

SCHERENSCHNITTE

Swiss Scissor Cutting,

This craft dates back hundreds of years. Paper was invented around 100A.D. in China and the art of Paper Cutting began almost at the same time and became very popular in China itself.

Eventually it came to Austria and then all over Europe where you find that white cut work is much older than black.

In Germany Paper Cutting became known as Scherenschnitte and was very popular with ladies who had plenty of leisure time. They made wall hangings and gifts which were much sort after as they are to-day.

Paper cutting started in Switzerland in the 1800's and is still a very popular craft in the 21st century. Some Scherenschnitte is made with folding and cutting techniques - hence our simple designs for to-day.

Cut out the three rectangles - crease on fold line and cut round each heart, taking care to keep flowers. Arrange three cut hearts into a Trefoil, cut out your stem, mount all pieces on black card in position as shown.

Minimal tools and materials are needed:- paper, pencil, fine scissors or craft knife, rulers, card stock, (self-sealing cutting mat if craft knife is used).

Use

- white paper/black card or
- black paper/white card

This is a Folk Art that devolved hundreds of years ago and is still very much alive, through it artists can express their feelings, like story telling and can reach the hearts of the people at the same time, because of its simplicity and detail a piece of Scherenschnitte can be enjoyed for ever.

For friends with limited mobility to simulate the art of Paper Cutting why not use

- black 'peel-offs' on white card stock or
- white 'peel-offs on black card stock

Information downloaded www.jupisart.com>AboutPaperCutting.htm

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FOLD CARD ALONG DOTTED LINE

