

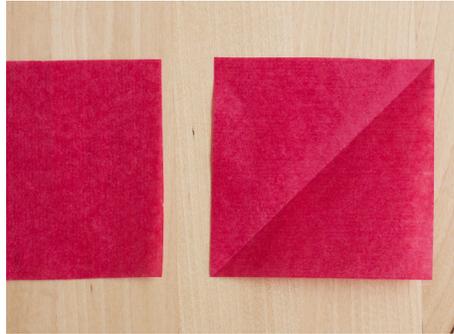
How to make *Window Stars*



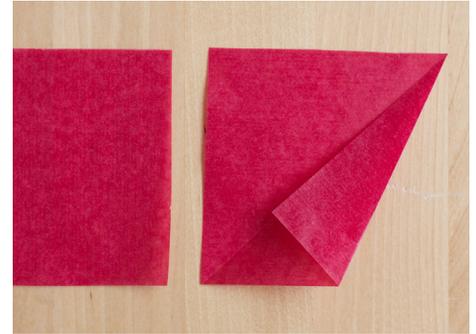
Brighten your windows all year round with this easy and satisfying craft for adults and kids ages five and up (and younger, with some help). You'll need a glue stick and **Transparency Paper** for this craft—**Art Tissue Paper** works too, though the colors will fade more quickly. There are many ways to fold window stars; this tutorial is for a simple eight-pointed star.



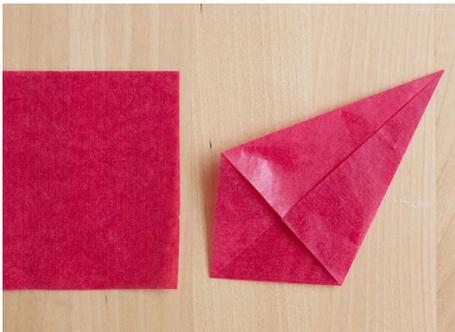
1. Start with eight square pieces of transparency paper. Three-inch square pieces of paper will yield a roughly eight-inch diameter star. For younger kids, starting with bigger paper (five or six-inch squares, for example) will make the folding easier.



2. Begin with one square of paper and fold it across diagonally, then unfold it.



3. Bring the bottom right corner up to meet the center crease, and fold to make a point.



4. Do the same for the upper left corner. Dab a bit of glue under the new folds to hold them in place.



5. Repeat this process with the remaining seven squares until you have eight points. Flip them over so the unfolded sides are facing up.



6. Place one point on top of another, so that the top point's short edge lines up with the middle crease of the bottom point, as shown above. Glue in place.



7. Add the third point on top of the second in the same way. Continue until you have all eight points glued down.



8. This is what the finished star will look like. Hold it in front of the window to see it transformed into a beautiful, glowing jewel. Put a small piece of double-sided tape at the tip of one of the points to hang it up.



9. See our book **The Christmas Craft Book** for variations on the eight-pointed star and many more window star designs. Happy crafting!