

## ***Ume (Plum Tree) Pattern***

Fold a sheet of paper in half and place the stencil on top, with the dotted line along the folded edge. You may want to tape the stencil in place so that it doesn't move while you are cutting.

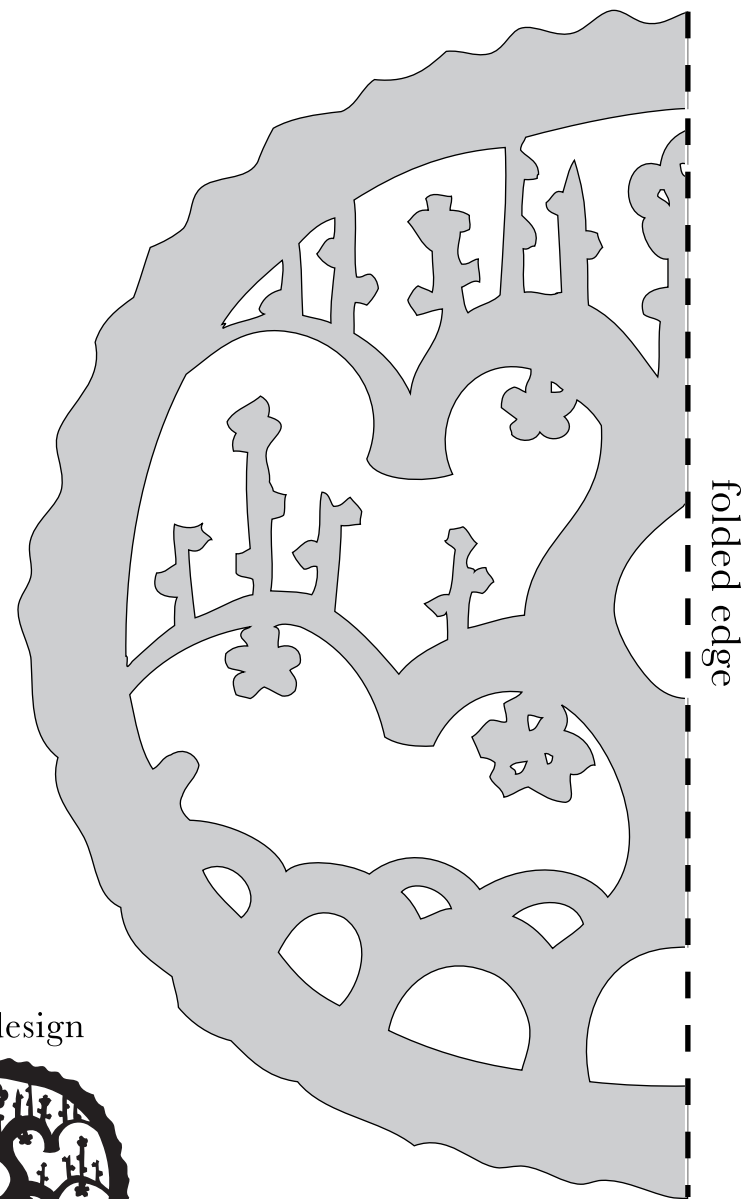
Cut along the solid black lines, through the stencil and both layers of folded paper below it, with a paper knife or X-acto blade. The grey area forms the image; the white areas are discarded.

If you have difficulty cutting through all three layers, you might want to do one of the following:

- a) sharpen or replace your blade.
- b) choose thinner paper.
- c) start by cutting out just the stencil, then lightly trace the image onto your folded sheet -- now you can cut along the traced lines through only two sheets of paper, and without worrying about the stencil moving.

When finished, unfold the sheet of paper to display the complete image.

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