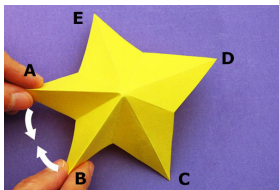
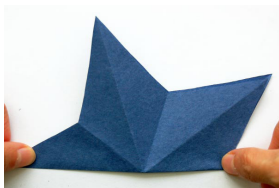
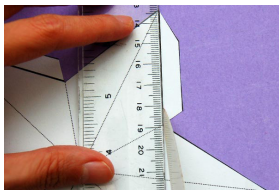


3D STAR ORNAMENT

Supplies needed:

Paper or cardstock
Scissors
String
Transparent tape
White glue

Ruler (optional)
Scoring tool
(e.g. blunt plastic knife,
spent ballpoint pen)



1. Print and cut

Print out the 3D star template on A4 or US Letter-size paper or cardstock. Cut out the stars and keep the tabs on so that the pair of stars can be glued together.

2. Score along the lines and tabs

Scoring along the lines makes folding a lot easier. Find a scoring tool such as a blunt plastic knife or a spent ballpoint pen. Place the edge of a ruler on one line. With the ruler to guide the tool, score along the entire line. Remember not to score too hard, as this may tear the paper. Score all five lines on the star.

3. Fold along the lines

Position the star template with the printed side up. Fold the star in half along one line. Crease firmly. Instead of lines, your fold-and-cut star has creases to guide you with folding. Fold the star in half following one crease. Continue folding the star in half at each point until you get five creases.

4. Fold the tabs

Fold in all five tabs and turn the star into a 3D shape. The arms need to be pinched together by pairs. To illustrate this process more clearly, we've labeled each arm with the letters A to E. Pinch arms A and B. Bring them toward each other. While holding arms A and B together, crease firmly. This emphasizes the outward crease on each arm and creates the inward crease in between the arms. Release to see the 3D or puffed-up effect. Repeat the process with arms B and C, C and D, D and E and A.

5. Attach a string.

Tape a string at the back to complete your 3D paper star. Hang it up as a Christmas ornament, or use it to decorate wreaths, picture frames, hats, costumes and other craft projects.

6. Glue a pair of 3D stars together.

One star should have a string taped at the back. Put glue on one tab on each star. Position the pair of stars back-to-back so that the tab on each star gets tucked under the other star's tabless edge.

Place the tab with glue under the opposite star's tabless edge. Press on the seams for at least 30 seconds to allow the glue to set. Glue the tabs by pairs until you've sealed all the seams. We find it more manageable and less messy to work on the tabs by pairs compared to putting glue on all the tabs all at once.

