

## Crafting with the Körners: 3D Paper Star

The Moravians, adherents of the faith that began in the Kingdom of Bohemia (today the Czech Republic), were known for their simple way of life. They originally used the 100-pointed Moravian star as a geometry lesson for students, but the symbol quickly became incorporated in church decoration, especially at Christmastime. Today, the Moravian star is even used as a symbol of Winston-Salem, an early settlement of Moravians dating to 1766.

You can make your own 3D paper stars similar to the ones Moravians have made for hundreds of years, but with this simplified version.

**Time:** 45 min

**Difficulty level:** Intermediate – Advanced

**Ages:** 8+ (with cutting & folding assistance)

**Materials:**

2 perfectly square pieces of paper, at least 6” square

Pencil

Scissors

Double sided tape (regular works too)

School or craft glue



**DIRECTIONS (See next pages for images):**

**Step 1.** With the pattern side up, fold paper in half (bottom edge to top) and crease firmly

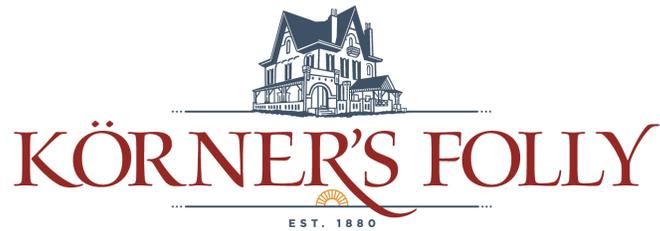
**Step 2.** With the pattern side up, fold paper in half the other way (left side to right) and crease firmly

**Step 3.** With pattern side up, fold paper diagonally and crease firmly. Then fold diagonally the other way and crease firmly.

**Step 4.** On non-patterned side, use pencil to mark a little less than halfway along the vertical and horizontal lines to the center.

**Step 5.** Use scissors to cut along vertical and horizontal lines to the pencil mark.

**Step 6.** Take the cut edge and fold to the middle crease. Repeat on the other side to make the point of the star. Repeat on three remaining sides.



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**Step 7.** Apply double sided tape, regular tape in a small curl, or school or craft glue to one side of each of the points, and then fold one side of the point over the other.

**Step 8.** Now you have a 4-sided star! Repeat the same process with the other square of paper to create another 4-sided star.

**Step 9.** Apply glue to the center back side of one star, then press the two stars together gently and hold, making sure they are at 45 degrees. Let dry and then hang (you can use a needle and thread to punch a hole and tie a loop through a point), prop on the mantel, or nestle in the Christmas tree!



Fold in half



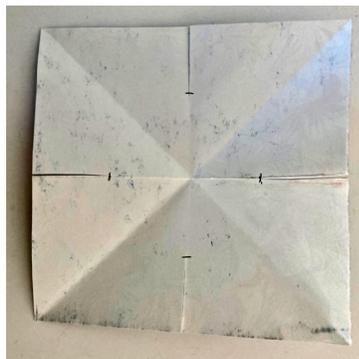
Fold in half again



Fold diagonally both ways



Mark with pencil



Cut along line to pencil mark



Fold to diagonal crease



Fold other side to crease



Repeat on all sides



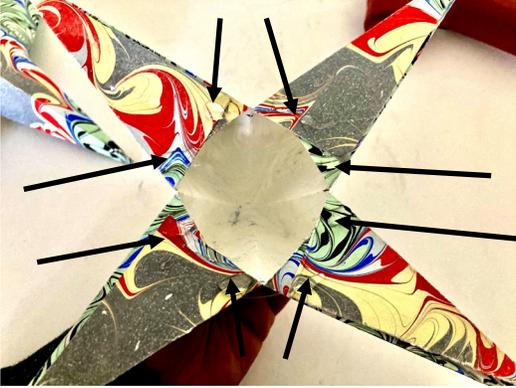
Apply glue or tape to one fold



Fold one flap over the other, using the glue or tape to secure. Repeat on all sides.



Now you have two 4-sided stars!



Apply craft glue (or hot glue with adult supervision) to the center of one star, then press the other star and hold for ten seconds to secure. Make sure stars are at 45 degrees!



Once glue is dry, the star is ready for display! Add a loop to one point using a needle and thread, or simply prop against a mantel or nestle in the Christmas tree!

Great Job! Show off your 3D Paper Stars on social media using #CraftingWithTheKorners

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