

Date: November 1, and November 2

# Dia de los Muertos

Day of the Dead is a Mexican Celebration where the community celebrates their ancestors by telling stories about them, having a parade, decorating the graves, and creating works of art to celebrate their life.

Introduction Video:

<https://vimeo.com/34619885>

# Items needed for the Dia de los Muertos Celebration:

- Skeletons (toys, figurines, sweets)
- Papel Picado
- Candles
- Fresh flowers
- Marigolds
- Sugar Skulls
- Traditional Food
- Decorating Graves
- Parade/Fireworks



# This compares to the American celebration of **Memorial Day** -

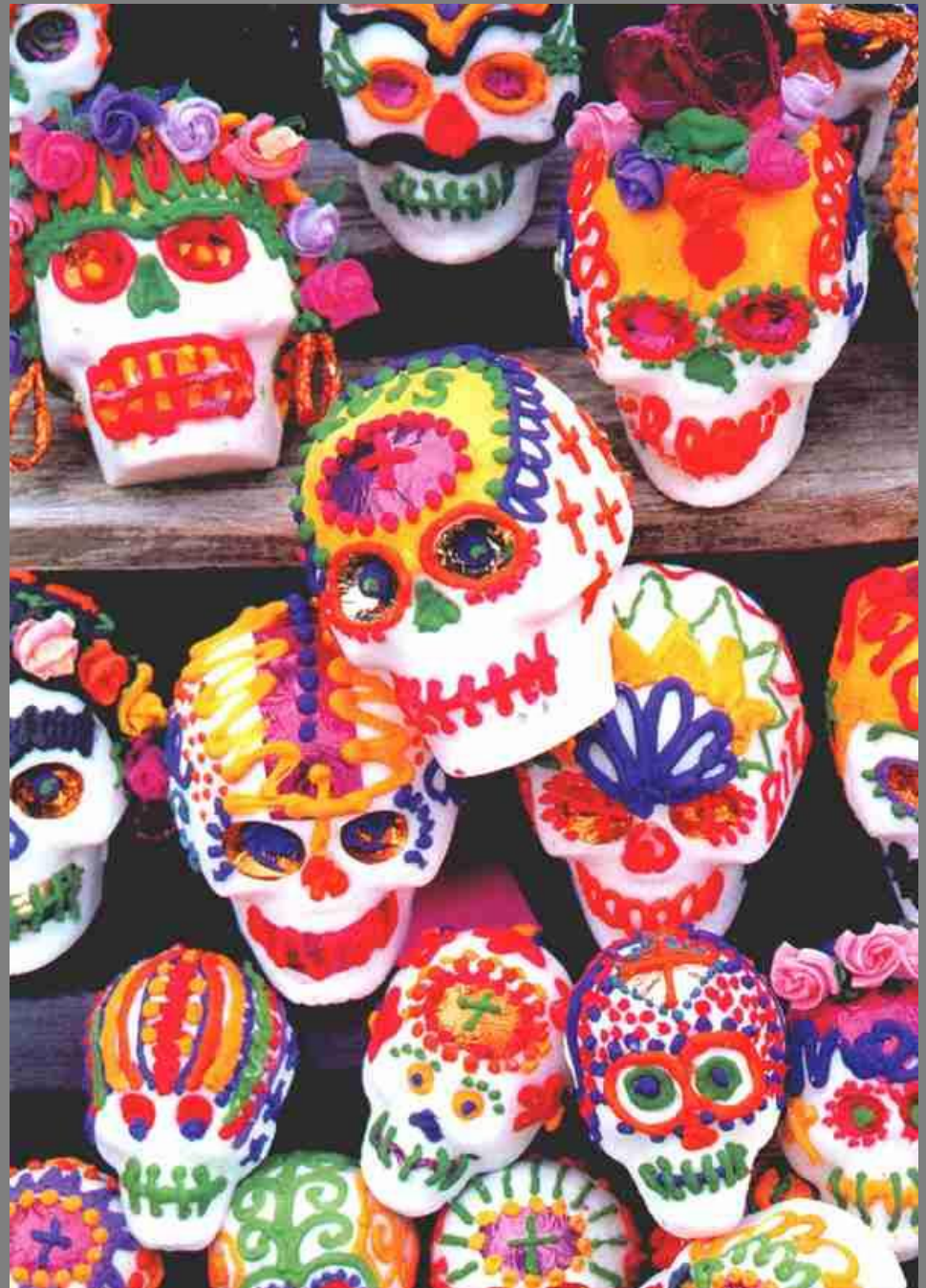
- Red white & Blue colors
- Traditional Food
- Decorating Graves
- Story Telling
- Parade/Fireworks



# Sugar Skulls

*Calaveras de azúcar*

Children are given  
sugar skulls with  
their names written  
on the forehead!



# *Sugar Skulls- Calaveras de azúcar*

They are decorated with frosting and taste like cookies.



# *Calaveras de azúcar – Sugar Skulls*

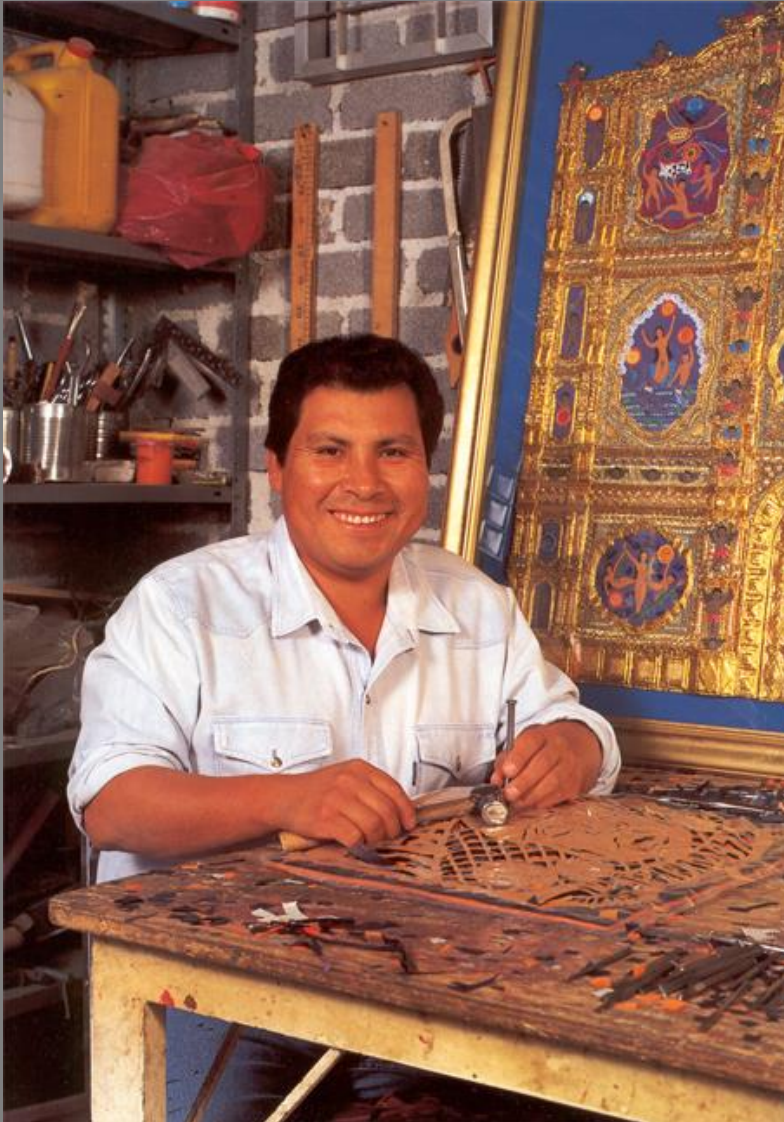


# Papel Picado



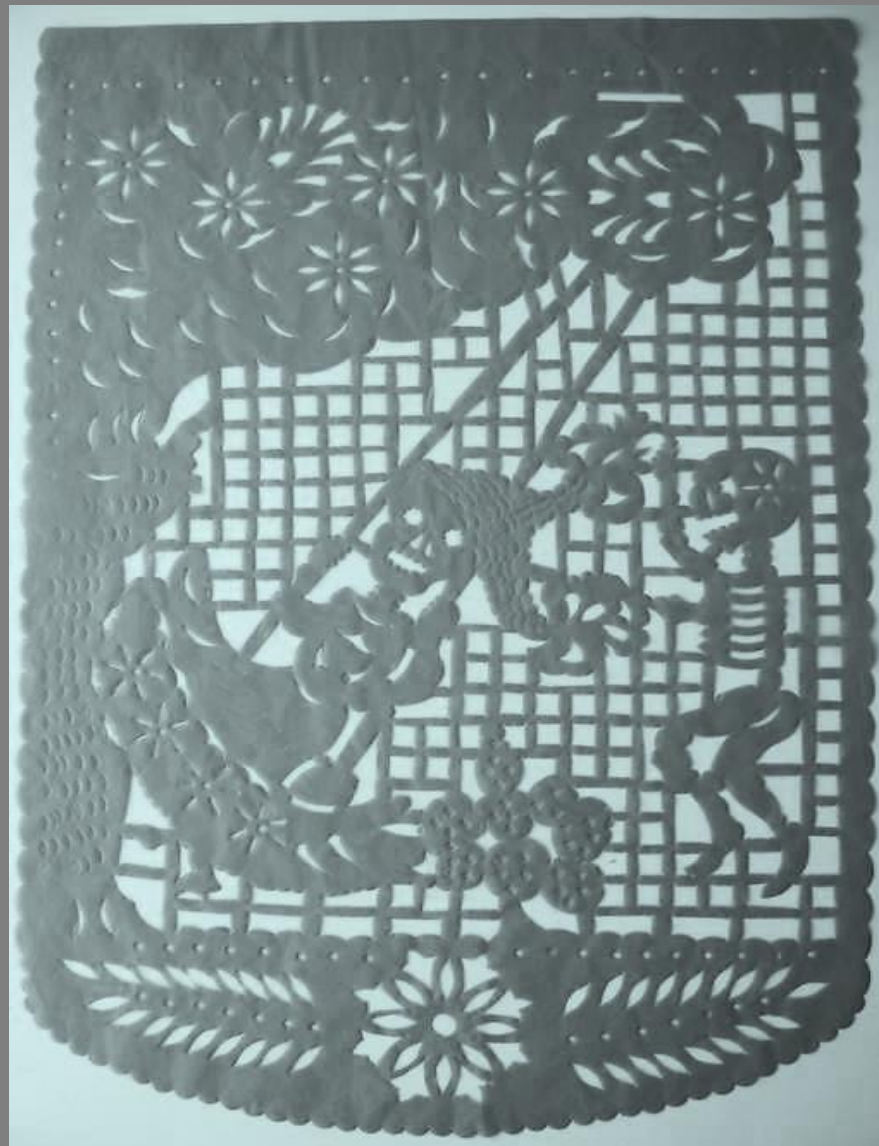
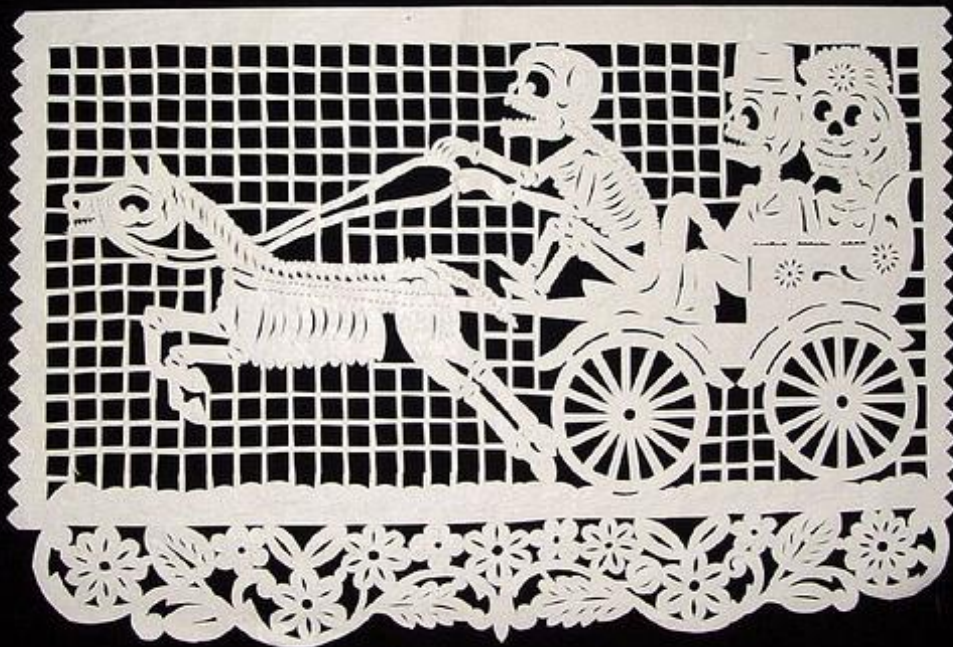
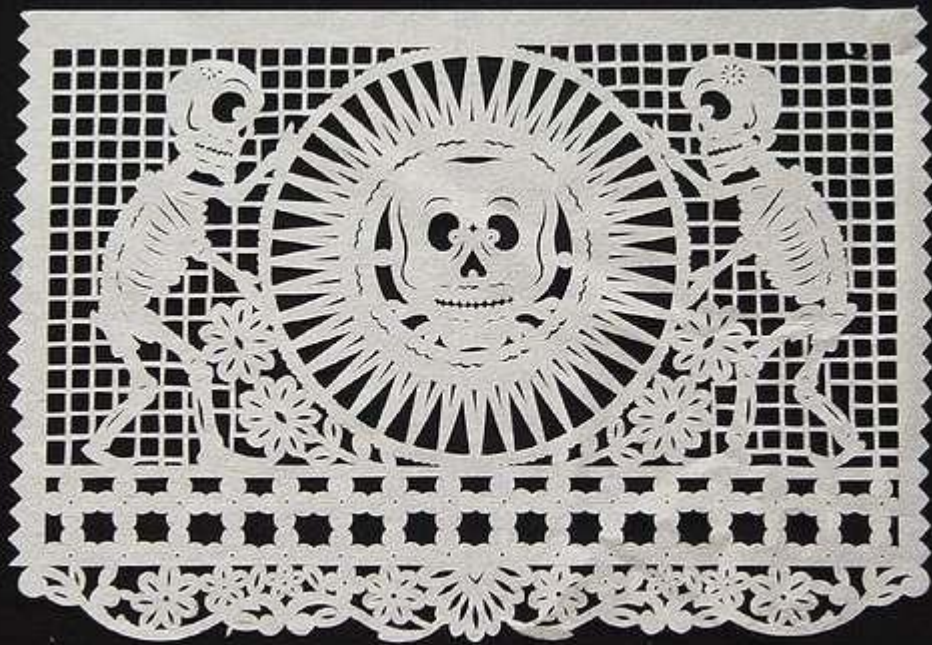


Artists use chisels to cut paper and hang them as decorations.





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# Parade to the cemetery







# The Cemetery

The parade leads to gravesites, where families decorate their ancestors graves to honor them.



Family members clean tombs and gravestones  
Graves are decorated with flowers, wreaths,  
or floral arrangements



# Marigolds- cempazuchiles





This young  
boy has  
returned from  
the market  
with flowers  
for the  
cemetery

# A group of *músicos* entertains at the cemetery



# Altars – the Ofrenda



# Velas (Candles)



# Memories of Ancestors are displayed



# The Ofrendas include:

- Favorite food of the ancestors
- Candles
- Sugar Skulls
- Skeletons – dressed like the ancestors

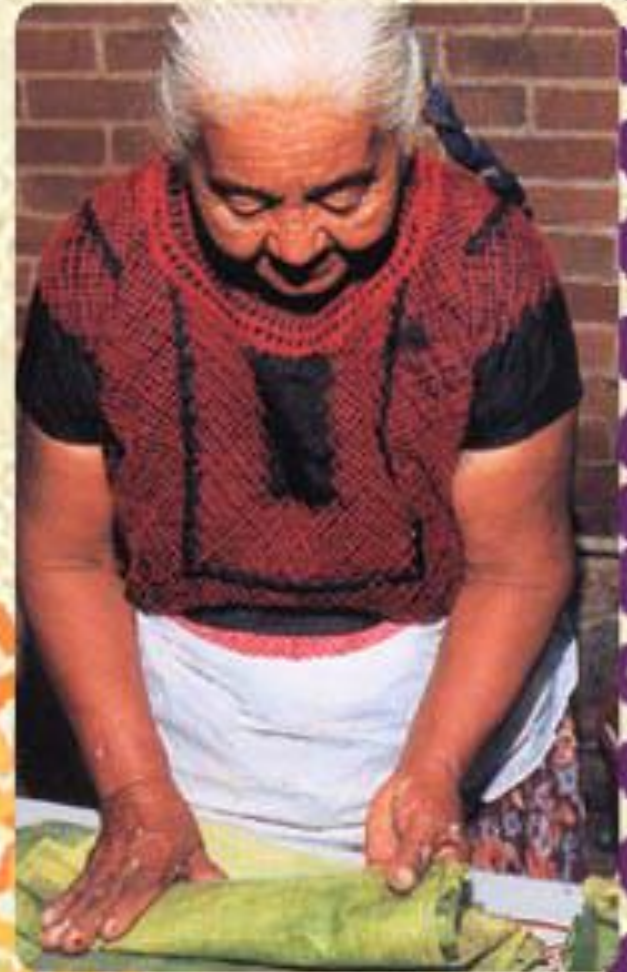


# Pan de Muertos





# Tamales



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# Calacas - Skeletons



Skeletons are often shown in everyday activities which depict an ancestor's profession or interests. The calacas are often given as toys, or placed on altars in someone's memory.















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Catrina –  
The most  
famous Calaca.  
She represents a  
Fancy woman.











