how to make paper snowflakes

A few quick snips with the tips of your scissors is all it takes to make a snowflake. Start with a square piece of paper—if you don’t know how to make one, ask a grownup to help you. To create a six-pointed snowflake, follow these steps:

**folding**

**Step 1:** Fold the square of paper in half diagonally to make a triangle.

**Step 2:** Now, fold the triangle in half so the pointy corners meet.

**Steps 3 and 4:** Fold your triangle in thirds. You may need to adjust these folds a little to get the sides to match up, so don’t crease the paper until the folds are just right.

**Step 5:** Cut across the bottom of your paper so it is straight.

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cutting snowflakes

We’ve come up with four snowflake designs for you (turn the page for the others). The ones with straight lines are easier to make than the ones with curvy lines. Cut your folded paper so that it looks like one of the triangles we show. Then unfold it gently. Don’t worry if your snowflake isn’t exact: No two snowflakes are ever alike. Try our designs, then invent your own. With a little practice, you’ll have a flurry.

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