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## Instructions for Folded Star Christmas Ornament

### Materials:

3 Fat quarters of coordinating (cotton preferred)..actually 1/8 yd if each will make 1 ornament  
Scissors or rotary cutter with cutting board, ruler  
350 sewing pins  
3" Styrofoam ball (bought in package of 6 at Hobby Lobby). Snow foam balls are smooth and  
Pins better than regular Styrofoam  
12 inches of 1 ¼" wide lace  
18" or more of ribbon  
Glue

Approximate cost of 1 ornament is less than \$5, more if tools are purchased

### Directions:

Cut fabric into 2 x 2 ½ inch rectangles. You will need 9 rectangles for the center of the star, and 16 rectangles of the other colors. I ironed the rectangles to form long rectangles, then creased each in the middle in order to mark the actual middle of the rectangle.

Snow foam balls have the equator clearly marked as well as the poles (top and bottom) which is most advantageous.

Place a rectangle over one of the poles and pin at the corners.

Poke a pin through the center of the first of the colored rectangles from the wrong side. Pin close to the pole over the fabric you have pinned at the pole. Fold the corners down the center from the pinpoint to form a triangle. (This is called a prairie point). Pin the bottom edge of the triangle with 4 pins, beginning at the center. Repeat by pinning a new prairie point opposite the first, then add the other 2 points between.

Repeat this pattern for each of the next 2 tiers; however, start by pinning the new point in the centers of each prairie point, first 4 opposite each other, then fill in the other 4 so that the overlaps are symmetrical. Space each point ½ " below the point above. You will have 8 points on the second and third rows.

Repeat all of the directions above for the other "pole" of the ball. You may need to reposition the points slightly more than ½ ", but the ball should be mostly covered.

Pin or glue the lace around the equator to cover up the edges. I found that a minimum of 1 ¼" wide lace is necessary.

Attach bows and/or loop of ribbon for a hangar.

I found this tutorial on Pinterest a couple of years ago.: How to Make a Folded Star Christmas Ornament: [m.wikihow.com](http://m.wikihow.com) There a number of similar websites on Pinterest, as well as some variations.

# How to Make a Folded Star Christmas Ornament

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Do you love a country Christmas, with homemade Christmas ornaments and your own decorations? If so, here's a beautiful and relatively low-cost craft project that will take you around an hour to complete.

## 1 Obtain the needed materials.

- 3 fat quarters, or a quarter yard each of light weight fabrics in complimentary colors
- Scissors and/or rotary cutter with cutting board
- 350 pins
- A 3 inch (7.5 cm) Styrofoam ball
- 12 inches (30 cm) of inch (2.5 cm) wide lace (covers raw edges)
- 18 inches (45 cm) of 1/8th inch (3 mm) ribbon (hanging loop)
- Approximate cost to make 4 ornaments is US/CAD\$10, 6 pounds (UK)

## 2 Cut the fabric into 2 inch (5 cm) by 2 1/2 inch (6.5 cm) rectangles. For smaller or

larger Styrofoam balls, you can measure the circumference of the ball and divide by 8,

then add half an inch (or centimeter) for the height and width.

**3** Place a square or rectangle of fabric on the ball and pin it in place by its corners.



**4** Poke a **pin** through the center of the starting square and then into the ball. This will mark a starting point.

**5** Poke a pin through the center of a piece of fabric.





**6** Poke that same pin into the cloth covered area of the ball near the starter pin.

**7** Fold the cloth down in half over itself.

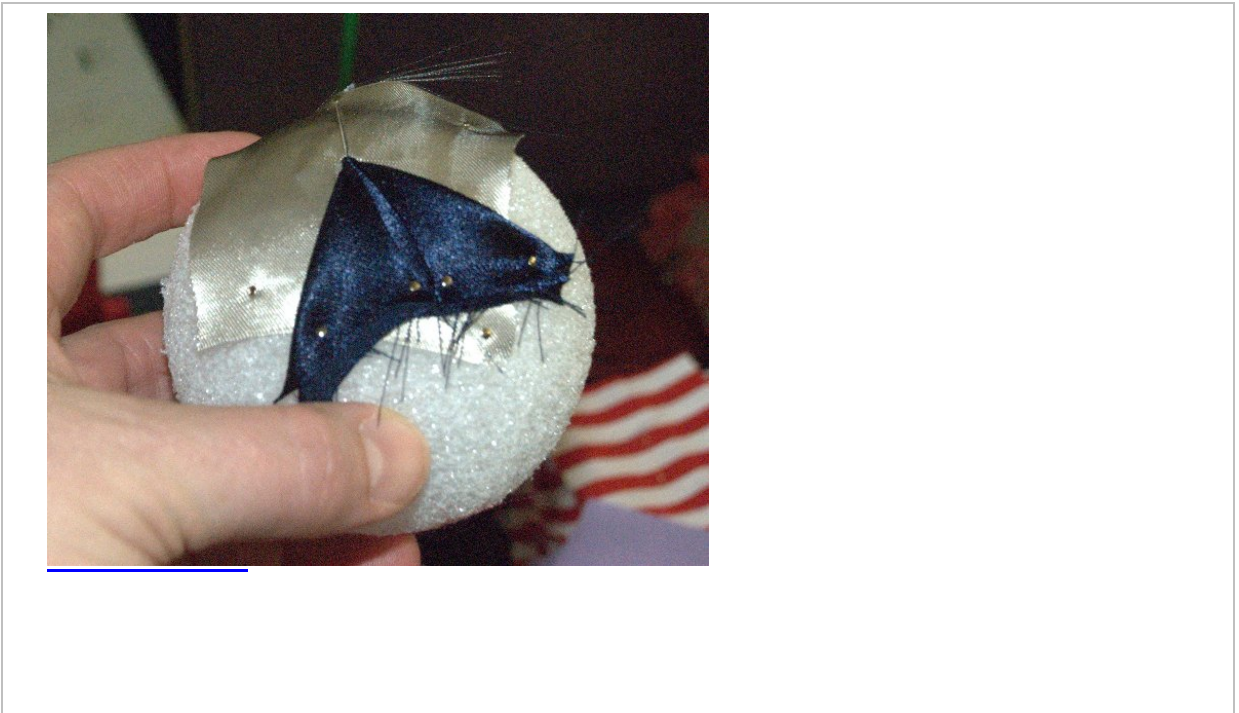


**8** Fold the corners down the center from the pinpoint to form a folded triangle.



**9** Pin the bottom edge of the triangle with 4 pins. Use one for each end of the raw cloth edges.

cloth edges.



**10** Repeat this pin and fold action many more times, for a total of three rows per hemisphere as follows:



4 points touching the pole.





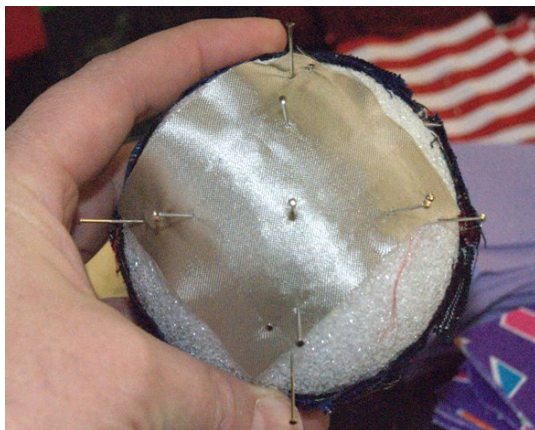
8 points in the next row, spacing the tips of the points approximately half an inch (1.27cm) below the pole, and lining the points up with the points above and the folded edges and lines with the row above. Check your measurement to see if three rows will reach the center meridian or not. Widen the distance between rows if necessary.



8 points in the third row should bring your raw edges to the equator.

After three rows, if you have not reached the equator of the ball with the raw edges of your folded points, you will need to unpin and re-pin the rows with more or less spacing to compensate.

**11** Find the "South Pole" of the ball.



Mark the center point of the "South Pole".



**12** Repeat the process of making rows of points from the "South Pole".



**13** The ball should be totally covered by now, with a row of raw edges.

The poles will appear as a "country star."



**14** Pin and/or glue the ribbon or lace around the equator to cover up the raw edges.



**15** Pin and/or glue a loop of ribbon to allow you to attach the ornament to your Christmas tree.



**16** Graciously accept your friends' compliments and show them how you did it!