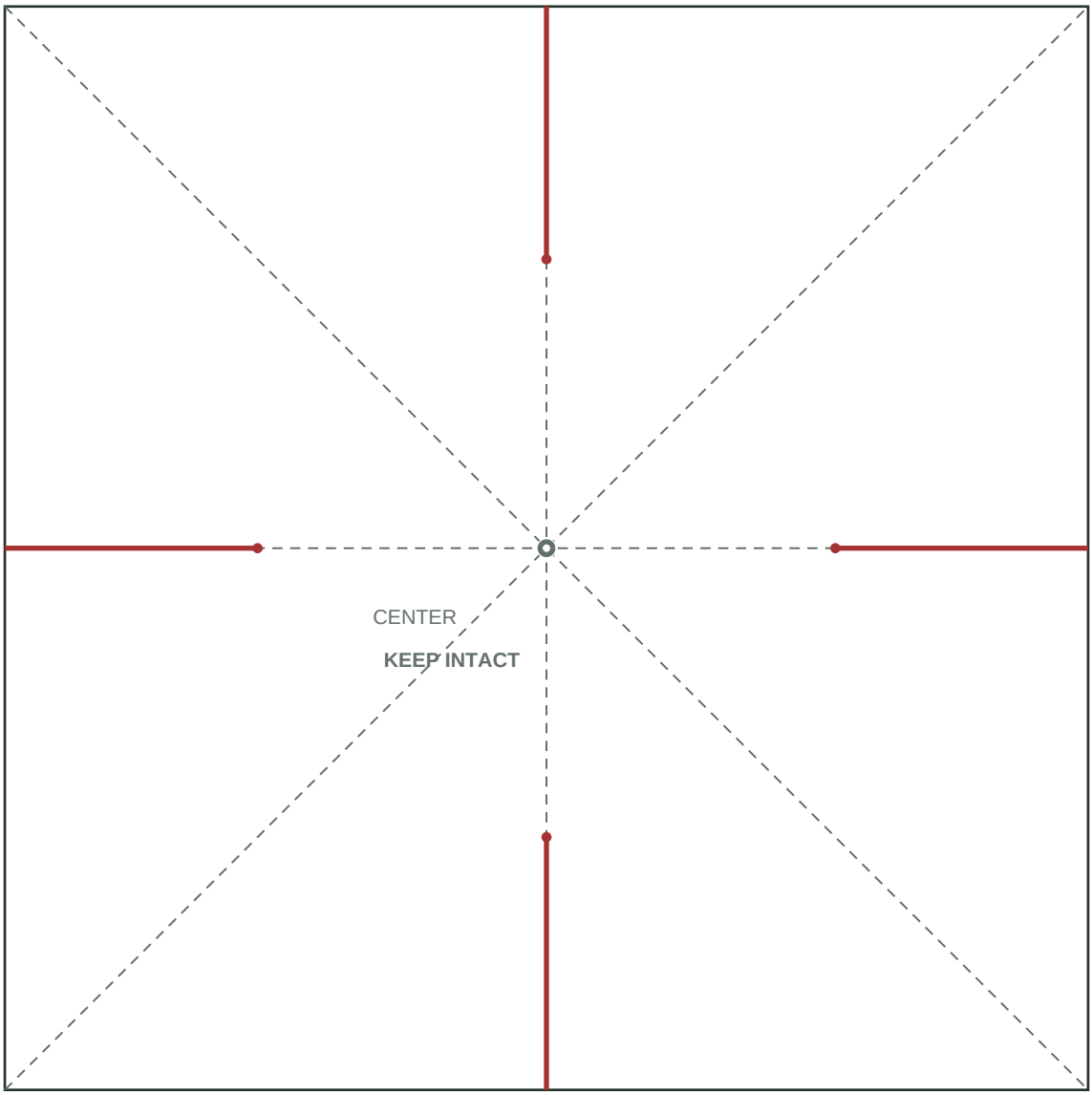
Paper Christmas Stars

One eight-point star = two 15 cm paper squares. Print this template page twice.

Print at **100% / Actual size** on US Letter or A4. Center the page and turn off scaling. Check the 5 cm line below. Trace the template onto your chosen paper, or fold the printed square with the marks inside.

15 cm / 150 mm



SOLID OUTLINE = CUT OUT **DASHED LINES = FOLD** **THICK SLITS = CUT**

Make four **35 mm** slits from the middle of the edges. Stop at the dots. **Do not cut the diagonal lines or continue toward the center.**

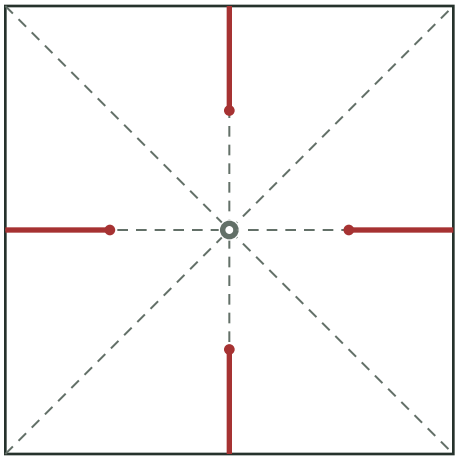
PRINT CHECK: 5 cm / 50 mm

Pattern size matters less than matching halves. Use two squares of exactly the same size.

Prepare the Two Halves

You need two equal paper squares, scissors, a ruler, a pencil, paper glue, and thread.

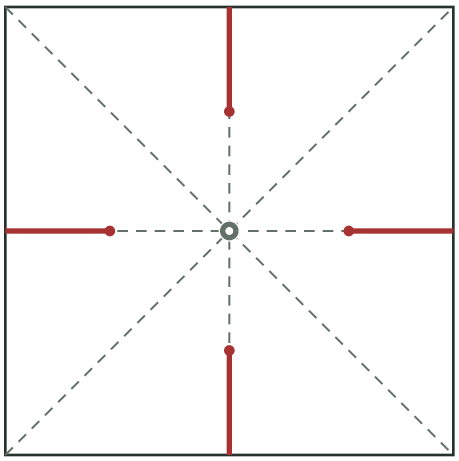
1 CREASE THE SQUARE



With the decorative side inside, fold the square in half horizontally, open it, then fold vertically and open. Turn the paper over and crease both diagonals, opening after each fold. The four crease lines meet at the center.

Repeat with the second square. Flexible paper is easiest for a first attempt. An adult should handle cutting where needed.

2 CUT FOUR SHORT SLITS



From the middle of each straight edge, cut **35 mm** inward along the horizontal or vertical crease. Each slit ends at a dot on the template.

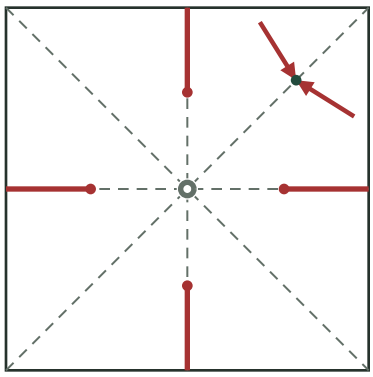
There are **four cuts per square**. Keep every corner and the central area intact. The diagonal creases are folding guides only.

For other square sizes, make each slit a little shorter than one-quarter of the side length. Keep all four slits equal. Do not cut halfway across the whole sheet.

Shape and Join the Star

Work on the plain side. Let each glued point hold before joining the two halves.

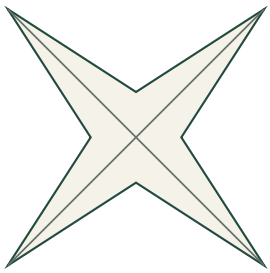
3 FOLD EIGHT FLAPS



At one corner, fold its two outside edges inward to meet the diagonal crease running from that corner toward the center. Repeat at all four corners: two flaps per corner, eight flaps per square.

The red arrows show the folding direction at one corner. They are not extra cutting lines.

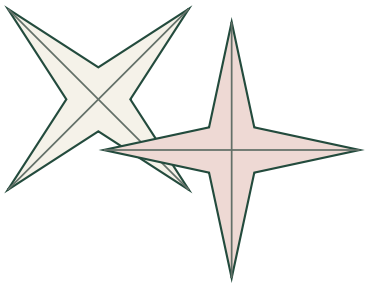
4 GLUE FOUR RAISED POINTS



At one point, add a thin layer of glue to one folded flap. Bring the other flap over it and overlap the flaps to form a raised, hollow point. Pinch only the glued seam. Repeat at the other three points and make the second half the same way.

Keep a finger beneath the point while pressing the seam. Avoid flattening the little paper pyramid.

5 ROTATE, JOIN, AND HANG



Place the open backs together. Rotate one half by **45 degrees** so its points sit between the other half's points. Glue only the central contact areas and hold gently until secure.

Trap both ends of a thread loop at a glued central join, or tape the loop securely to a back seam. Let the glue dry fully. Hang from a branch or use several stars as a garland.

Store in a roomy box so the raised points stay open. Paper decorations should stay away from flames and hot bulbs.