

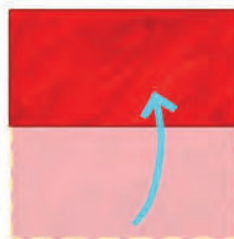
ABOUT PAPER CUTTING

Paper cutting has been a beloved folk art in China for nearly 2,000 years. During celebrations such as birthdays, weddings, and the Lunar New Year, people adorn their homes with delicate cuttings. Popular subjects include peony for fortune, peach for long life, fish for abundance, and the zodiac animal of the corresponding New Year. There are no limits to the design. The more cuts you make, the more intricate the patterns—a partnership between your hands and your imagination.

TO MAKE A SNOWFLAKE:



1. Begin with a square sheet of paper.



2. Fold it in half to make a rectangle.



3. Fold it in half to make a square.



4. Fold it in half to make a triangle.



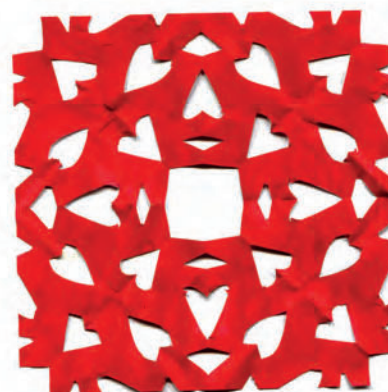
5. Fold it in half one more time to make a skinnier triangle.



6. Holding the single-pointed side, snip off the double-pointed side of the triangle. This cut can be straight or curved.



7. Cut into the folded side of the paper however you'd like. The smaller and more numerous the cuts, the more detailed your pattern.



8. When you're done, slowly unfold your snowflake.*

*Like in nature, every snowflake is unique. The smallest change in how you fold or cut the paper will produce a whole new snowflake. How exciting!