Day of the Dead Papel Picado:
A fancy version for you to see.
Papel Picado Banner:

A simpler version
Supplies Needed:

--Rectangular sheets of colored tissue paper, 6” x 8” or larger.

--Scissors (pointed tips are best)

--Glue (white/Elmer’s school glue)

--An 1/8” dowel, string or yarn to hang the banner
Fold the tissue paper in half width-wise.

Then fold it in half again, width-wise. Line up the edges and smooth with fingers to make creases on the folded edge.
Now fold diagonally. It does not have to be exact, but just so that there is about half of the paper on each side of the fold.
Make small cuts along the folded diagonal edge, of varying shapes. Don’t cut too far into the folded area.

Papel picado means “bitten paper.” The cuts are like small bites.
Now open the diagonal fold. You can see patterns starting to appear.
Continue to make small cuts around the edges of the flag, whatever you want.
Open out the flag completely.

Put a THIN line of glue along one short edge.
Take a thin dowel or piece of string and lay it on top of the line of glue. Press down, so it sticks to the paper, THEN.......
Roll the dowel or string/yarn towards the center of the flag, just a little. The tissue paper will roll with it and seal.

You can add more banners to your string or stick.
You can hang a lot of small ones on the string for decorations...
Or make them with bigger sheets of tissue paper, like these.

Have fun!