

Paper Stars



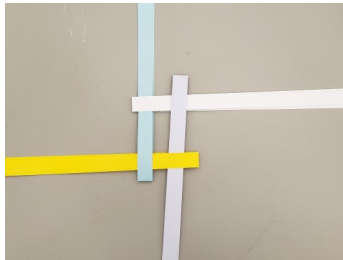
Included in your kit are:

- * 4 strips of paper
- * Piece of ribbon
- * Glue dots



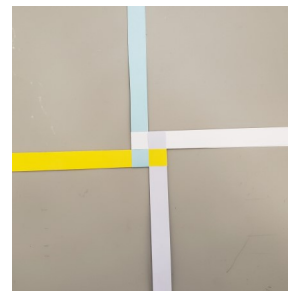
The ornament shown here is using colored paper to make the steps easier to see. Your ornament will be made with 4 strips of white paper.

Fold each of your 4 strips in half length-wise. Trim the ends into points as shown to make weaving them easier.

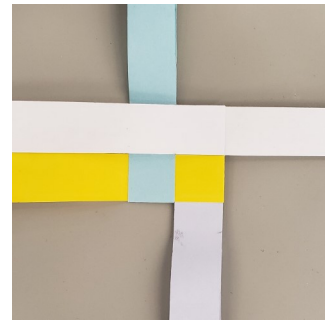


Weave the strips into a basket-weave pattern by placing 1 strip with the fold facing to the left. Place the flaps of the next piece on either side of the 1st piece so the fold is facing away from you. The fold of the third piece should face to the right and the flaps should go around the 2nd piece. The last piece should be placed so the fold is facing towards you and it will first wrap around the tail pieces of the 3rd paper piece and then both ends will go between the pieces of your first paper piece as shown.

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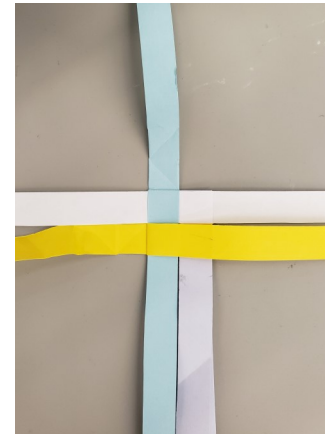
Gently pull the tail pieces to make the basket weave straight and tight as shown.



The ornament needs to have a tail piece sticking out from all outer edges of the square shape. Make another basket weave pattern to accomplish this by first folding down the topmost strip that faces to the right. Keep the fold tight against the square.



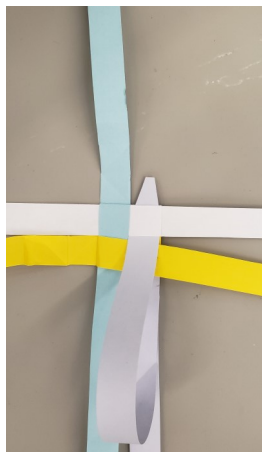
Next, fold the topmost piece facing away from you down over the strip you folded in the previous step.



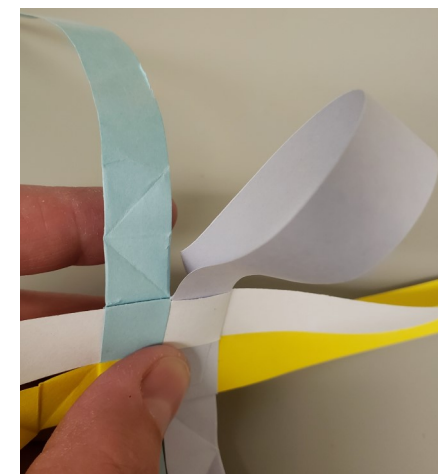
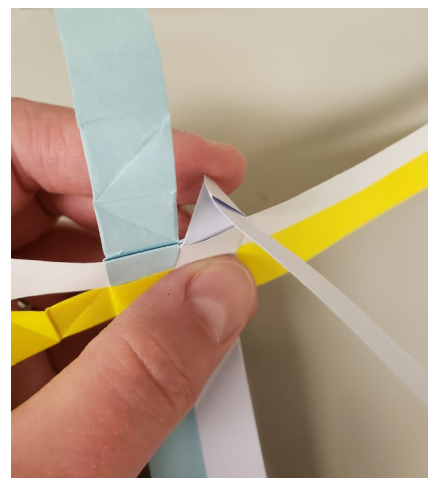
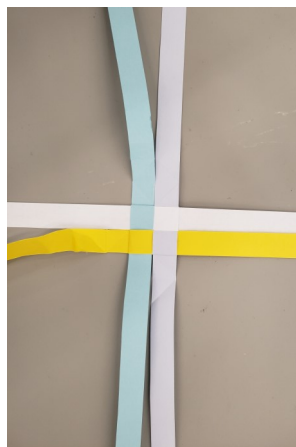
Next fold the topmost strip from the set that is facing to the left, bringing it to the right and across the strip you folded in the previous step.



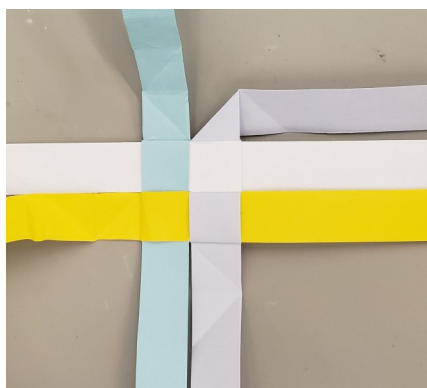
Last, fold the topmost piece from the set facing you towards the top.



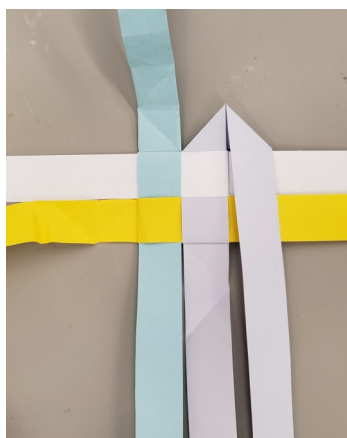
The last piece will get tucked under first folded piece and pulled flat to lock the basket weave in place as shown as right.



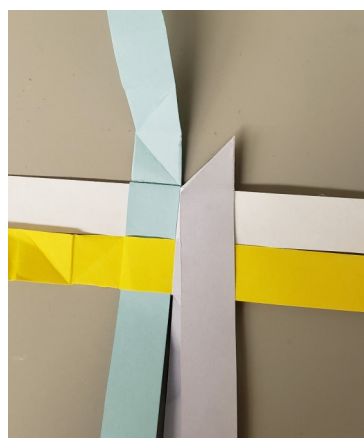
Insert the tail end under the basket weave square that sits just under the triangle you formed. The easiest way to accomplish this is by bending the triangle towards the back to expose the opening in the basket weave as shown above left. Gently pulling the end through as shown above right and below left.



Now the folded points around the perimeter will be created. Start with the pieces facing away from you. Fold the paper strip on the right towards the back and along the edge of the papers to the right.



Next fold the strip inward and along the right side of the square as shown at left. Fold along the middle, bringing the tail end in line with the squares on the right side as shown at right.

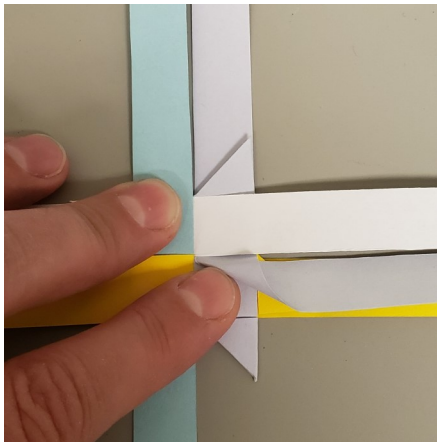


Continue to gently pull the strip under the basket weave square. The tail will now come out through the middle of the basket weave squares.

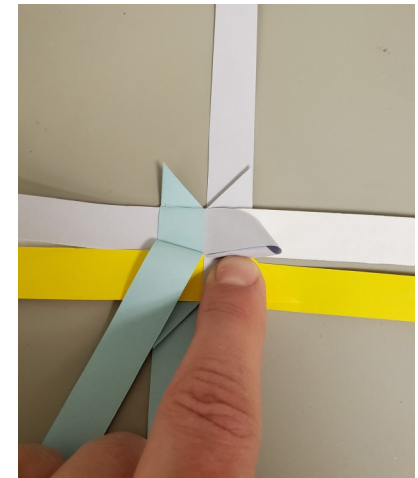
Rotate the ornament counter-clockwise stopping at the next side. Repeat the previous steps to fold the paper tails on the next upper right square to form a triangle. Continue rotating counter clockwise to repeat the previous steps with the remaining 2 strips of right-hand paper.



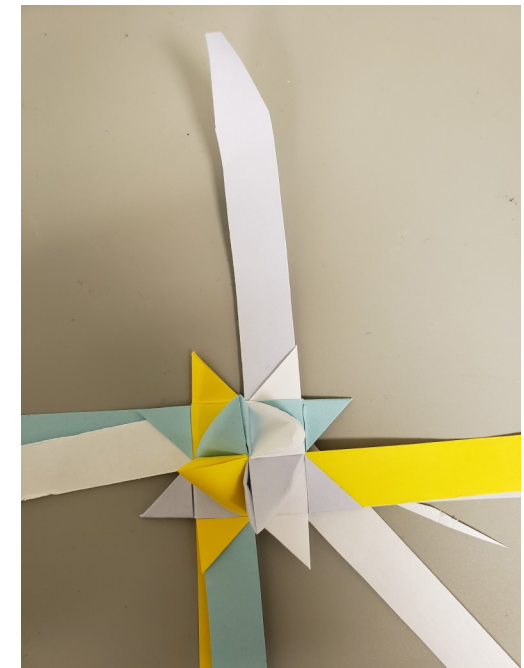
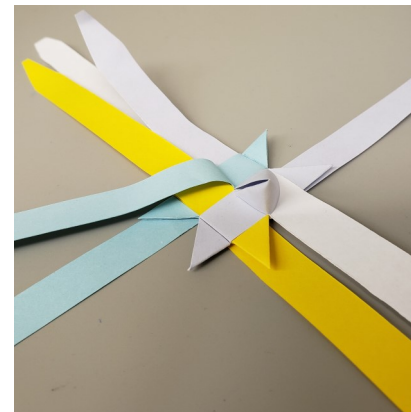
Flip the ornament over and repeat the previous folding steps to create the triangular points on the opposite side. Your ornament will look like the one in the picture at left with the paper strips now sticking out from around the center of the ornament.



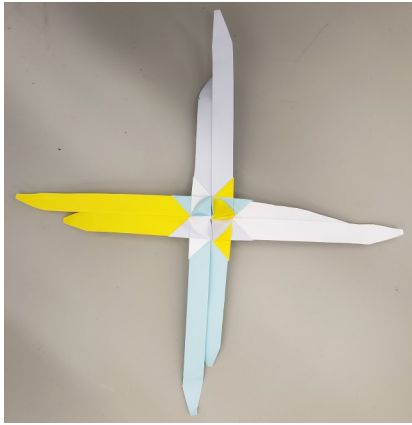
Next you will make the 3-d points at the center front and back of the star. Begin with the strip that sticks out from the bottom edge of the upper right square. Bring the strip underneath itself, forming a point at the left edge as shown above left. **Do not** crease the fold that forms. Carefully loop it around as shown above right. Tuck the end of the strip under the upper left basket weave square as shown at left.



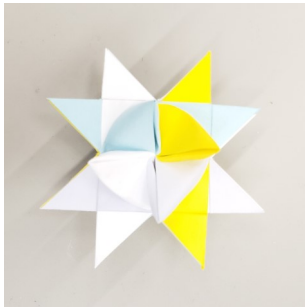
Carefully pull the strip through, using your thumb to form a point on the left hand side. You will pull the strip through to make a tight triangle, but be careful not to make it too tight that it crushes the 3-d look of the triangle or rips the strip. The 3-d point should look like the one in the photo below, at left.



Rotate the star counter-clockwise to form the next 3 pointed triangles, as in the previous steps. Your ornament should resemble the one at right.



Flip the ornament over and repeat the previous steps to create the 4 3-d triangles on the back of the ornament. Your star should now look like the ornament above.



Next you will trim the strips of paper to be even with the outer triangles as shown above.



If you prefer to hang the ornament, use the supplied ribbon and attach 1 glue dot to one end as shown by the pen tip in the photo at left. Loop the ribbon over and adhere the opposite end to the glue dot as shown at right. Place 1 glue dot on the front side of the ribbon end and adhere to the ornament at one of the sets of apposing flat triangles (see finished ornament on the next page).



Your finished ornament is ready for hanging.

Don't have a kit or want to make more? You will need:

- * *4 strips of paper, the ornament here uses 1/2" by 14"*
- * *Ribbon, 10"-12" long*
- * *Glue dots*
- * *Scissors*
- * *Ruler*
- * *Pencil*