

Shooting Stars Ornament



Included in your kit are:

- * 4 strips of paper, 2 each of 1/2" and 3/4" wide
- * Piece of twine
- * Bell

You will need to supply:

- * scissors

Your ornament uses one 3/4" wide and two 1/2" wide strips of paper. The 2nd 3/4" wide strip is for you to practice folding paper stars if needed.



Begin with one of the 1/2" strips. Make a loop at one end as shown. Bring the short end of the paper loop around and through the loop as if tying a knot. Carefully tighten the knot until all parts of the knot are touching and gently flatten it. It should resemble the picture at bottom left.



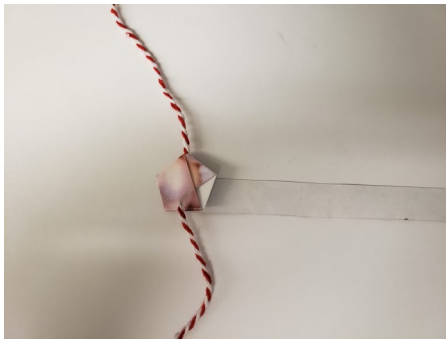
Using your scissors, make a small notch in the bottom edge of the star. The pencil point in the photo indicates where the notch should be made.



Thread one end of the twine through the notch. Carefully bring it under the layer of the knot and out through the point at the top of the ornament as shown above.



The tail end of the knot can now be folded towards the back of the ornament as shown at left. If the tail is too long you may trim it before folding. Be careful to make the fold so it lines up with the corners of each adjoining side as shown in the photo at left. The ornament should be in the shape of a pentagon with the remaining strip sticking out to one side.



Your strip should be sticking out to the bottom left. Fold along this edge bringing the strip along the back and sticking out to the bottom right. The fold should line the edge of the paper strip up with the bottom of the paper pentagon.



Next fold along the lower right side bringing the strip across the front and sticking out to the upper left. The edge of the strip should line up with the upper right edge of the paper pentagon.



The next fold is made along the upper left edge, bringing the strip across the back and sticking out from the bottom. The edge of the strip should line up with the bottom left edge of the paper pentagon.



This fold is along the bottom edge and brings the strip up across the front of the ornament, lining up the strip's edge with the lower right edge of the pentagon. Before making the fold, pull the twine out of the way holding it tight so that your fold is right along the bottom edge of the ornament.



Unfold the last fold you made and pull the strip away from the ornament. Carefully refold and make a small notch in the middle of the fold to pull the twine through. Unfold again and tuck the pentagon back inside the strip, with the strip coming back across the front and sticking out from the upper right.



The next fold is made along the upper right and brings the strip across the back and sticking out from the lower left. This is where you began and you have now wrapped all sides of the pentagon once. Continue folding the strip as in the previous steps until you only have a few inches left to your strip of paper.



The last bit of the strip will get tucked behind the strip that is directly under it. If the remaining strip is a little long trim it so just enough remains to tuck it in.



Gently tuck the remaining flap under the layers of folded strip to lock it in place. Your pentagon should look like the one in the photo below.



Move a couple of inches down your twine and fold a second pentagon shape using the second strip of 1/2" paper and following the previous steps. Move a couple inches down the twine from the second pentagon and using the 3/4" strip of paper, follow the previous directions to fold a third pentagon.



You can practice pinching your paper star by using the extra 3/4" strip that came with your kit or cut a strip of paper to practice with.

Once you have folded all your pentagons you are ready to pinch them into a star shape. Using your thumb and index finger gently push in at the middle of two adjoining edges of the pentagon. The edge should begin to flatten out as it pushes in. Move around the pentagon and continue pushing in at the middle of each edge. Continue shaping your pentagon until you have all sides evenly pushed in and it now looks like a star as shown in the photo at left.



Next, attach the bell by pushing the bottom star up on the twine, exposing several inches of the twine at the bottom. Thread the bell onto the twine. Make a loop, with the bell in the middle, about 1" long and knot as shown at left.

Gently push the bottom star back down the twine so it rests on the knot as shown at right.





Slide the middle star along the twine so it sits about 1" above the bottom star. Slide the top-most star along the twine so it sits about 1" above the middle star. Make a loop in the end of the twine and tie a knot about 1 1/2" above the top of the star as shown at left.



Your finished ornament is ready for hanging.

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

- * *3 strips of colored paper. The ornament was made from one strip 3/4" by 11" and two strips 1/2" by 11".*
- * *Piece of twine.*
- * *Bell or other decoration for hanging on the end.*
- * *Scissors*
- * *Ruler*
- * *Pencil*