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COFFEE FILTER SNOWFLAKES

Want a colorful idea to brighten up a gray winter day? Try designing snowflakes!

MATERIALS

- Coffee filters
- Washable markers
- Water
- Dropper (clean medicine dropper or straw)
- Paper towels
- Plate or cookie sheet
- Hair dryer and iron (optional)



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Color your coffee filter with any design you wish. It doesn't matter what you draw since the colors will blend. The more you cover the coffee filter the brighter the color will be. Less white space is better.
2. Place the coffee filter on a plate or cookie sheet to contain the mess.
3. Drip water onto the coffee filter with a medicine dropper. You want the entire filter to be wet but not flooded with water.
4. Move the coffee filter onto paper towels to dry overnight or grab a hair dryer. It dries in about one minute with a hair dryer on low.
5. When completely dry, fold the filter to create a 6-sided snowflake.
 - Fold the coffee filter in half.
 - Fold the right corner of the coffee filter to the left so that it is 1/3 of the way over. Then fold the left corner so that the edges line up on the right. If you open it up to check, you should have perfect thirds.
 - Fold the coffee filter in half one last time.
6. Next, cut out pieces from your folded filter to make your snowflake. Be as creative as you want. We cut out half hearts, triangles, and various shapes to create our snowflakes. We sketched our design first.
7. Unfold your snowflake to be surprised by your unique design!

Helpful hint: We placed the dry, colored filter between paper towels and ironed it using a low setting before folding.

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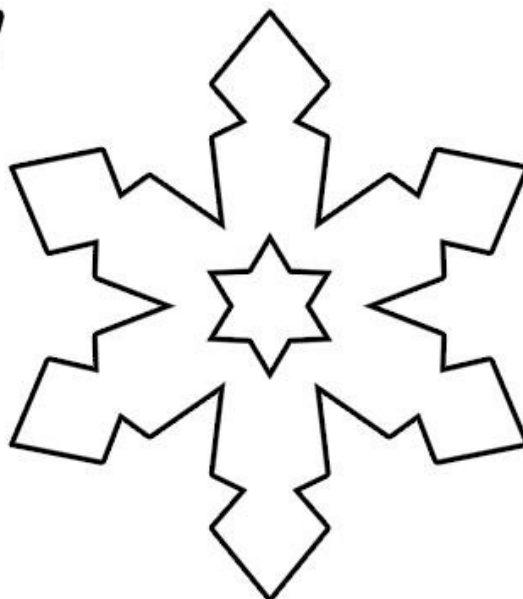
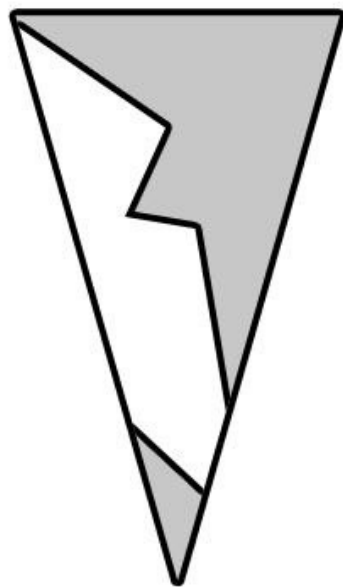
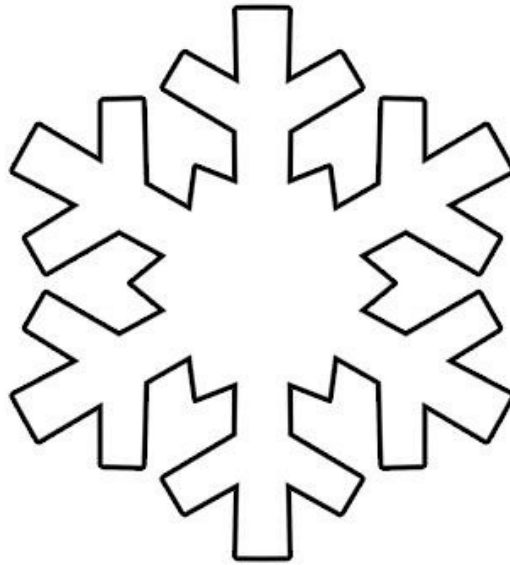
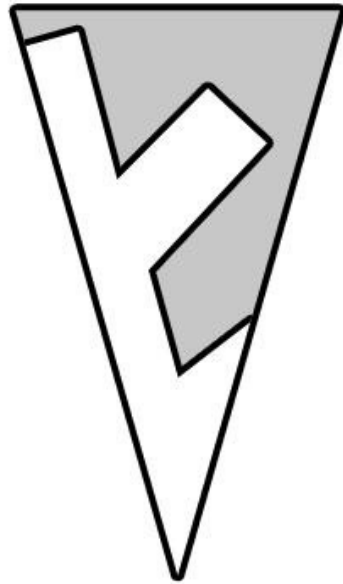


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Sample snowflake patterns to draw on the folded coffee filter.



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