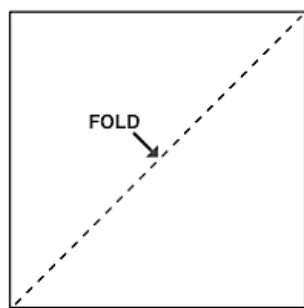


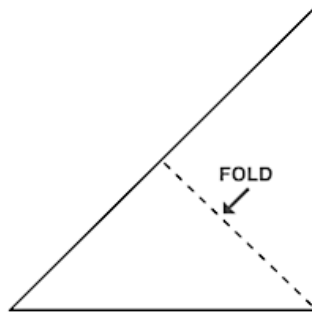
SNOWFLAKE QUILT BLOCK

There are so many fun things you can do with a basic design. You can make a snowflake almost any size to suit your project needs- from tree ornaments, to mug rugs or hot pads, to pillow covers, up to wall hangings and full quilts. Have fun with the possibilities!

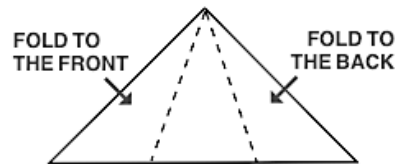
Start with a square piece of freezer paper, no larger than the finished size of your desired block. Fold, draw, and cut:



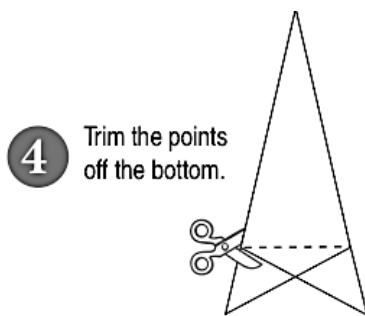
1 Fold the paper in half diagonally.



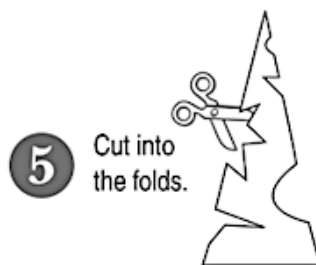
2 Fold the triangle in half ...



3 ... then fold one third to the front and one third to the back.



4 Trim the points off the bottom.



5 Cut into the folds.

Experiment by making different shapes, sizes, and numbers of cuts. Be sure not to cut all the way across the triangle.

Next, open your lovely snowflake, and use a hot iron to press the shiny side of the freezer paper to the right side of your piece of fabric.

-If you are doing fusible appliqué, apply your fusible web to the wrong side of your fabric before you press your snowflake on. Then you can either trace around your snowflake, peel the snowflake off and cut out; or you can simply cut around the snowflake. If you plan to use your snowflake multiple times, you may want to go with option 1.

-For the glue-as-resist technique, use a water-soluble blue pen to trace your snowflake. The blue pen will help you gauge how well the glue has saturated the fabric. (Products used: Elmer's Washable Clear School Glue, Derwent Inktense Ink Pencils)

-If you are using the freezer paper as a stencil to paint over, be sure to press it really well. Also be conscious of how much water you use with your paint- more water equals more bleeding under your stencil. Which can be really cool if that is the effect you are going for. If you don't want any bleeding, work as 'dry' as you can. (Products used: Jacquard Textile Paint, Jacquard Lumiere Paint)