

How to make a Christmas Star

Christmas Star

Step 1: you will need the following items

- Stapler
- Sellotape
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler
- 6 sheets of paper



Step 2:

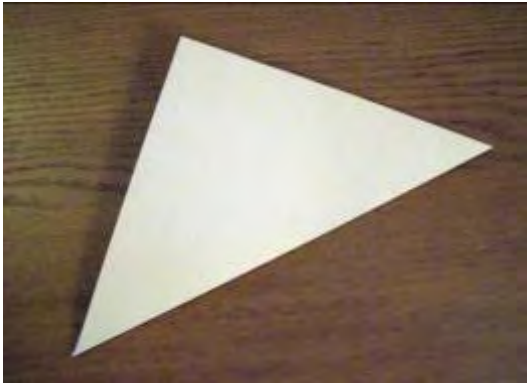
- Measure the 6 sheets to create 6 squares
- Do not throw away the excess sheets of paper
- You can use these to create little Christmas cards.



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Step 3:

- Fold the six sheets along the diagonal to create six triangles
- Then fold it again to create six smaller triangles



Step 4:

- Cut four lines in the direction of the arrow
- Making sure you stop short of the fold

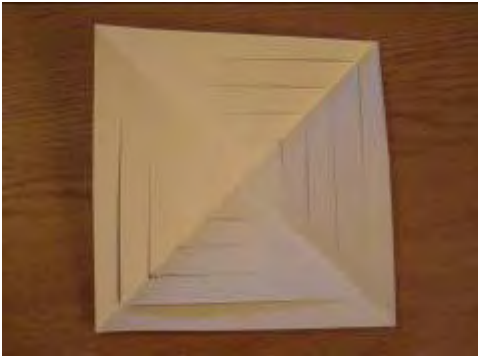


Tip: use a ruler to draw four lines of equal distance apart to help you cut four straight lines.

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Step 5:

- Now you will need four pieces of sellotape
- Open up your triangle to create a square
- Take the corners of the centre square and join them together with a piece of sellotape



Step 6:

- Turn your square over and sellotape together the next square
- Keep turning it over until all squares are joined
- Repeat the process for each of your remaining triangles



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Step 7: You will need the stapler to attach all the diamonds together as shown in the following pictures



Now you have a Christmas Star



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And what about those left over strips of paper?



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Teaching Ideas

An enjoyable seasonal activity for all! Ideal for mixed ability classes.

Literacy

E2-E3 Reading Instructions.

L1-L2 Can you improve the instructions? How?

Speaking and Listening - give the instructions orally to a partner.

Discuss any difficulties.

Numeracy

E3 Measuring.

Properties of squares and triangles.

L1-2 Parallel lines.

What area of paper have you used to make one star?

Tessellation - experiment with tessellating 2D star shapes.