



HOW TO MAKE A PAPER CHRISTMAS TREE

Materials & tools needed:

x 1 Pair of scissors

x 1 Square of 70 - 100gsm paper
(between 15 x 15cm - 25 x 25cm works best)



1. Start with a paper square. If you are using paper with white on one side, make sure you start with the white side facing down.



2. Fold the square in half so that two opposing corners meet.



3. Open the square up.



4. Fold it diagonally in half again so that the other two corners meet.



5. Open the square up again.



6. Turn the paper over.



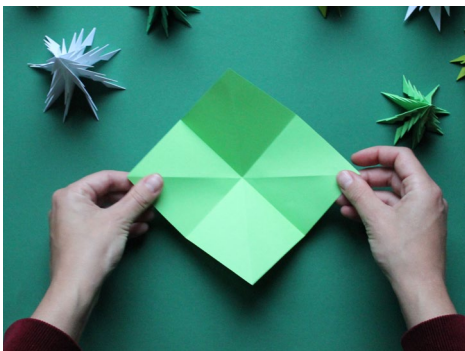
7. Fold the paper in half but this time so that the straight edges meet.



8. Open the square up.



9. Fold it in half again but in the other direction.



10. Open the square and hold two opposite corners.



11. Bring the corners together so that they touch.



12. Continue holding the corners together and bring them downwards onto the table.



13. Take hold of the loose piece on top of the shape and press it down.



14. You should end up with a square shape like this.



15. Make sure the open corner of the square is pointing towards you.



16. Fold the right corner (of the top layer only) inwards to meet the centre line.



17. Do the same on the left to get a symmetrical shape.



18. Turn the paper over. Make sure the open corner is still pointing towards you, as in step 15.



19. Fold the right corner in to the centre as per step 16.



20. Fold the left corner into the centre just like step 17.



21. Cut off the bottom section.



22. You should be left with a triangle.



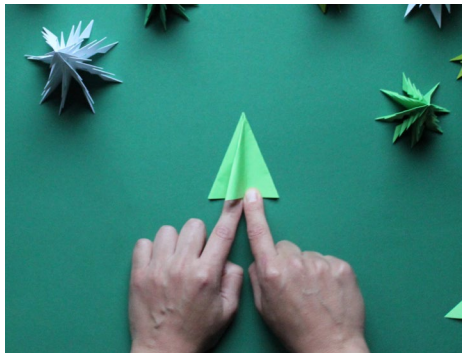
23. Open the right side up.



24. Pin down the left side with one hand and open up the right side by peeling the top layer open and putting one finger inside.



25. Push the outer edge on the right (as illustrated above) into the middle of the shape.



26. Once the outer edge reaches the centre, flatten it down and push the remaining flap over to the right.



27. Do the same again on the left - unfold the left piece.



28. Pin down the right side with one hand and open up the left side by peeling the top layer open.



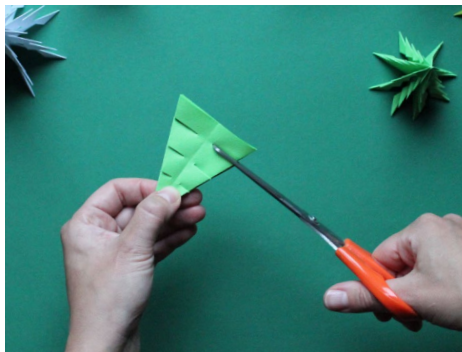
29. Push the outer left edge into the centre, as per step 25.



30. Move the remaining loose piece over to the left side.



31. Turn the shape over to the other side and repeat steps 23 to 30 again.



32. Cut 6 lines parallel to the bottom of the triangle. It's important not to cut all the way to the middle and leave a gap of 3 - 4mm on each side.



33. Fold down the top layer on the right side only, from the end of your cut line to the outer tip of the triangle.



34. Fold the 2nd piece down on the right side of the shape (top layer only).



35. Fold the 3rd piece down on the right side of the shape (top layer only).



36. Lift the top layer on the right over to the left side.



37. Flatten down the left side and make sure all your folds are tucked in.



38. Work your way around the shape, folding the right side as per steps 33 - 37. You should fold 8 sides in total.



39. Finally, open out your tree to make it symmetrical... and TA DAAA!

TOP TIPS:

- Wrapping paper works really nicely and can be used to make larger trees.
- Use a few different sizes of paper to make a nice display of Christmas trees at different heights.
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