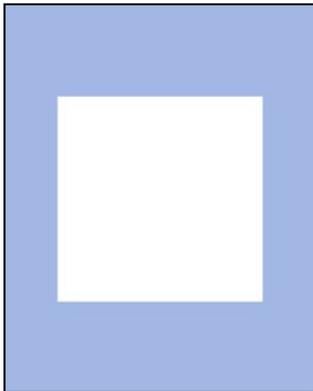


HOW TO MAKE A PAPER SNOWFLAKE

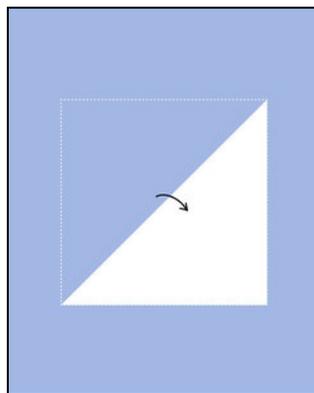
INTRODUCTION

A few quick snips with the scissors is all it takes to make a paper snowflake. Start with any size square piece of paper then follow the step-by-step instructions on how to fold, cut, and create a six-pointed snowflake below. Both kids and adults can happily occupy themselves by cutting snowflakes out by the dozens. To make a paper snowflake all you need is paper and a pair of scissors. When choosing paper, remember that if you decide to use wrapping paper, tissue paper or crepe paper (since it is lighter and easy to cut) it is also more fragile for decorating. Medium to heavy weight paper such as butcher paper, card stock, or text-weight poster paper is harder to cut but is sturdier for decorating.

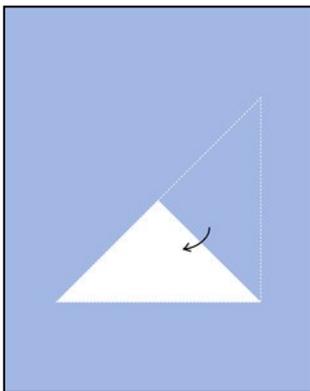
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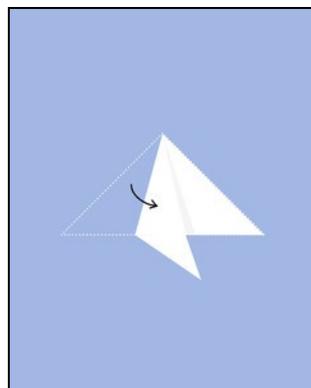
(1) Start with a square piece of paper. *(Tip: To cut a perfect square from a standard 8-by-11-inch sheet of paper, fold paper into a right-angled triangle; trim off excess.)*



(2) Fold paper in half diagonally to make a triangle.

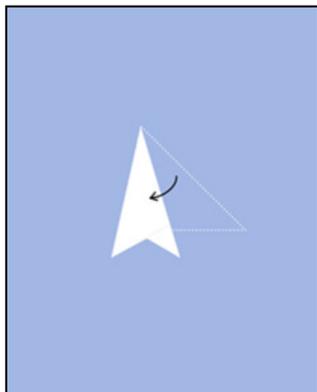


(3) Fold paper triangle in half so that the pointed corners meet.

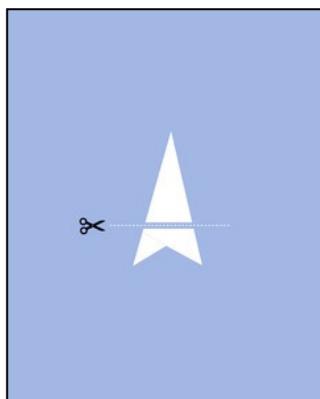


(4) Fold paper triangle in thirds, overlapping the left-hand pointed corner over the triangle.

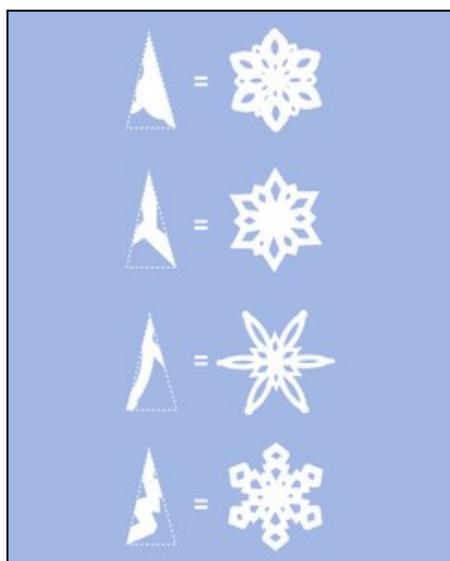
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(5) Overlap the right-hand pointed corner over the triangle. (Note: You may need to adjust these folds a little to get the sides to match up, so don't crease the paper until the folds are just right.)



(6) Trim the pointed ends so the paper triangle looks as shown.



(7) Cut your folded paper with variations of cutouts. (Tip: The ones with straight lines are easier to make than the ones with curvy lines.)

Gently unfold the paper. Don't worry if your snowflake isn't exact, as no two snowflakes are ever alike.

(Tip: To smooth out any creases from folding, lightly iron one paper snowflake at a time on a low setting. You can also spritz a little spray starch to stiffen and flatten out the snowflakes.)