Gather Supplies:
• Paper Plate / Cardboard Circle
• Permanent Markers / Oil Pastels / Paint
• Thin Paint Brush / Skewer
• Aluminum Foil
• Scissors

Cut a piece of aluminum foil large enough to cover the entire plate.

Note:
The color portion of this project is open to different painting materials. Refer to the sample picture for variations on tin foil. Items that do not work include, crayons, washable markers and watercolor. Experiment on a scrap piece first!
Lay the plate on top of the foil and begin folding the sides tightly into the plate, until the entire plate is covered in aluminum. Make sure it is nice and flat on the surface.

Using the blunt end of a paint brush or skewer, start drawing the designs on top of the aluminum. Be careful not to poke too hard or your aluminum will tear! This process is called embossing, creating a dent in the aluminum that you will later fill with color.

Review the Mexican symbols chart (above) and decide on what symbols you would like to use and where you want to put them. Since we are working with a circle, think about the balance of your piece and focus on an image in the center first.
6. Color in your design! Again, you can use different coloring tools – permanent markers, oil pastels, and paint work best. You can mix it up and add different textures and colors with more than one option, but remember to stay inside the dented lines!

7. Make sure to add lots of bright colors and add any extra designs like shapes and borders around the edge.

8. You are all done! Use it as a decoration for Cinco de Mayo!