



## Gilded Age Christmas Crafts at The Mark Twain House & Museum

### Paper Net Garland

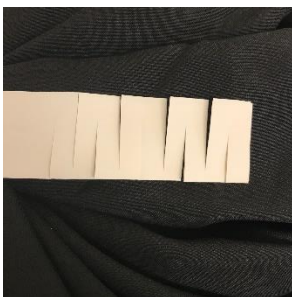
This craft *isn't* one that we know the Clemens family created, but it's a fun and easy paper craft that you can make with supplies you already have at home. And, it's light enough to hang anywhere!

#### Supplies:

- **Paper** Any kind of paper works for this—even newspaper! If you have the museum craft box, you'll have two sheets of tissue paper for this craft: one white, and one in a bright color.
- **Scissors**
- **Pencil, pen, or bone folder**
- Ruler (optional)

#### Instructions:

1. **Cut your paper into long strips.** The tissue paper in the museum craft box is 16" x 24.5", so you can easily cut each piece into four equal strips that are 4" x 24.5". But they don't have to be equal—the garlands will come out beautiful no matter what!
2. **Fold each strip in half the long way.** Use a pencil to flatten your fold so it's a nice sharp crease.



3. **Cut your garland.** Use your scissors to make cuts about 1/2" apart, alternating sides, down the length of each folded strip. Leave 1/2" or so of the width of the folded paper uncut in either direction, like you see in the picture to the right. This is important—if you cut all the way across, your garland will come apart!
4. **Unfold your garland.** When you're done, unfold each strip of paper and carefully pull at each end to stretch your garland to its full length. Hang wherever you'd like!