

Paper Stars

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This Star I found in Pinterest as a Scandinavian Fabric Star...I was looking for something different to sell at a Local Handmade craft Shop and I wanted something different. Since I started making these I was told about a group of people making these for a wall hanging in Queensland for "Against Domestic Violence"
I have enjoyed making them and there are a great way to use up left over sheets of Designer Series Paper.

Have FUN!

What you need...

4 strips of Designer Series Paper (DSP) – this lighter than Card stock and you need this so it can fold and bend easy. Choose 4 paper from the same family or that co-ordinate well.

Bone folder

Scissors – fine tip

Thread or Ribbon – to hang

Glue dots



Step 1. Cut your strips of DSP in strips of 4 cm x 30 cm



Step 2. Fold the strips lengthwise and run your bone folder down each strip to soften the fibres a little to make it more supple to bend – make sure you do each side otherwise it will curl. Also only do it once or twice as we don't want to split the paper.



Step 3. Fold the lengths in half leaving one end longer by approx. 1.5 cm. **This will become the Front of your star and the longer ends the Back of the Star.** I like to make sure that my folder edges are on the outside when we start folding the star so at the point I make sure that my folds are in different directions



Step 4. Next weave all the strips together. The loop end holds the open ends of the previous strip all the way around..... As photo above



Step 5. Pull all the strips together making them nice and firm and run the bone folder over all the folds in centre.



Step 6. Flip your "Star" over back of your Star.



Step 7. Starting from the top weave this side of the Star. We are only working with the top layer of the strips. Working anti clockwise, bring down the top strip but leave a bit of a loop. Then bring across the left strip, up with the bottom strip and thread the right strip through the loop on the left strip. This is a bit like folding in the lid of a box.



Step 8. Run bone folder over the new folds.

Step 9. You now have 2 strips at top, bottom and sides and one will be longer than the other. Still working on the back we will be working with only the longer strips for this step.

A. Starting at the top, fold the longer strip to the left behind its self and crease



B. Fold down to form a triangle point leaving a very small gap in the middle to allow the paper to be folded in step C.



C. Fold triangle in half



D. Trim away excess strip and trim at an angle this will allow the excess strip to be tucked under the weave we did in step 7 & 8.



Step 10. Work around the star following Steps A- D on all the longer strips on the wrong side of the Star. Until you have same as in Picture above.



Step 11. Turn start over to the Front and do the same again, following Steps A – D until you have a finished Star. The every lost step is to add some thread or ribbon so it can be hung on your Christmas Tree.



With about 15 cm of gold thread add a glue dot to the cut ends. Open one of the Stars points a little (just enough to push the thread down into the centre of the start and pick up the glue dot with your fine tip scissors and push down into the Star.



Now with your STAR completed, hang it on your Tree.

