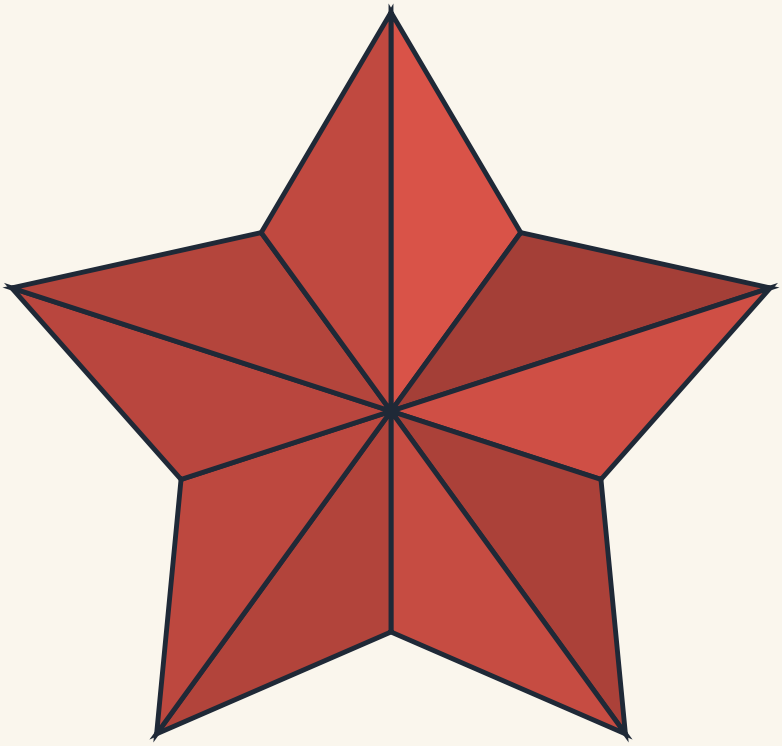
ORIGAMI DIAGRAMS

Lucky Star

An origami lucky star is a tiny, puffy five-pointed star made by knotting a long paper strip into a pentagon and wrapping it. It is easy and takes about three minutes, though the final puffing step needs a light touch.



DIFFICULTY
Easy

TIME
About 3 min

STEPS
6

PAPER
A narrow strip about 30 cm long and 1.5 cm wide (12

Valley fold (toward you)

Mountain fold (away)

Existing crease

Lucky Star - origami diagram

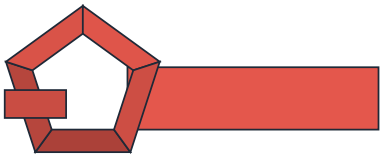
Easy - 6 steps - 3 min

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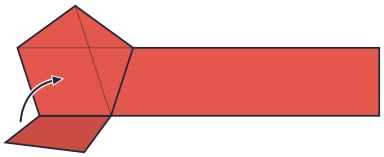
Near one end of the strip, curl it into a loop and thread the short end through, the way you would start a loose overhand knot.

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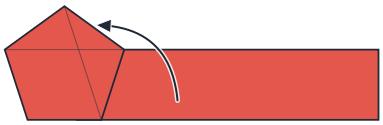
Ease both ends until the knot draws tight, then flatten it carefully into an even pentagon and sharpen each of its edges.

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Bring the short tail across the pentagon and slip it inside, or simply snip it off.

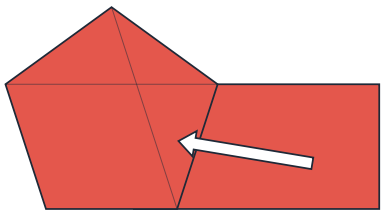
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Turn over

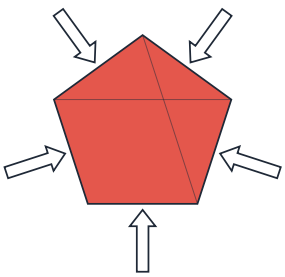
Wind the long tail around the knot: fold it across wherever it reaches an edge, flip the pentagon, and fold once more. By tracking the edges every time, you keep five equal sides while the layers build up.

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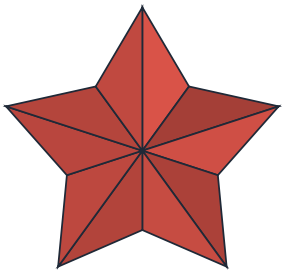
Continue wrapping until only a short end remains, then tuck it beneath the previous layer.

6



Hold the pentagon gently and press a fingernail into the midpoint of each side, working around one side at a time. As each side caves in, the star swells into shape.

Done



The lucky star is complete. Many people fill a jar with them in assorted colors; 365 stars for a year of wishes is a popular custom, and a thousand makes a generous gift.