

How to Make a Paper Star

5 pointed origami stars are great holiday decorations for your home, can serve as tree ornaments, or can be added to a present. They're easy to make with thin papers such as magazine pages, wrapping paper, or newsprint. The following instructions showcase stars created with abstract watercolored papers.



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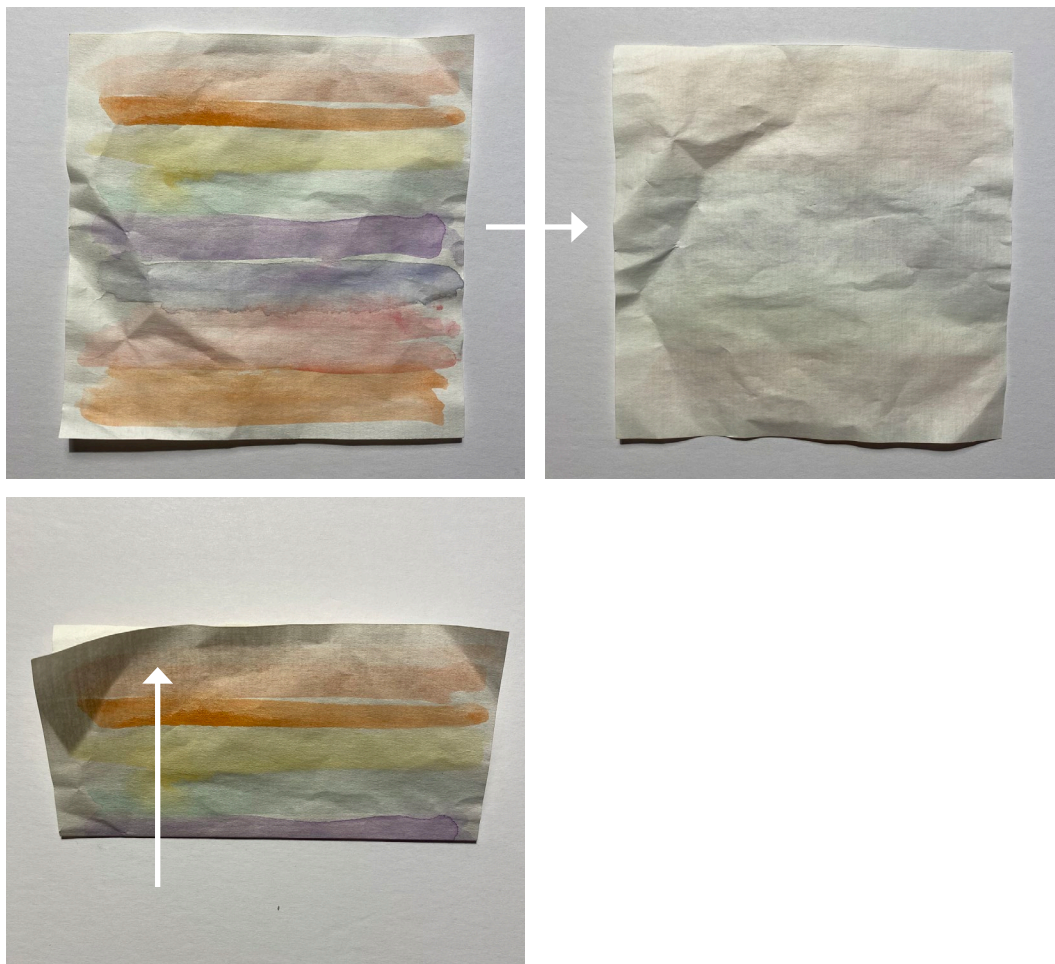
- Paper cut into perfect squares
- Scissors
- Watercolor, Paint, Brushes, Markers, Crayons, etc. (optional)

Finished stars will be about half of the size of the square you start with.

Step 1

Place colored side of the paper down on the table.

Fold paper in half by bringing the bottom edge up to meet the top edge.



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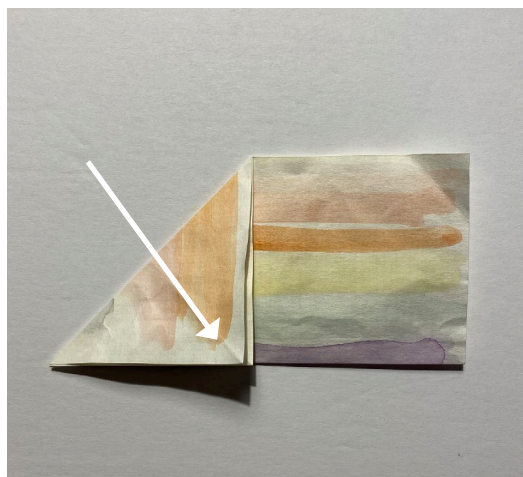
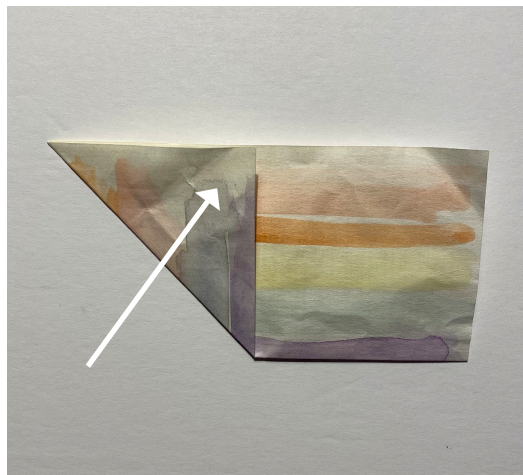
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Step 2

Fold bottom left corner in toward the center. Reopen.

Repeat fold for the top left corner. Reopen.



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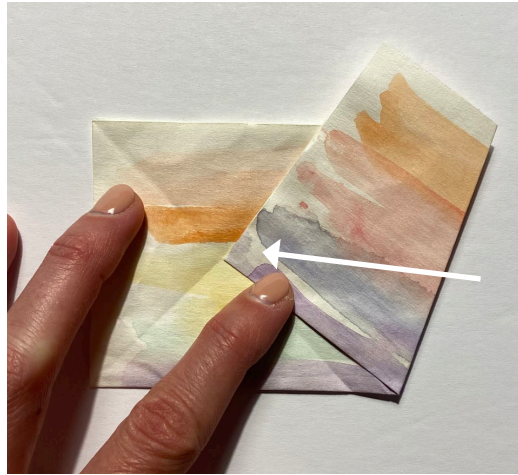
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Step 3

Fold bottom right corner in toward the intersection of your previous folds.



Step 4

Fold inside corner flap back towards outside right edge.



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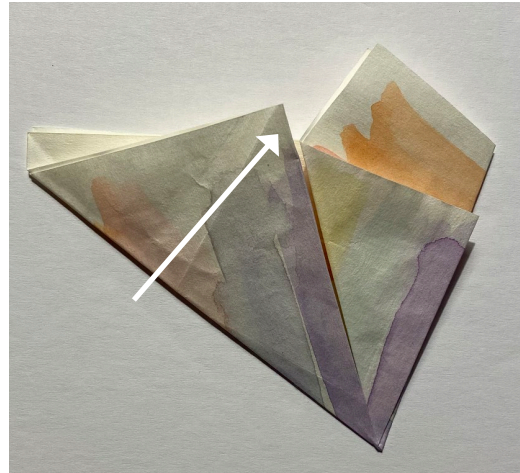
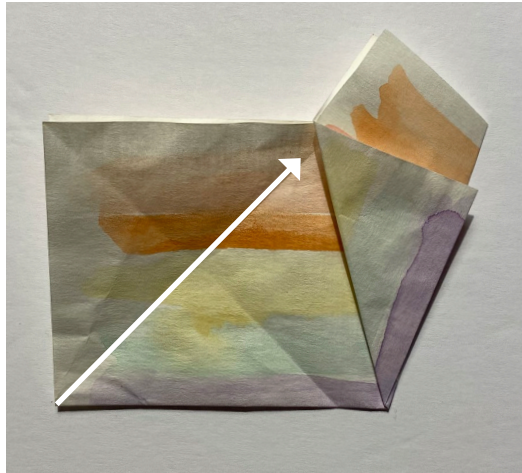
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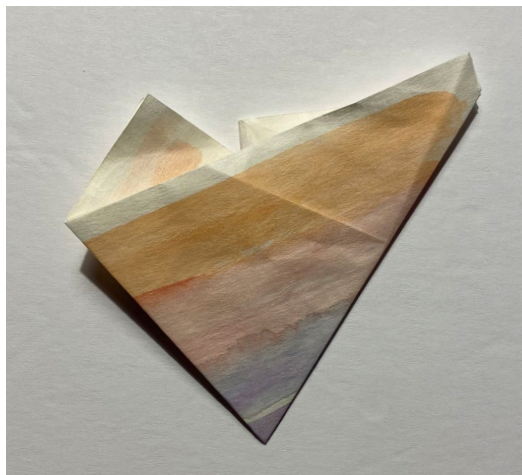
Step 5

Fold bottom left corner up to meet the right side panel.



Step 6

Flip over.



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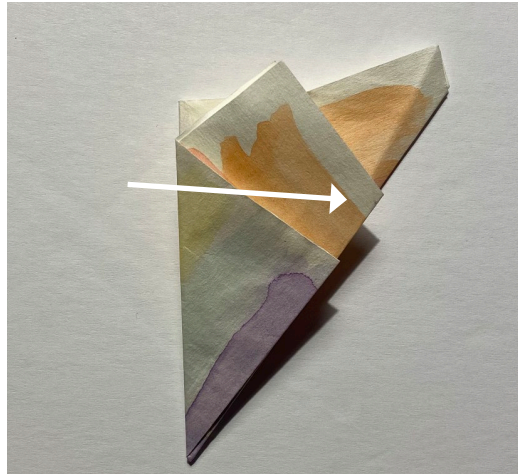
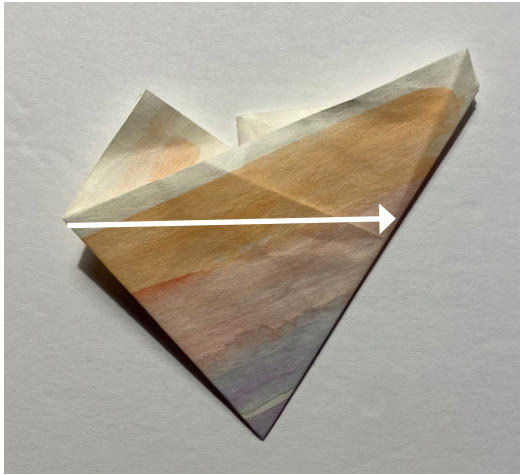
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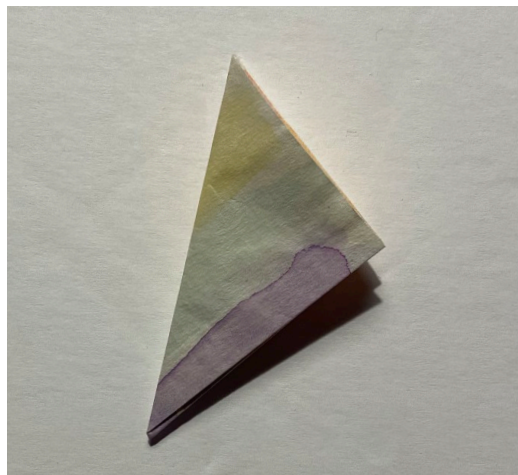
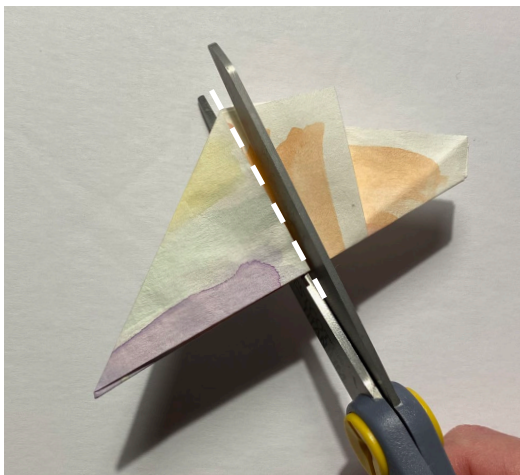
Step 7

Fold left corner over to right edge.



Step 8

Cut straight across at the top of the first flap.



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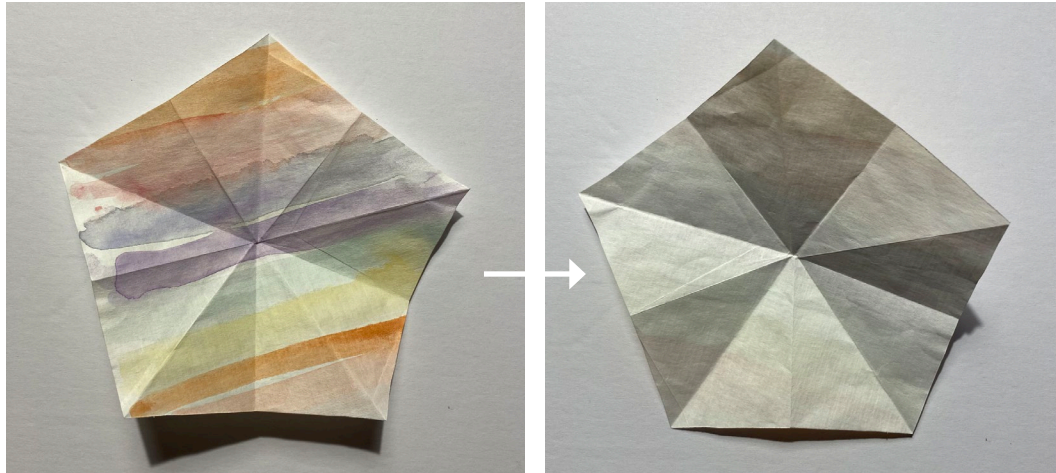
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Step 9

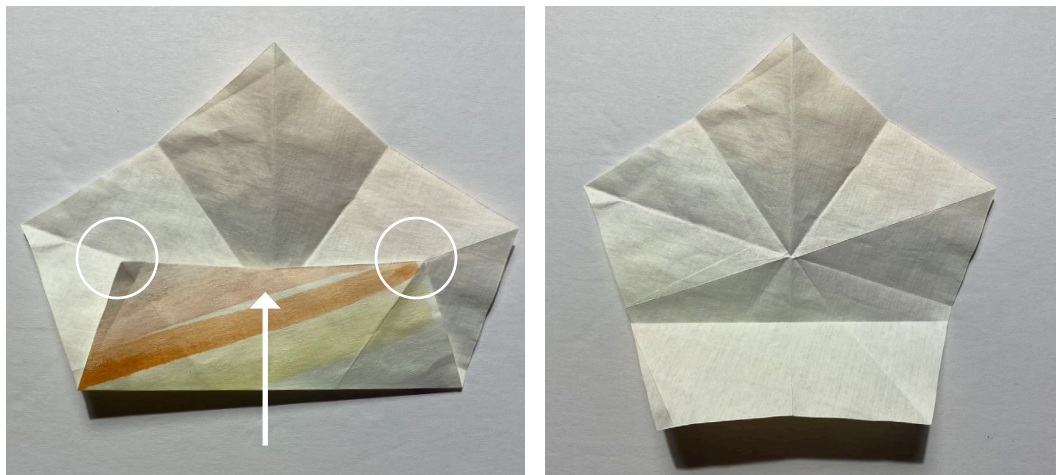
Open up the paper and place the colored side of the paper down.



Step 10

Fold the bottom edge up to meet the left and right diagonal fold lines. Reopen.

Tip: Be very precise about these folds!



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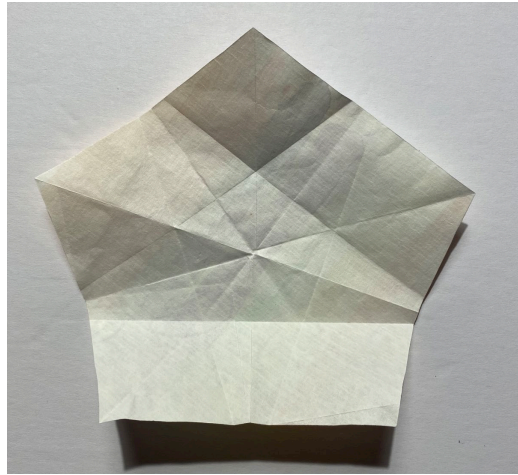
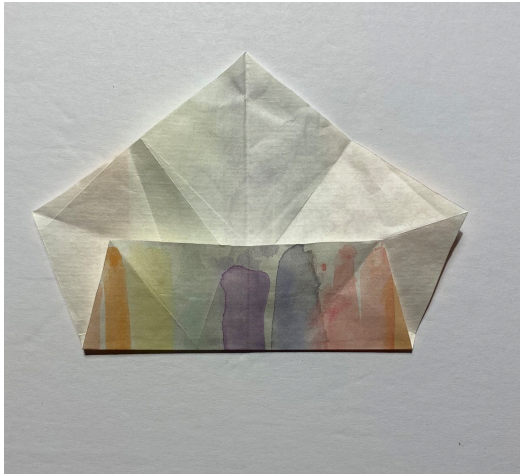
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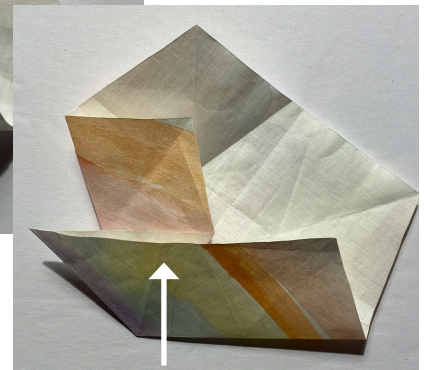
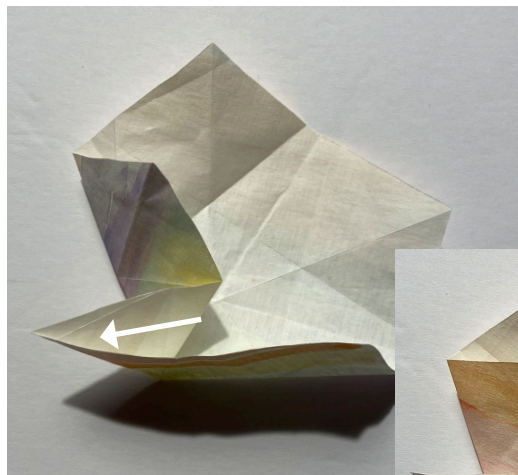
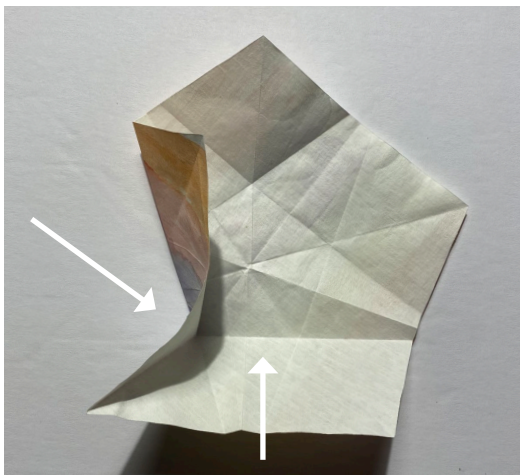
Step 11

Repeat Step 10 on all five sides.



Step 12

Fold left and bottom panels in toward the center creating a small triangle fold on the left side. Pinch and press flat.



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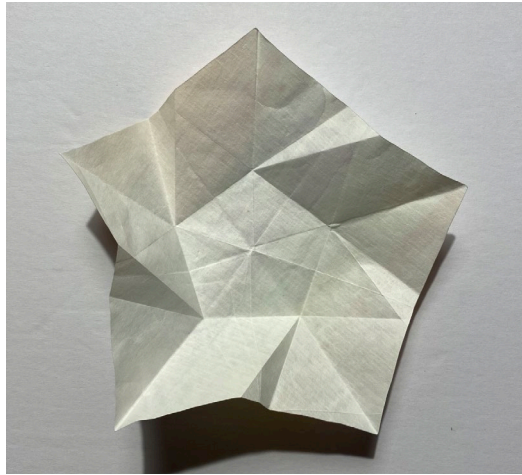
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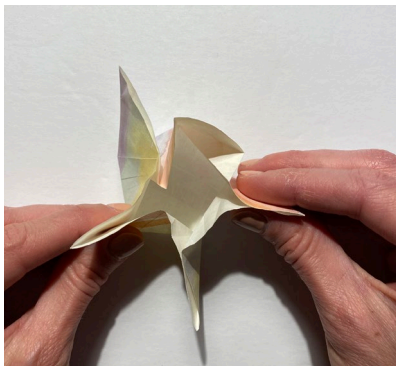
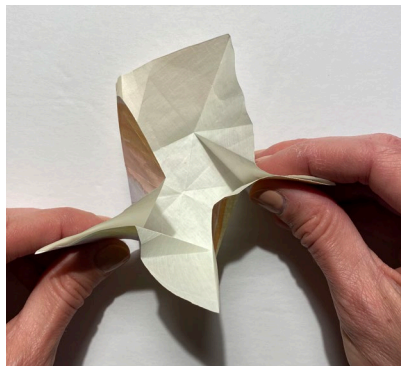
Step 13

Repeat Step 12 on all sides then open the paper.



Step 14

Pinch the 5 large corners until it star begins to form. Fold and press corners down toward the table.



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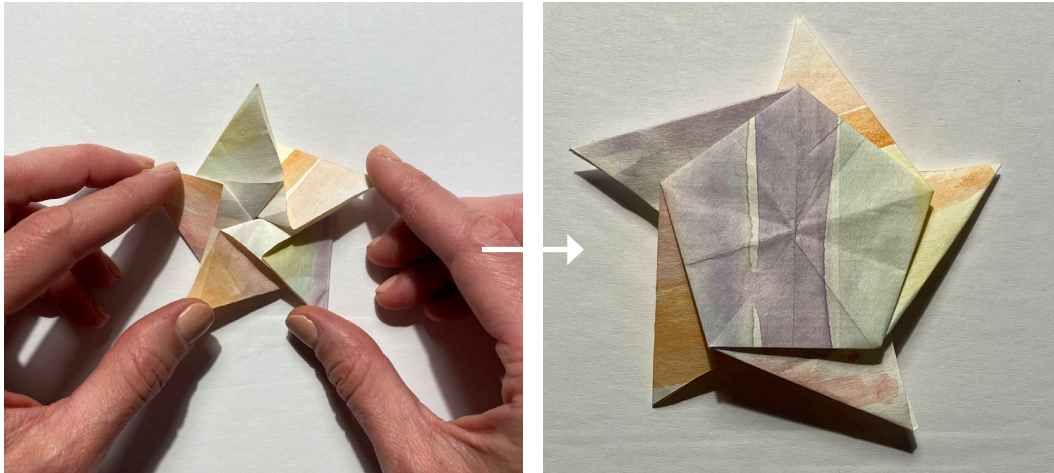
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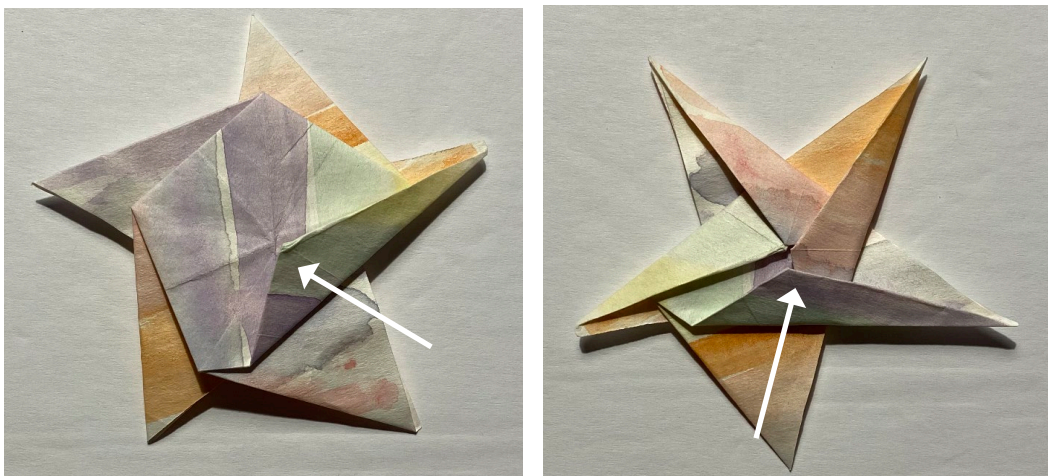
Step 15

Flatten shape then flip upside down.



Step 16

Fold pentagon corners in toward the center. Repeat on sides.



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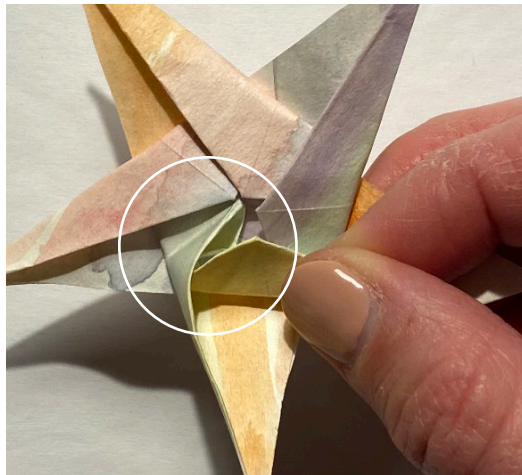
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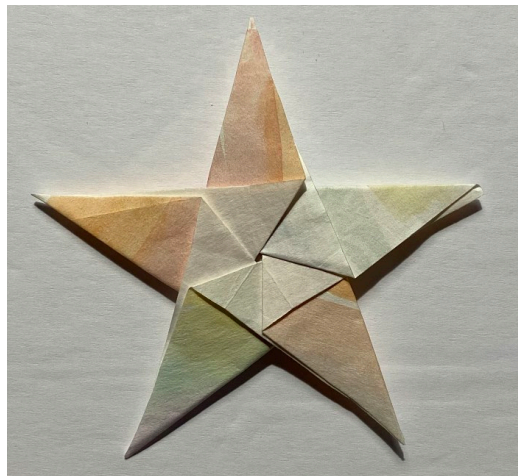
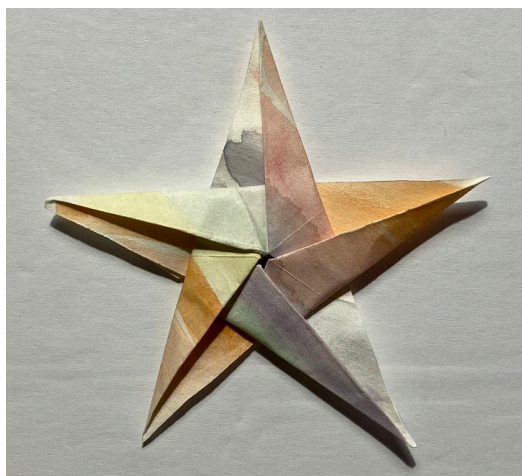
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Tuck the last corner under the first fold you made in Step 16.



Step 18

Press flat and celebrate! You did it!



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