

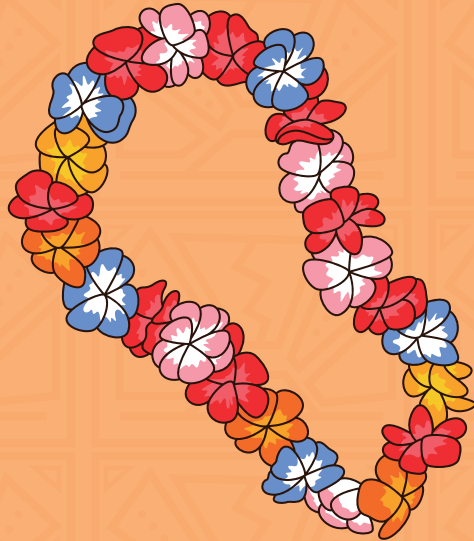
Aloha!

A lei is a Hawaiian necklace made of beautiful flowers and leaves. Use this template and instructions to make your own.

HOW TO MAKE A PAPER LEI

What you'll need

- Scissors
- Colourful paper
- A pencil
- String
- Needle
- Beads or paper straw
- Scissors
- Glue stick



The meaning of a lei

A lei is given to a visitor to welcome them or to wish them a safe journey as they leave. If someone leaves on a boat, they will toss the lei into the water. The lei will float back to shore, showing that they will come back one day and visit again.

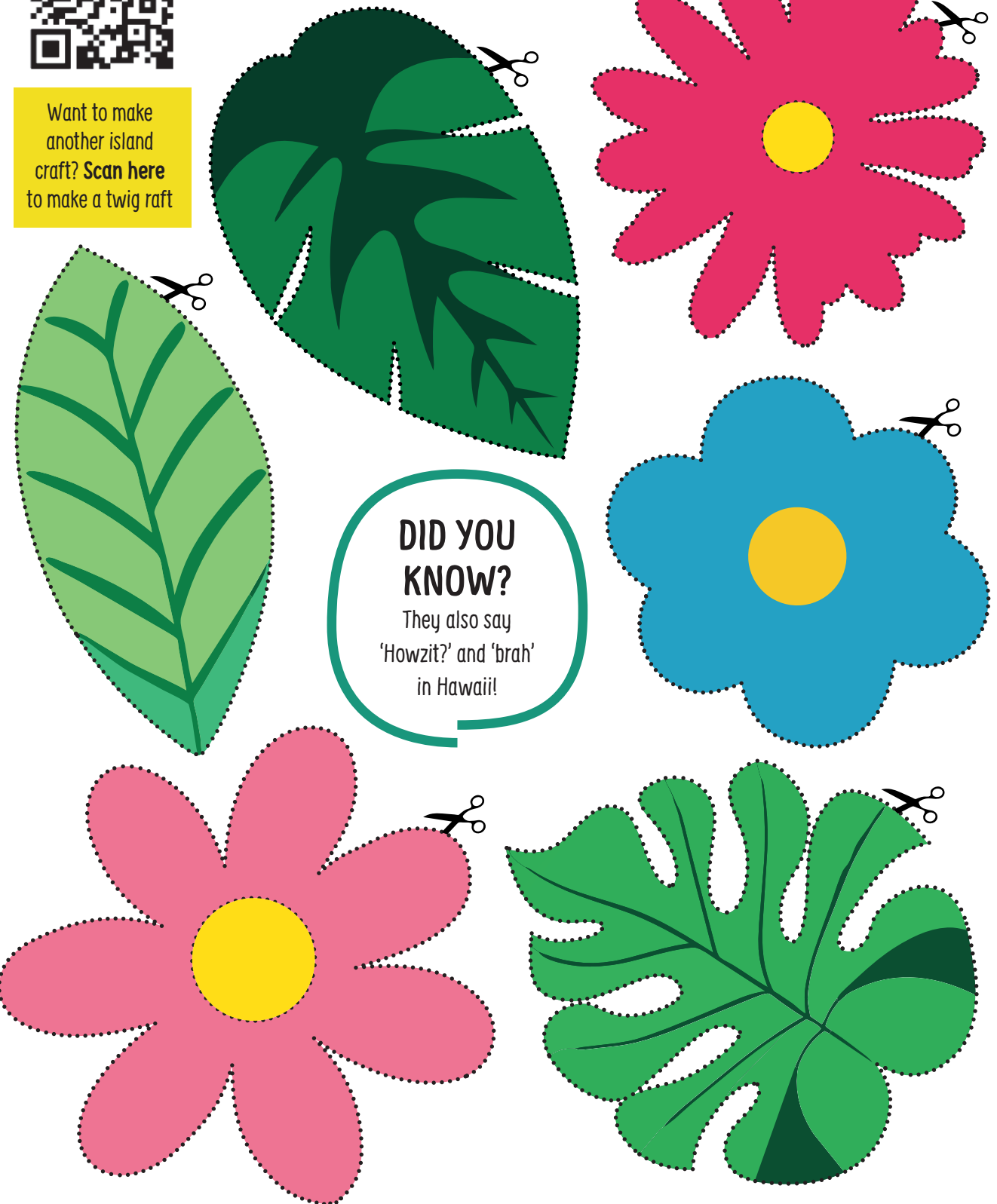
Let's get crafting!

1. Cut out the flower and leaf template on the next page.
2. Use them to trace as many flowers and leaves as you like on colourful paper. Curl the tips of the flowers by wrapping them around a pencil, if you like.
3. Next, measure a piece of string to the length that you would like your lei to be, then cut it.
4. Tie a knot about 5cm from one end of the string. Keep the extra piece of string to tie the lei together later.
5. Thread the string through a needle and put it through the centre of a flower.
6. Cut the paper straw into small pieces. Then, add a bead or a piece of paper straw to the string to create a space between each flower. If you don't have any beads or paper straws, tie another knot in the string.
7. Add a leaf by putting the needle through the top end and add it right behind the flower.
8. Keep going until you've used all the flowers and leaves.
9. Tie up your lei and wear it around your neck, or give it to someone else.



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This is your lei template:



DID YOU KNOW?
They also say 'Howzit?' and 'brah' in Hawaii!

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