

“Family Links” Paper Chain

Using the names on your family tree, you can create a paper chain with your ancestors’ names that you can share with your family and friends.

Before You Start:

Decide what colors you want to use. You could...

- Make all the women one color and the men a different color.
- Make each generation (you, your parents, grandparents, etc.) a different color.
- Have a different color for each person.

It is up to your imagination!

Decide what shape you want to make.

- You can start with yourself, then add rings for your parents, add their parents to their rings, and so on.
- Another option is to start with an ancestor from five or six generations ago, then add rings for all of their kids, and so forth down to the current generation.

What you will need:

- Your family tree
- 15 strips of paper (enough for you, your parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents)
- Marker
- Scissors
- Glue



Directions:

1. Look at your family tree and write each person’s name on a strip of paper
2. Color or decorate each strip
3. With the first strip, make a circle. Glue the ends together.
4. Take the strip for your parents, loop them through your circle, and glue the ends of each strip together.
5. Continue by adding the paper strips of each person’s parents to their circle.

Everyone’s paper chains will be different and unique because every family is unique and different!

Use your paper chain as a gift, wall decoration, or holiday ornament!



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