

# HANDMADE HANUKKAH

Make this year's celebration glow a little brighter with a concrete menorah and a different gift wrap for each of the eight nights.



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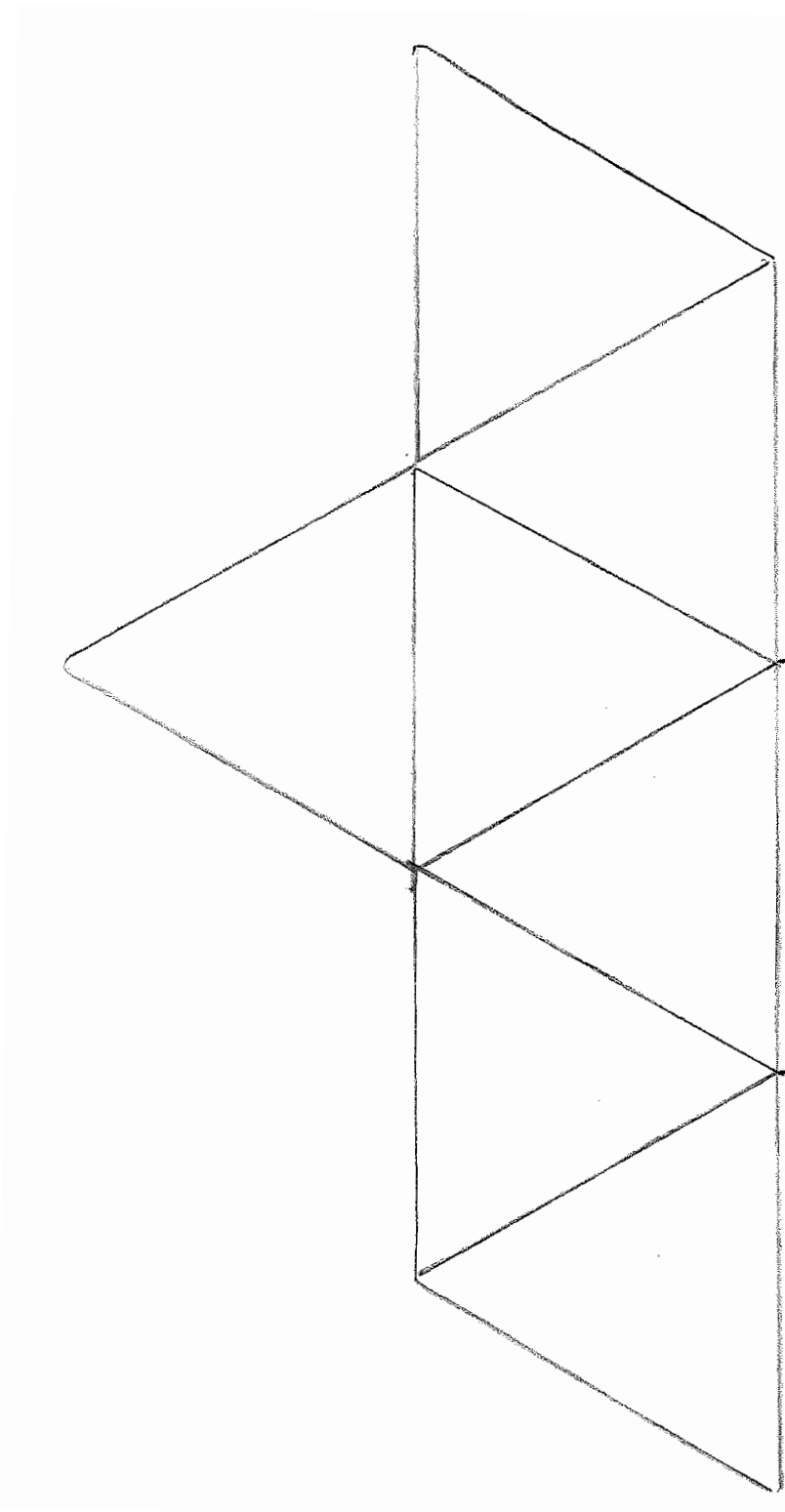
## DIY MENORAH

### MATERIALS

- **Mold patterns, right and next page**
- **Stencil film**
- **Packing tape**
- **White outdoor cement**
- **Grout pigment**  
(We used white and two shades of blue.)
- **Skewer**
- **1/4" Foam adhesive circles**  
([michaels.com](http://michaels.com))
- **Nine 1/4" copper couplings**

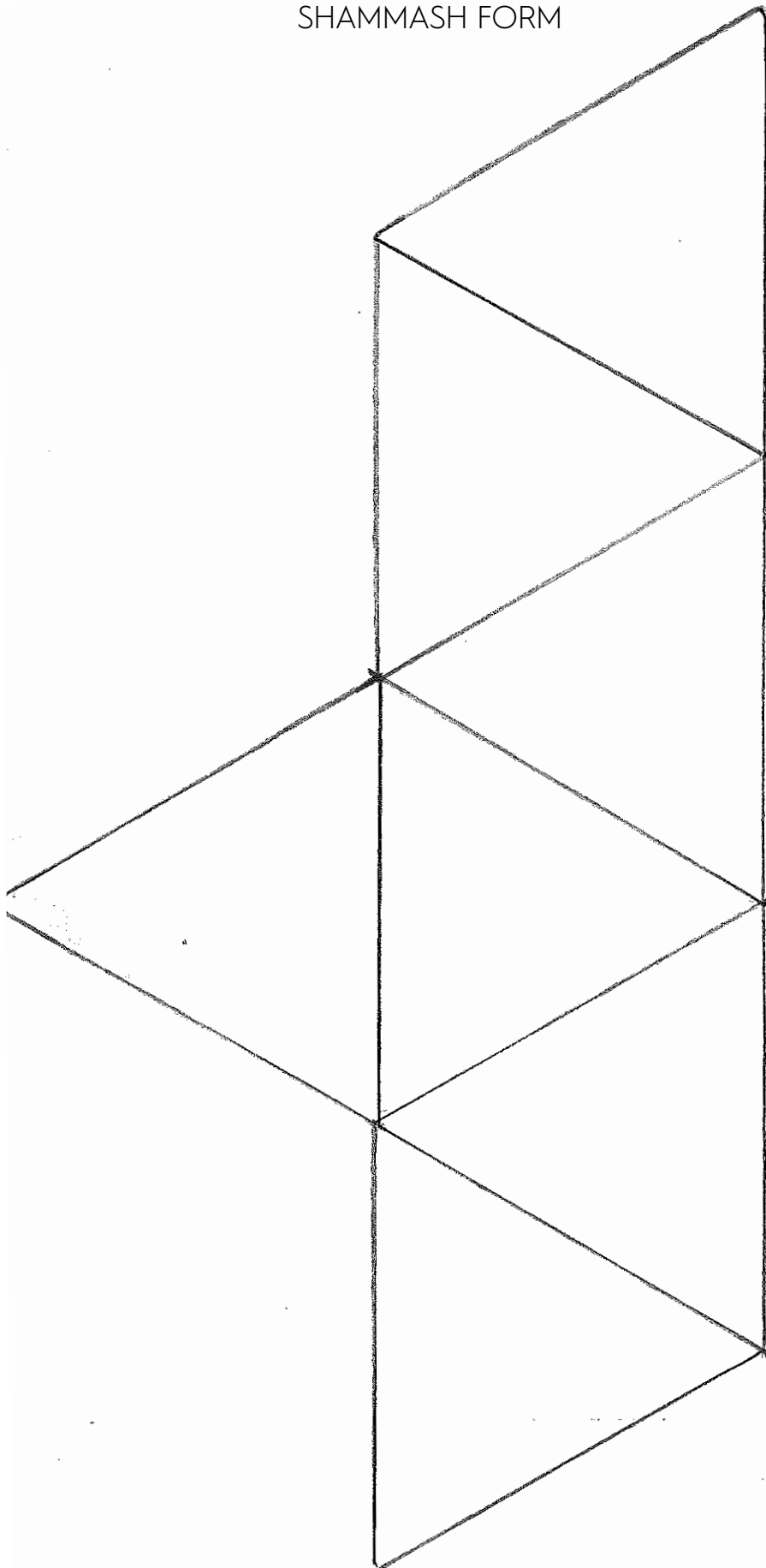
1. Trace mold pattern onto stencil film; cut out.
2. Crease along each line. Using packing tape, tape edges of opposite ends together, then tape flap closed to create flat bottom. The packing tape and stencil film form a watertight mold.
3. Repeat for a total of eight candles and one larger shamash (the candle used to light the others).
4. Blend white outdoor cement following manufacturer's instructions.
5. Divide cement among small bowls, one for each color.
6. Stir in grout pigment to color cement.
7. Spoon small amounts of each mixture into molds, leaving 1/8" space at top.
8. Slowly swirl using a skewer. (Do not blend thoroughly; you want streaks of color.)
9. Place a foam adhesive circle into one end of each copper coupling to act as a stopper.
10. Submerge couplings foam side down halfway into the filled mold.
11. Let dry 24 hours before removing mold.

## SMALL CANDLE FORM



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SHAMMASH FORM



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## DREIDEL AND STAR OF DAVID FOAM STAMPS

### MATERIALS

- Dreidel and Star of David patterns, *right*
- Adhesive foam sheets
- Crafts knife
- Self-healing cutting mat
- Small wood blocks
- White crafts paper
- Assorted ink pads

1. Transfer patterns onto adhesive foam sheet.
2. Cut out designs with crafts knife; peel off backing and stick to wood blocks.
3. Decorate crafts paper with inked stamp as desired.

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## MENORAH RUBBER STAMP

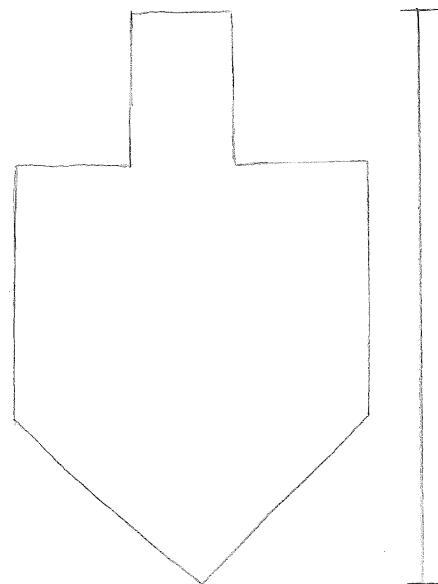
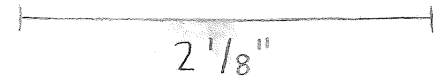
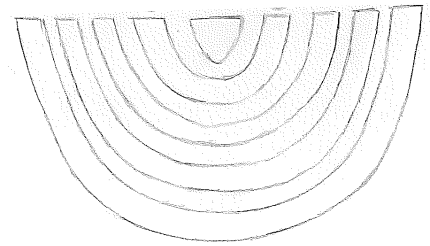
### MATERIALS

- Menorah pattern, *right*
- Rubber carving block
- Linoleum cutting tools
- Acrylic stamp block
- Crafts glue
- Assorted ink pads
- White crafts paper
- Gold crafts paint

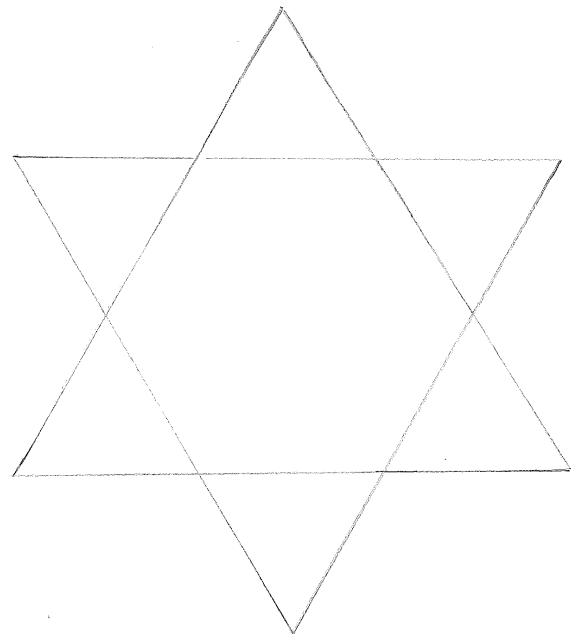
1. Transfer pattern to carving block.
2. Use linoleum cutting tools to carve away sections of the pattern that stay uninked (see photo, *above left*).
3. Glue the menorah stamp onto an acrylic block for easy stamping.
4. Using the acrylic block, press inked stamp on crafts paper as desired.
5. Dip the end of a small dowel in gold paint and dot paint at the tip of each "candle" for flames.

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## STAMPS TEMPLATES:



3"



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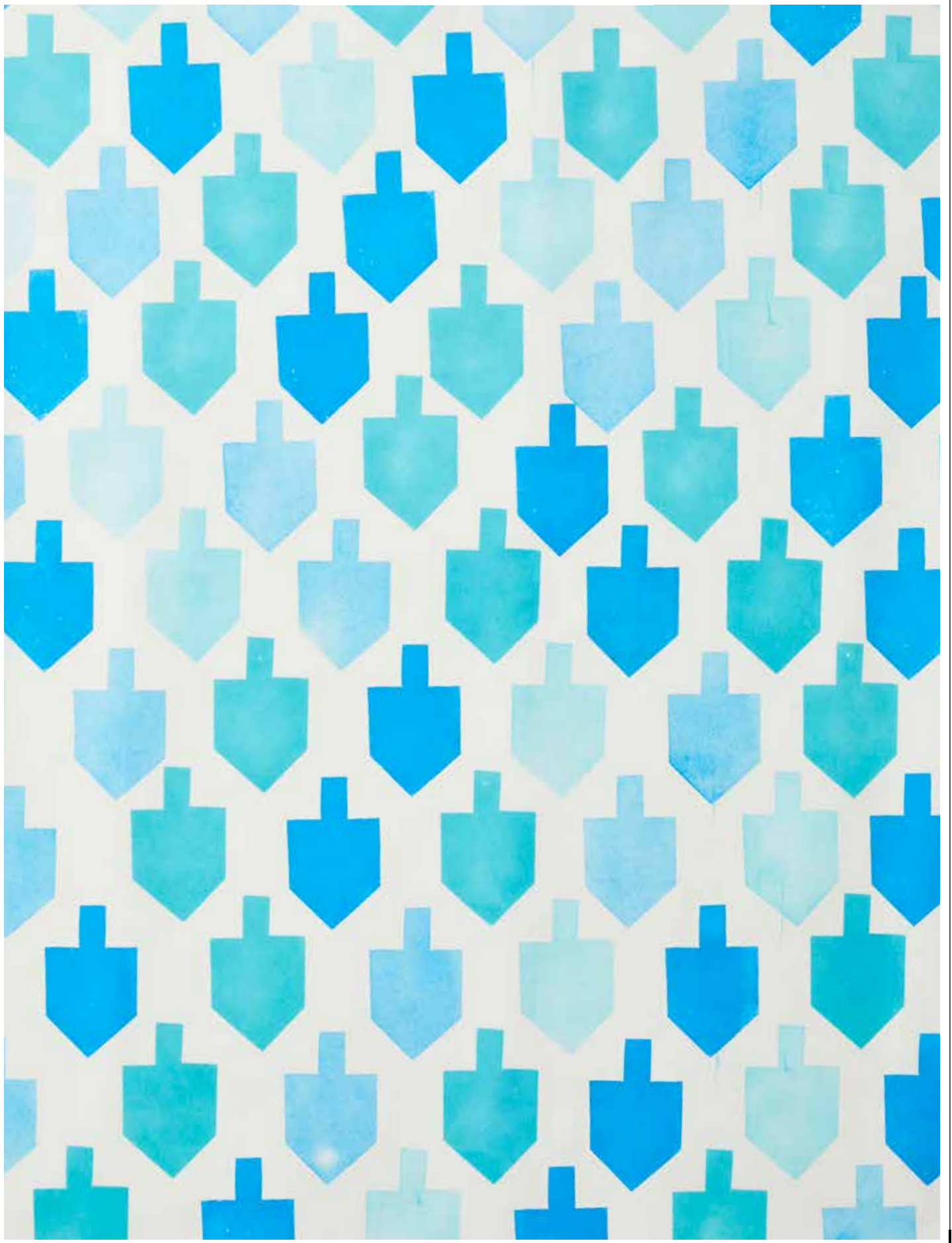




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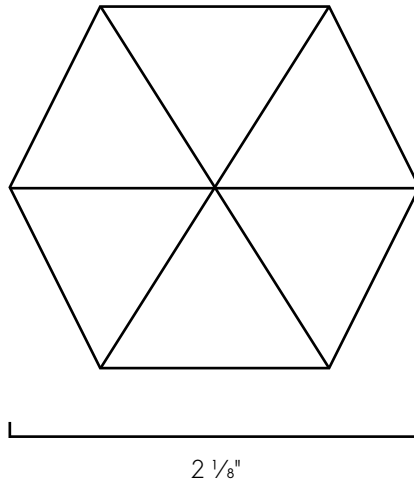
STAR OF DAVID  
CUTOUT

## MATERIALS

- Assorted gift-wrap paper that looks good on both sides
- Hexagon template, *right*
- Crafts knife
- Self-healing cutting mat
- Tape

1. Cut wrapping paper to fit gift box, and wrap box without taping. Crease edges. Remove paper.
2. Locate the part of paper that will cover the box top. On the backside of this portion of the paper, draw a hexagon so it is centered on side. Use our template if desired.
3. Draw lines bisecting the hexagon, creating six triangles, as shown *right*. Cut along those lines.
4. Flip paper to right side, and fold cut triangles to the outside. Press to crease.
5. Cut a piece of contrasting gift wrap about the same size as the box top. Tape it inside the wrapping paper to cover cutout opening. Wrap gift.

HEXAGON TEMPLATE



2 1/8"



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## ORIGAMI STAR OF DAVID

### MATERIALS

- Scrapbook paper

1. Cut paper to 13"×6". Orient horizontally.

2. Follow folding instructions as illustrated *below*. Dashed lines indicate folds to be made, creased, then unfolded. Solid lines indicate folds to be made, creased, and left folded.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

The key to this craft is sharp creases. Try a bone folder to really sharpen folds.

A



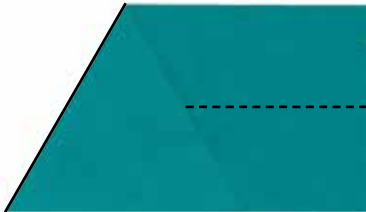
Fold paper in half, crease, and unfold.

B



Fold bottom left corner to center line.

C



Fold top left corner to bottom edge.

D



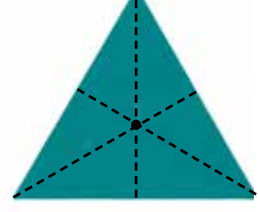
Fold bottom left corner to top edge.

E



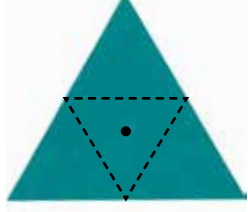
Crease then tuck remaining flap into the opening of the triangle.

F



Fold triangle in half from each point. Crease and unfold.

G



Fold each triangle point to center point (found in Step F). Crease and unfold.

H



Fold each point of the triangle accordian style so the lines from Step G touch the center point.

I



Make sure each triangle overlaps one of its neighbors and is overlapped by the other.

J



Back view.

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## GIFT WRAP BOW

### MATERIALS

- Wrapping paper
- Stapler
- Glue dots

1. From gift wrap, cut:
  - three  $10\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{3}{4}''$  strips
  - three  $9\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{3}{4}''$  strips
  - two  $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{3}{4}''$  strips
  - one  $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{3}{4}''$  strip
2. Place a strip vertically on the table in front of you, wrong side up. Pull the top and bottom ends so they meet in the center, twisting each half a turn so the decorative side is exposed on the loops, as shown above.
3. Staple ends at the center.
4. Repeat for all but the shortest strip.
5. For the shortest strip, make a simple loop and secure with a glue dot.
6. Working from largest to smallest, layer strips over each other in a pinwheel formation. They should cross each other at the center. Secure each layer with a glue dot. The small loop will sit in the center.
7. Use a glue dot to secure bow to gift.



## GIFT ENVELOPES

### MATERIALS

- Fiskars Gifting Board
- Assorted scrapbooking paper
- Double-stick tape
- Decorative stickers

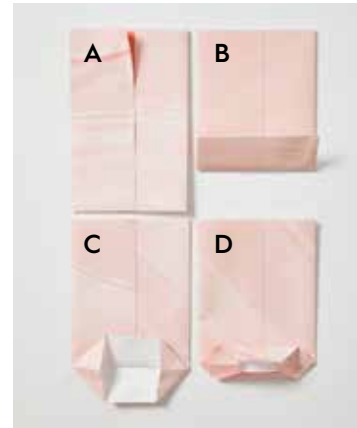
1. For the outside of the envelope: Follow directions provided with Fiskars Gifting Board.
2. For the lining: Repeat Step 1, except trim  $\frac{1}{2}''$  off all sides then punch corners.
3. Secure the lining to the envelope using double-stick tape.
4. Fold around a gift.

## GIFT BOXES

### MATERIALS

- Fiskars Gifting Board
- Assorted scrapbooking paper

Follow directions provided with Fiskars Gifting Board.



## WRAPPING PAPER BAG

### MATERIALS

- Wrapping paper cut to  $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 11''$
- Double-stick tape
- Washi tape

1. Fold two long sides of paper to the center, overlapping by  $\frac{1}{2}''$ . Secure with double-stick tape (A). Fold bottom up 2", crease; unfold (B).
2. Fold in left and right corners to the crease line. Press open as shown by  $\frac{1}{2}''$  (C).
3. Fold top and bottom edges of opening so they overlap by  $\frac{1}{2}''$  (D). Secure with double-stick tape.