3D Paper Star Ornament With Template



Instructions

Make this three-dimensional paper star using a downloadable template. Each point of the star is made separately, and when the points are joined, the star has a three-dimensional (3D) form and looks the same from both sides.

You can decorate the flat paper pieces with <u>rubber stamps</u> or add glitter and other decorative touches to the completed star. While the steps are simple and straightforward, it's a good idea to practice making one or two stars using scrap paper before using good paper.

1. Print the Star Template

Open a <u>full-size version of the template</u>. Download it onto your computer, then print it out full-size on five sheets of paper. Each shape on the star template forms one point of the star. You will need five points to make the star in this project.

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2. Decorate, Cut, and Score the Points

Stamp and decorate the star points as desired. This is easiest to do while the paper is still flat and you haven't yet assembled the star. Allow the paper to dry fully after stamping and decorating before

you begin folding it. You can add more decoration after the star is assembled, especially glitter or puffy elements that may fall off while you are folding.

Cut out the five shapes along the solid cutting lines (not the dotted lines), using scissors.

Score along the dotted fold lines, using a bone folder and a ruler. If you don't have a bone folder, you can use an empty ballpoint pen.



3. Fold the Star Points

Fold along all of dotted the lines on each point piece. Form each point of the star by applying glue or double-sided tape along the long tab and adhering it to the mating edge. Let the glue dry. Repeat until all five points are formed.



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4. Begin the Star Assembly

Start the assembly with two points: Apply glue or <u>double-</u> <u>sided tape</u> along one of the inverted "V" edges of the open part of the point and attach this to the next point as shown. The glued tab fits under the edge of the mating point. Repeat the same process to add three more points.



5. Attach the Final Point

Attach the fifth point to complete the star after applying glue to the fourth point and the fifth point. This can be a little difficult to do, so it's best to attach one side of the fifth point before attaching the remaining side. Let the glue dry.



6. Finish the Star

Decorate and display the completed star, as desired. Here are a few ideas:

- Dot or trail some glitter glue up the sides of each star point to add a touch of sparkle.
- Make multiple stars and join them with string to make swag or <u>garland</u>.
- Create colorful stars using different paper for each point.

