## \* How To Make Snowflakes \*

Here are some guidelines for making snowflakes. These are the same six steps that are printed on each snowflake, with a couple of added hints. Start with simple designs (without small details or thin lines) while you learn how to do it.

1. Fold the paper in half.

Line up the corners to make the fold more accurately. Keep the instructions on the outside, so you can continue to read them. With each fold the gray line will be outside the fold.

2. Fold the paper in half again. Again, line up the corners and fold carefully.

3. Fold the bottom edges up to the dotted line. Use your fingernail to make the point of the fold sharp and accurate. This is the hardest fold.

4. Turn the paper over and fold it in half again. this time, fold the paper on the diagonal so the edges of the angle meet. Use your fingernail again to make the point sharp.

5. Cut off the extra part. Now the edges of your snowflake should be folded in a "Z" shape.

6. Cut out the pattern. Hold the paper tightly and use sharp scissors to make accurate cuts. Make sure that your design stays in one piece, and that it is connected at both edges.

7. Fold the paper flat.

As you open the snowflake, bend each fold in the opposite direction to help it lie flat.

Enjoy your snowflake!

Remember these hints to make more beautiful snowflakes:

- \* Fold accurately. If the edges of the folded snowflake do not line up, you will lose some of the symmetry. Some of the patterns may even fall apart if the edges do not line up well.
- \* Use Sharp Scissors. (They don't need to be sharp on the point, just on the edges.)
- \* Hold the paper tightly while you cut. You are cutting 12 layers of paper at once, and they tend to shift out of place as you cut if you are not careful.













