



Making Paper Snowflakes

Use the template (or your own similar drawing) to help children to produce a six-pointed snowflake. This method is simple and effective.

NB Older pupils can use a protractor to produce their own guides to folding.

Cut the circle out

Fold it in half.

Fold along the two remaining lines.

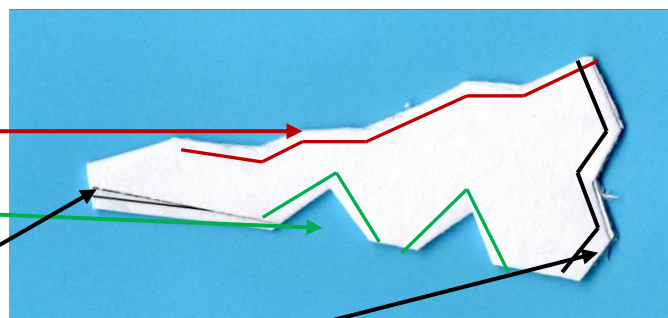
Fold in half once more.

Cut off most of **one** of the folded edges in a zigzag line, but leave the centre point intact.

Cut a few holes into the remaining folded side.

Unfold, and there is a super snowflake!

Add glitter if desired.



Once you get the hang of it you might like to;

Cut off the very middle point

Cut along the curved edge in a zigzag

This snowflake -
<http://www.weatherforschools.me.uk/images/snowflake1.jpg>
A more complicated one -
<http://www.weatherforschools.me.uk/images/snowflake2.jpg>

These look super hanging in front of a winter display.

Hints:

- Make several as the children watch. Stress that the centre and one fold needs to be left intact. It is worth suggesting that they hold firmly onto one fold and the centre as they cut to stop them cutting that part.
- Once you have the hang of it you can make more complicated ones.



Interesting websites – please use under the supervision of an adult

1. Make a snowflake

<http://snowflakes.lookandfeel.com/>

Website - Make some virtual snowflakes online.

2. Snowflake and crystal photographs

<http://www.its.caltech.edu/~atomic/snowcrystals/photos/photos.htm>

Website - Some super images.

3. Make a 3D snowflake

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-3D-Paper-Snowflake>

Website - Challenging activity!

4. Real snowflake pictures

<http://snowflakebentley.com/snowflakes.htm>

Website - Some super images of real snowflakes.

5. Paper snowflake patterns for children

<http://www.papersnowflakes.com/patterns.htm>

Website - Lots of ideas for using the snowflake theme in crafts.

