

# LET'S HAVE A TEA PARTY!

How do you like your tea? People began drinking tea in China more than 5000 years ago! Today people from all over the world enjoy drinking tea. In Turkey, it is a custom to offer tea whenever a guest arrives as a sign of friendship. In England and Europe, drinking tea and hosting afternoon tea parties began as a fashionable way for people to enjoy time with family and friends.

This tea bowl and saucer was made in Staffordshire, England, 200 years ago. Many ceramics came from Staffordshire because it had lots of clay in the ground. There was also plenty of coal to fire the ceramics and make them hard. Hundreds of different companies made ceramics in Staffordshire and they were sold all around the world.



Staffordshire (manufacturer), *Tea bowl and saucer* c. 1820,  
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne.

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## Create your own paper teacup and saucer.

### You will need:

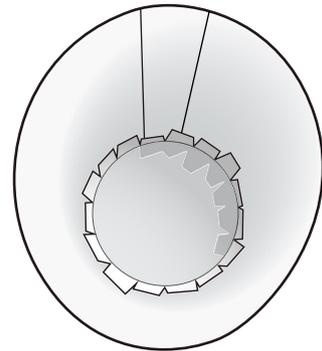
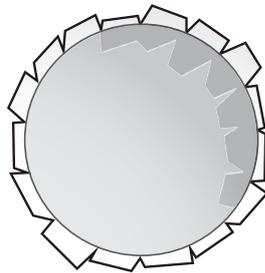
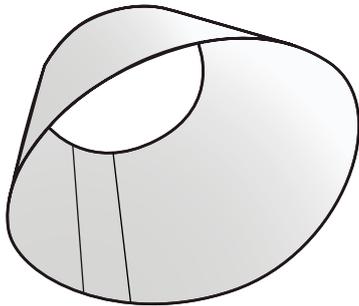
- \* Markers or coloured pencils
- \* Scissors
- \* Glue stick
- \* Cereal box or thin cardboard

### Instructions:

**1** Finish the decorations on the teacup and saucer template using your art supplies.

**2** Glue the template page to some thin cardboard, like a cereal box.

**3** Carefully cut out the pieces of the template. You may need an adult to help with the cutting.



**4** Put some glue on the tab of the teacup side. Attach it to the opposite end to make a cone.

**5** Take the teacup base and fold each little tab upwards. Dab some glue carefully on the outside of the tabs.

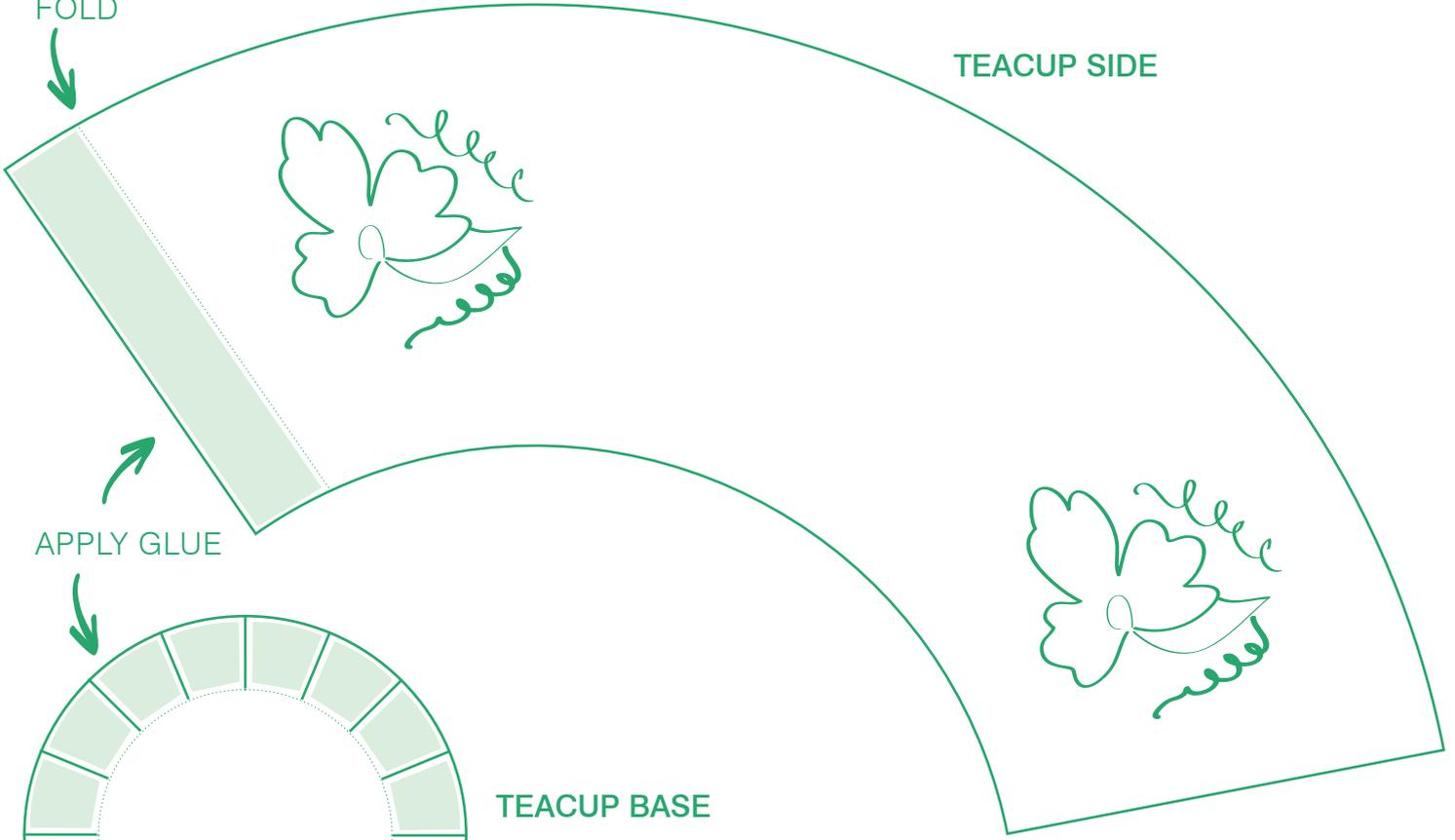
**6** Insert the tea cup base into the tea cup and attach the tabs to the inside wall of the tea cup. Leave it to dry.

**You've finished!** Now you can pretend to have a cup of tea at home or online with a loved one who is far away. Or make more and have a tea party!



FOLD

TEACUP SIDE



APPLY GLUE

TEACUP BASE

FOLD

SAUCER

