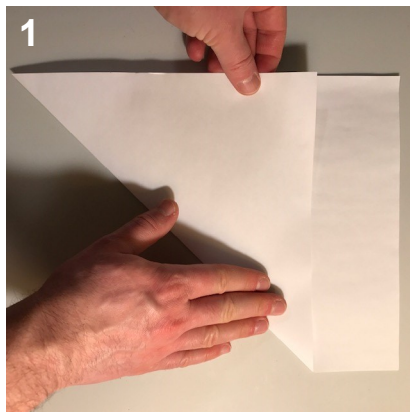


# Make Your Own Giant Snowflake!

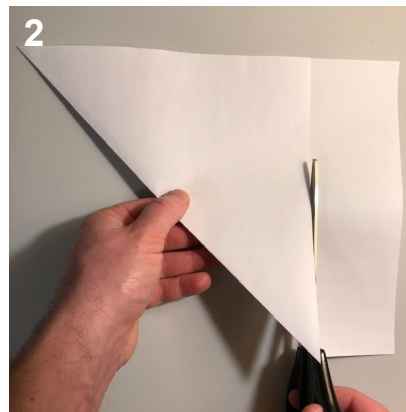
These giant, three-dimensional snowflakes are easy to make and look beautiful hung up in a room. Use different sizes and colors of paper for interesting effects. You can make your own gigantic blizzard!

## You'll need:

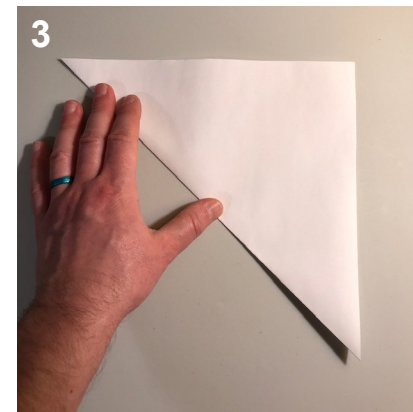
- 6 sheets of 8.5"x11" paper
- scissors
- tape
- stapler
- pencil
- ruler
- yarn, ribbon, or twine



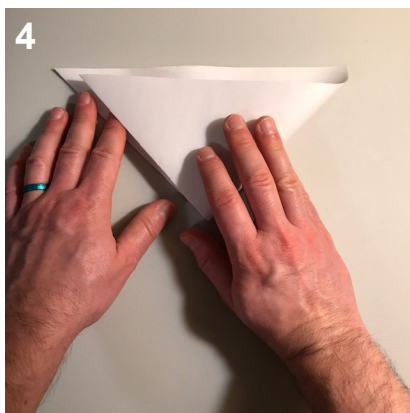
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Begin by folding one corner up to meet the opposite edge of the paper. The shape you fold should be a triangle.



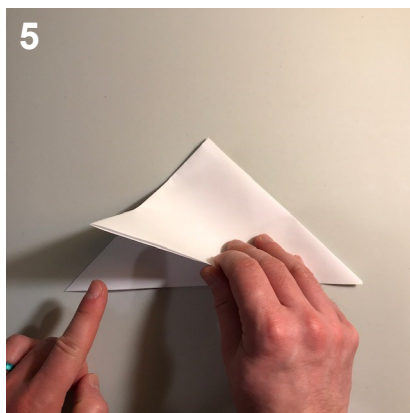
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With scissors, cut off the excess paper, keeping the triangle shape you made.



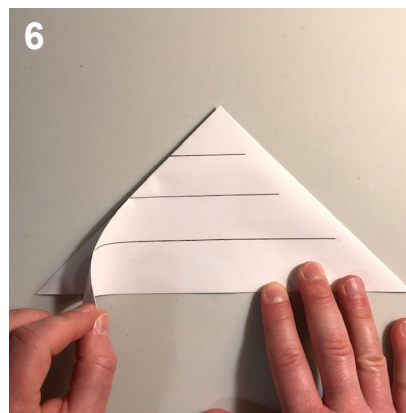
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Now you should have a triangle with the fold along the longest side.



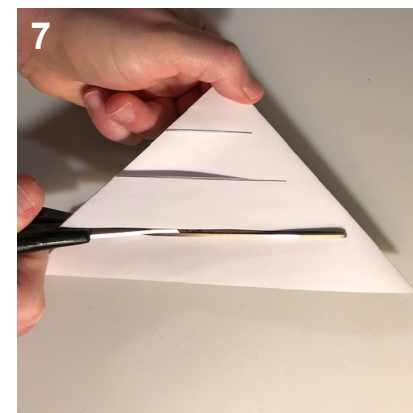
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Fold the bottom right corner up to meet the top left corner (you'll be folding the longest side in half). This will make a smaller triangle.



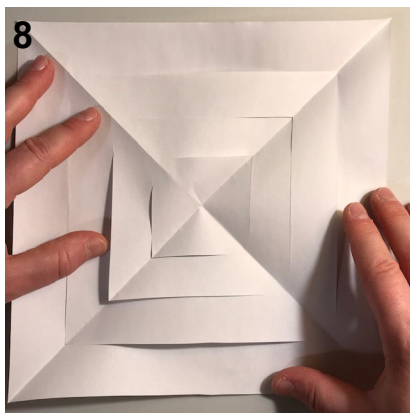
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Flip the triangle over. Make sure the open flap is on the left and the longest side is on the bottom.



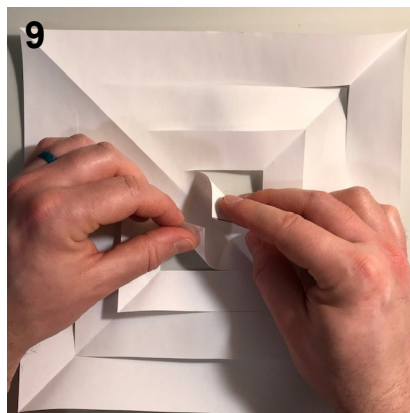
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With a pencil and ruler draw three lines on the folded triangle, parallel to the longest side, starting from the short side with the open flap and ending about 1/2 inch from the opposite side.



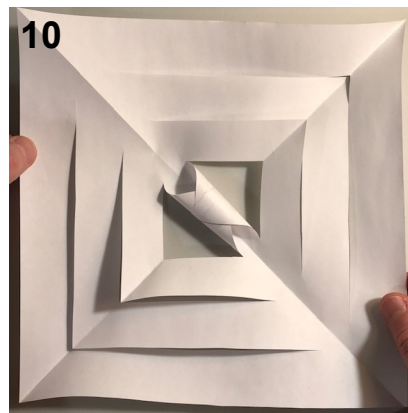
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Cut along the lines you just drew, all the way through the folded triangle, making sure to stop about 1/2 inch from the opposite side.



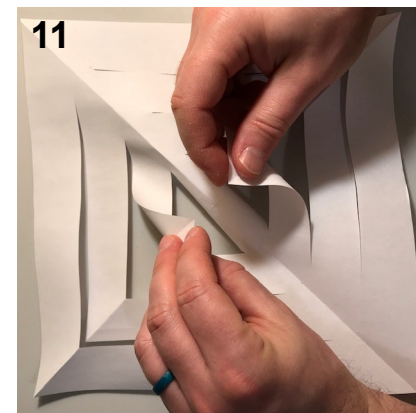
Open up your paper. It should look like a square with a series of L-shaped cuts radiating out from the center.



Gently bring together the corners of the two L-shaped cuts in the very center of the paper and tape them together.

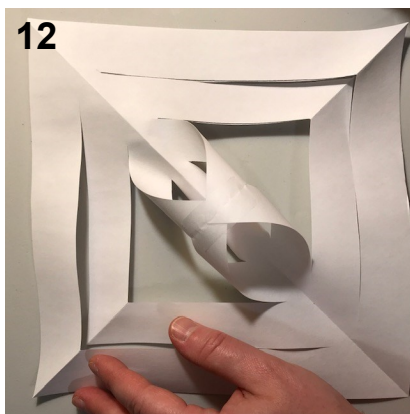


The taped-together corners should form a small roll in the center of the paper, as shown in the photo above.

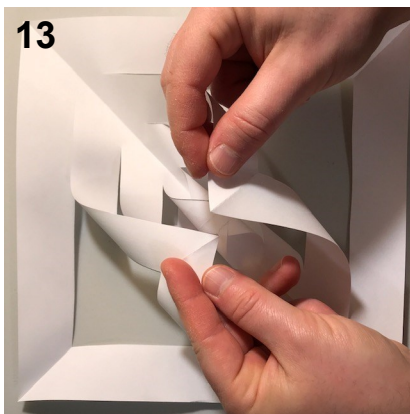


**TURN THE PAPER OVER!**

Gently bring together the corners of the two L-shaped cuts closest to the center roll and tape them together.

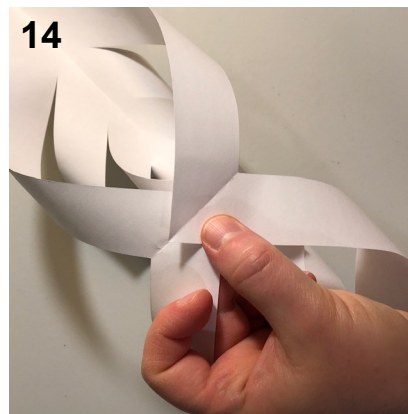


The taped-together corners should form a roll near the center of the paper, as shown in the photo above.



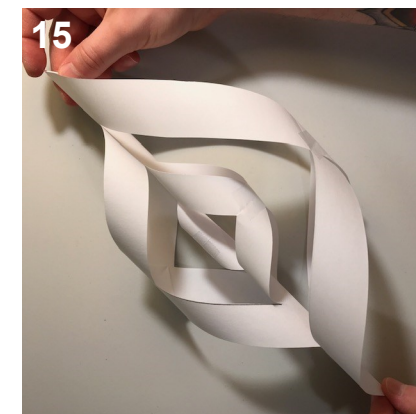
**TURN THE PAPER OVER!**

Gently bring together the corners of the two L-shaped cuts closest to the roll you just made and tape them together.



**TURN THE PAPER OVER  
ONE LAST TIME!**

Gently bring together the outermost corners of the paper and tape them together.



Turn your taped paper to the side. It should look like the photo above. This will be one "arm" of the snowflake.

Repeat the previous steps to make 5 more paper "arms" for your giant snowflake (6 "arms" in total).

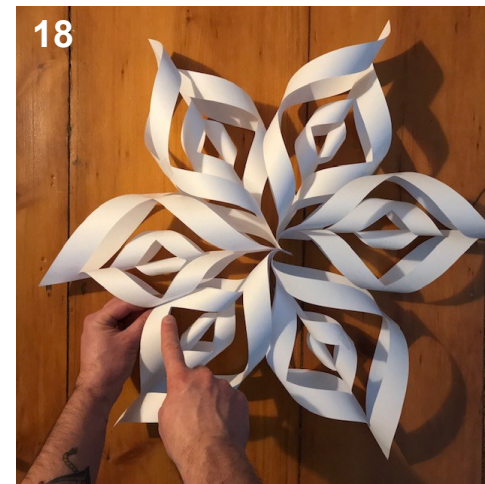




Now, gather one end of each of the six snowflake “arms” together in your hand.



Place one or two staples through the ends you have gathered together. This becomes the center of the giant snowflake.



Once all 6 arms are stapled together in the center of the snowflake, staple them together again at the widest part of each arm (see photo for placement). This will help the snowflake hold its shape.



Continue to work around the snowflake, carefully stapling each arm to the next at the widest part of each arm. Holding the stapler sideways works best for this step.



Now your giant snowflake is complete! Gently attach yarn, twine, or ribbon to one of the points and hang it up in your home!