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Fig. 1

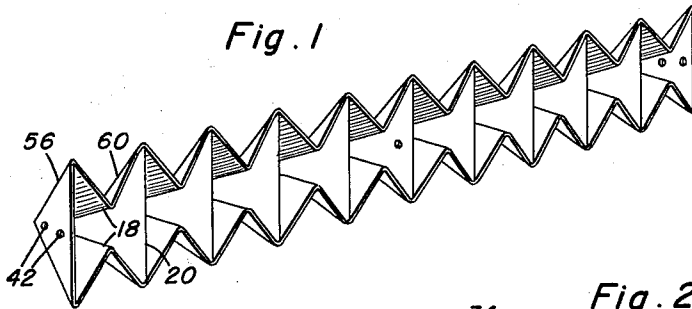


Fig. 2

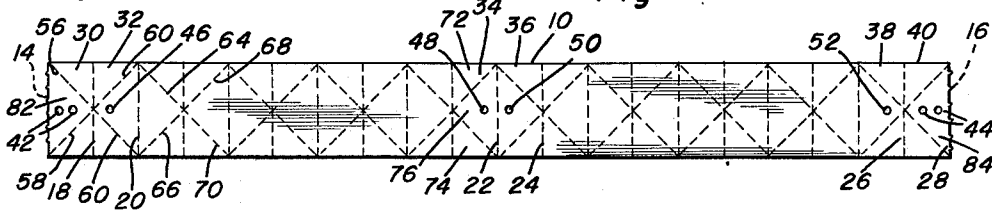


Fig. 3

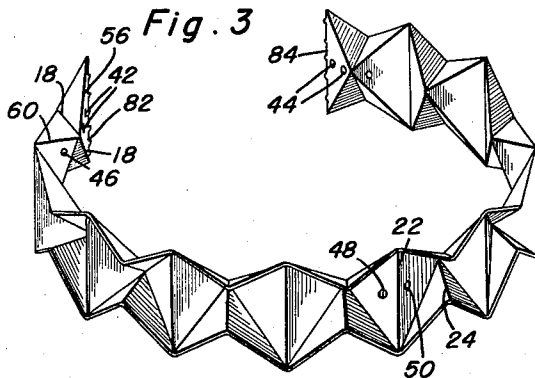
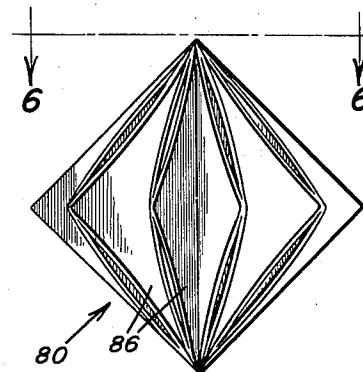


Fig. 5

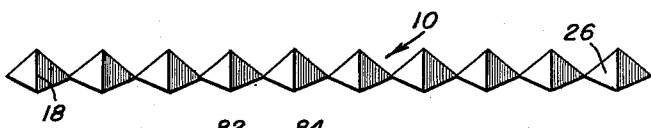


Fig. 4

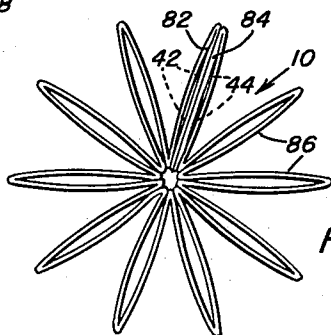


Fig. 6

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This invention relates broadly to ornamentation and more particularly has reference to holiday and display ornamentation.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a decorative ornament which may be manufactured in an elongated continuous strip having perforations for dividing the continuous strip into various smaller strips. The strip is so folded and arranged to provide a novel ornament of highly attractive appearance.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of an ornament which may be folded from a single strip of material so as to allow the ornament to be produced at a relatively low cost.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of a decorative ornament constructed from an elongated strip by the provision of transverse and complementary folds which are so arranged that the ornament when not in use can be compressed into a suitable shape or very small space for storage in a convenient manner.

An additional feature of the invention lies in the provision of a decorative ornament which is adapted for use in holiday ornamentation as on Christmas trees or the like and which may be decorated with a suitable design applied on the strip of material from which the decorative ornament is manufactured before or during the manufacture of the decorative ornament.

Still further objects and features of this invention reside in the provision of a decorative ornament that is simple to manufacture, easy to mount and utilize, and which may be manufactured from relatively inexpensive and readily available materials.

These, together with the various ancillary objects and features of the invention which will become apparent as the following description proceeds, are attained by this decorative ornament, a preferred embodiment of which has been illustrated in the accompanying drawing, by way of example only, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the elongated strip of material from which the decorative ornament is constructed and illustrates the arrangement of the folds produced therein;

Figure 2 is a plan view of one of the elongated strips from which a decorative ornament can be formed;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a decorative ornament shown during an intermediate step in the folding of one form thereof;

Figure 4 is a plan view of a form of decorative ornament intermediate step in the folding of the decorative ornament;

Figure 5 is an elevational view of a form of the invention after folding;

Figure 6 is a top plan view of a form of decorative ornament looking along the plane of line 6-6 in Figure 5.

Strip 10 is used to construct an ornament which exemplifies the invention. This strip is preferably formed from a suitable thin plastic film or the like and may be ornamented before or during the manufacture of the decora-

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tive ornaments. The strip 10 may be formed as part of a continuous length provided with perforations as at 14 and 16 whereby the elongated strips 10 may be separated from each other.

The strip 10 is provided with a plurality of transverse folds as at 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, etc. These folds divide the strip 10 into sections as are indicated at 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, etc.

The sections 30 and 40 are shown as being provided with a suitable number of apertures as at 42 and 44 therethrough while the sections 32, 34, 36 and 38 each are provided with apertures as necessary therethrough as at 46, 48, 50, and 52. Each of the various sections is provided with complementary folds as, for example, are indicated at 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, etc. These various fold lines divide the various sections as, for example, the section 34 into two triangular portions 72, 74, and a triangular portion 76.

When it is desired to form a decorative ornament as shown in Figure 5, and indicated by reference numeral 80, the triangular portions 82, 84 on the ends of the strip are brought together so that alternate transverse folds abut each other in the manner most clearly shown in Figure 6. This forms a plurality of leaf-like triangular portions 86 with the adjacent triangular portions forming deep V-shaped folds. The triangular portions 82 and 84 may be joined by means of a hook passing through the various apertures 42, 44, 46, 52, by adhesive, or by any other suitable means. Preferably a hook or suitably similar device is used so as to enable the ornament to be readily released whereby for purposes of storage, it may be compressed to a folded triangular position of greatly compressed and reduced compass.

From the foregoing the construction and operation of the device will be readily understood and further explanation is believed to be unnecessary. However, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A decorative ornament which is constructed of a plurality of radially arranged leaves, said ornament comprising an elongated strip having straight parallel side edges, a series of transverse fold lines extending completely across said strip, said transverse fold lines dividing said strip into a plurality of sections, each of said sections having a pair of complementary folds dividing each of said sections into two congruent right triangular portions and a third triangular portion, each of said complementary folds interconnecting two adjacent transverse folds, said complementary folds extending from one of said transverse folds adjacent the edge of said strip to an adjacent transverse fold at the mid-point thereof.

2. A decorative ornament comprising an elongated strip having straight parallel side edges a series of transverse fold lines extending completely across said strip, said transverse fold lines dividing said strip into a plurality of sections, each of said sections having a pair of complementary folds dividing each of said sections into two congruent right triangular portions and a third triangular portion, the end sections of said strip having apertures therethrough, and at least one other of said sections having at least one aperture therethrough by which to accommodate fasteners.

3. A decorative ornament comprising an elongated strip having straight parallel side edges and a series of transverse fold lines extending across said strip and dividing said strip into a plurality of rectangular sections, each of said sections having a pair of complementary folds ter-

minating at the edges of the strip and dividing each of said sections into two congruent triangular portions and a third intermediate triangular portion, each of said complementary folds interconnecting two adjacent transverse folds, said complementary folds extending from one of said transverse folds adjacent the edge of said strip to an adjacent transverse fold at the mid-point thereof, at which there is a common apex point for said congruent and said third triangular portions.

4. A decorative ornament comprising an elongated strip having parallel side edges and a series of transverse fold lines extending across said strip and dividing said strip into a plurality of rectangular sections, each of said sections having a pair of complementary folds terminating at the edges of the strip and dividing each of said sections into two congruent triangular portions and a third intermediate triangular portion, said strip being folded with said congruent triangular portions extending angularly inwardly towards each other and thereby forming leaves with alternate fold lines of said strip engaged along a longitudinal centerline of the ornament.

5. A decorative ornament which has a plurality of leaves, said ornament comprising an elongated strip having parallel side edges and a series of transverse fold lines extending across said strip and dividing said strip into a plurality of sections, each of said sections having a pair of complementary folds dividing each of said sections into two right triangular portions and a third intermediate triangular portion, each of said complementary folds interconnecting two adjacent transverse folds, said complementary folds extending from one of said transverse folds adjacent the edge of said strip to an adjacent transverse fold at the midpoint thereof at which there is a common apex point for said right and said third triangular portions, said strip being folded with said right triangular portions extending angularly inwardly towards each other, alternate transverse folds being arranged in abutting relationship, and said right triangular portions and third portion of two sections constituting a single leaf of the ornament.

6. A decorative ornament comprising an elongated rectangular strip having a series of transverse fold lines, said transverse fold lines dividing said strip into a plurality of rectangular sections, each of said sections having a pair

of complementary folds dividing each of said sections into two congruent right triangular portions and a third triangular portion located between said congruent portions, each of said complementary folds interconnecting two adjacent transverse folds, said complementary folds extending from one of said transverse folds adjacent the edge of said strip to an adjacent transverse fold at the mid-point thereof, said strip folded with pairs of said right triangular portions at opposite edges of said strip extending angularly inwardly towards each other to form an ornament leaf from said two pairs of congruent portions and from two adjacent third triangular portions, the mid-points of alternate transverse folds arranged in abutting relationship, the end sections of said strip having apertures therethrough, and one or more other of said sections having an aperture or apertures therethrough by which to accommodate a fastener.

7. The ornament of claim 6 wherein there are a plurality of leaves each constructed of two pairs of congruent portions at opposite edges of said strip and two superposed third portions, and said leaves being radially arranged with respect to a longitudinal centerline.

8. An ornament of one-piece sheet construction and including a sheet, a plurality of leaves, each leaf having more than one ply of said sheet, said leaves extending outwardly in radial planes which pass through a longitudinal central axis of the ornament and being hingedly arranged about said central axis, and means releasably fastening said leaves in the radial planes so that said leaves are movable to a collapsed position upon releasing said means.

9. The ornament of claim 4 wherein some of said fold lines in an indefinite length of said strip are also tear lines.

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