

**Make your own  
Christmas Star  
decoration.**



# Craft activity: Make a hanging Christmas Star

Create a 3D Christmas star for hanging on your Christmas tree or in your home.

*Here's what you Need:*

- White or coloured strong card
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Ribbon or twine
- Stickers, glitter, felt tip pens etc. to decorate

Note: Be as creative as you like when decorating your stars. Use glitter pens, tinsel, family photos, felt or material, pretty Christmas paper or draw and colour with markers.

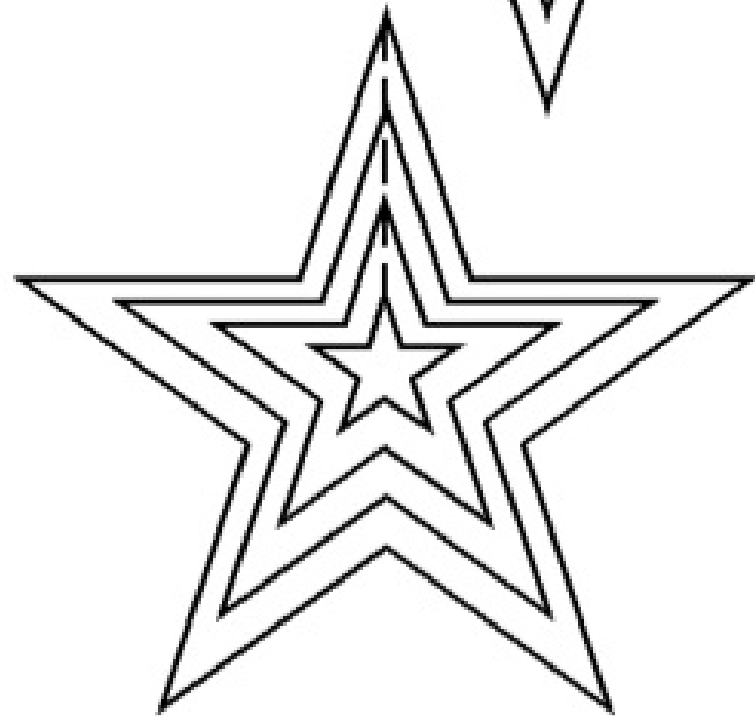
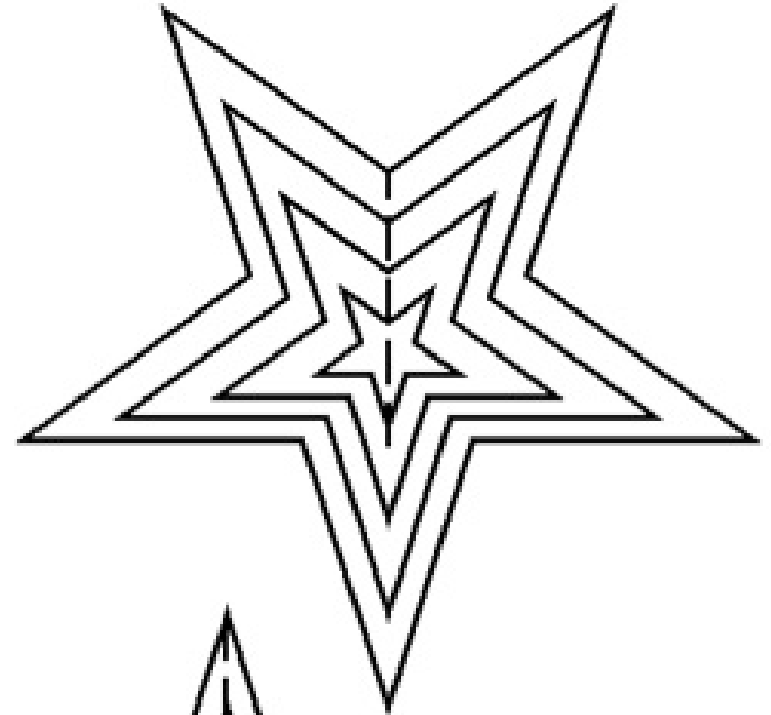
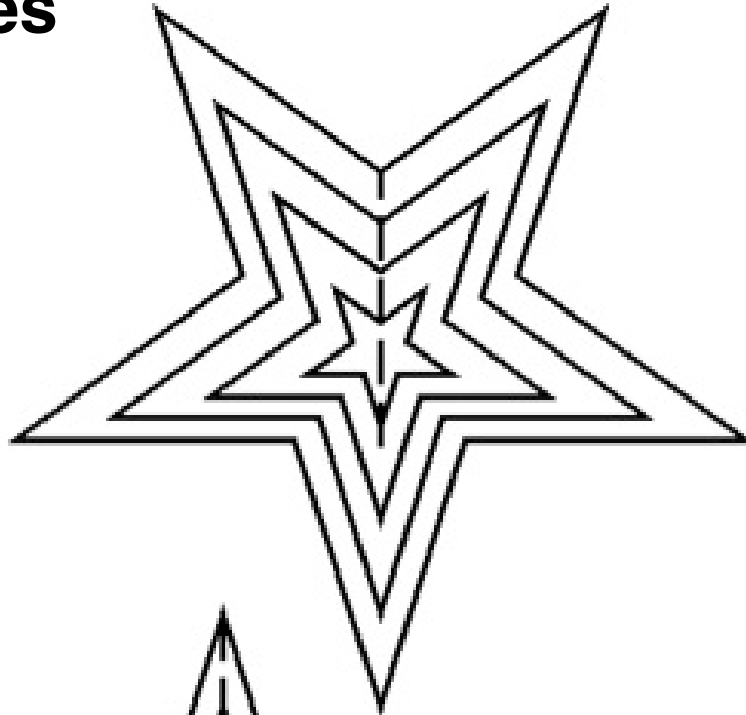
*Instructions:*

- Cut out the star templates provided.
- Allow the children to trace around the

templates onto the card. They should create two identical stars.

- The children then cut out their stars and decorate them on both sides.
- Encourage the children to use any number of materials to decorate with. They could even use fancy paper to cover each of their stars before decorating.
- Once the glue dries, make a slit in each of your two decorated stars, as marked on the stencil. Carefully cut one star from point to centre. Then cut the other star from between two points to its centre. (See template)
- Slip the two stars together through the slits you just made. You may need to use tape at the ends for strength and security.
- Pierce a hole in one tip and attach some string or ribbon. The children now have a wonderful 3D ornament to hang in their school or home.

# Star Templates



Finished exmample





This activity was prepared by The Ark for as a self guided exercise. It is assumed that parents will assist where necessary.

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