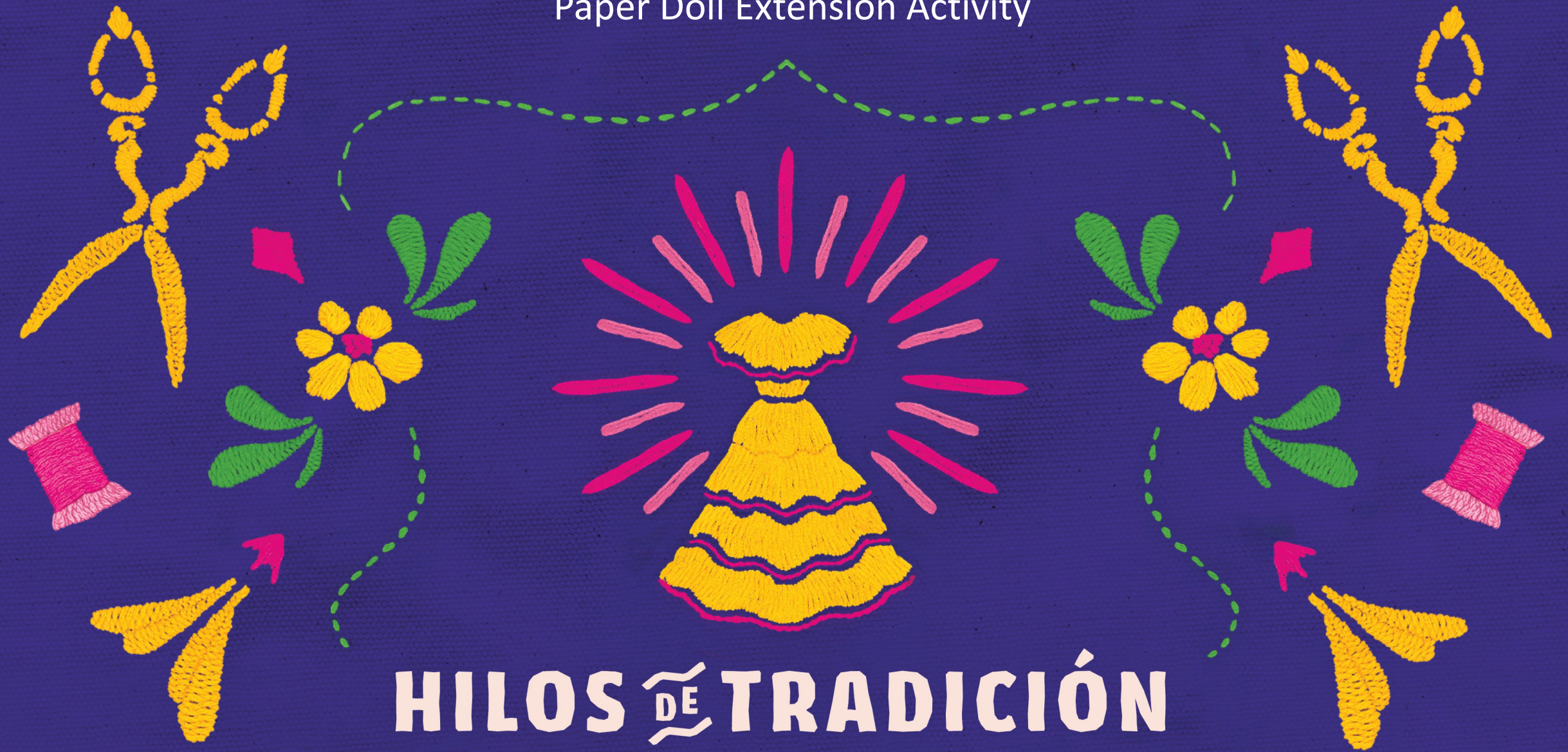


Paper Doll Extension Activity



HILOS DE TRADICIÓN

DRESSES OF MEXICO

Instructions

Use the information on the following pages to learn more about some traditional Mexican dress and to assist in the decoration of the paper dolls.



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Click on the ★ to jump to the information about those states and their traditional dress!

Oaxaca (wuh·hah·kuh)



- Tehuana is one of the better known indigenous communities of the state of Oaxaca.
- The women of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec (te-wahn-te-pek) are renown worldwide for their colorful traditional dress.



Oaxaca

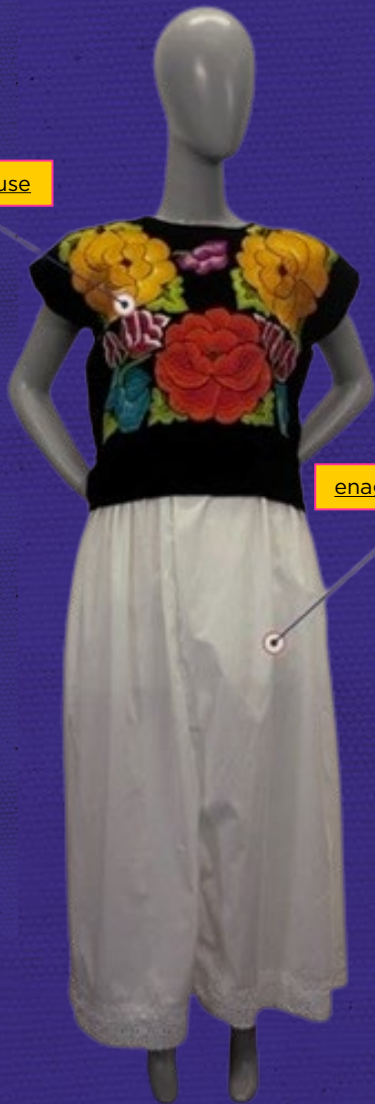
resplendor lejos de la cara/resplendor away from face

resplendor rodeando la cara/resplendor surrounding face

blusa/blouse

enagua/petticoat

falda/skirt



Oaxaca



- The dresses are made of velvet or satin embellished with embroidered flowers.
- It's worn at festivals and galas.
- The most unique feature is its headdress called a Resplendor, which can be worn to frame the face or folded back off the face.
- The Resplendor is said to have originated when Zapotec women discovered a shipwrecked trunk full of lacy baby garments. Not realizing what they were, they put them on their heads.

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Chihuahua (wuh·hah·kuh)



- The Rarámuri people live near the Copper Canyon area.
- The Rarámuri are known for being long-distance endurance runners, their name itself meaning “foot-runner” or “those who run fast.”



Chihuahua

- Rarámuri women wear short gathered skirts and blouses made of brightly printed cotton.



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Sinaloa (see·nah·law·ah)



- Each year, the state of Sinaloa hosts El Carnaval, their version of Mardi Gras.
- During this celebration, dancers perform regional dances that feature colorful and flashy Carnaval-inspired dresses.

Sinaloa



- The blouse has a wide ruffle at the neck that matches a band on the wide, ruffled skirt. These can either be embroidered or made of solid cotton that matches the predominant color in the floral print skirt.
- The look is finished with a straw hat that has one side turned up and trimmed with flowers. This is worn over a bandana tied behind the dancer's head.

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Charro Suit (chahr·oh)



- Unlike the other traditional dresses that are tied to a region, the Charro suit is the national male dress of Mexico.



Charro Suit



- The *charro* is an enduring icon of the Mexican equestrian tradition with their famous horsemanship, rope work, and code of honor.
- Charro suits are adapted from the style of Spanish Colonial riders and are trimmed in *soutache* braid or silver or gold emblems called *botonaduras*.
- The full suit consists of a wide-brimmed hat called a sombrero, fitted pants, short jacket, bowtie, leather or chamois boots, and wide leather belt.
- The suits are made in somber colors such as black, grey, brown, or natural chamois.

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Reflection

- Think about your community. This could be as small as your immediate family, or as big as your city or state.
- What kind of costume, uniform, or traditional dress do you think would represent your community?
- Discuss with your classmates, friends, or family.