

HOW TO MAKE A SNOWFLAKE

They're simple and fun to do. Age doesn't matter. The young at heart are encouraged to try this as well. They make great office or cubicle decorations. They'll fit into any newsroom budget. And nothing says love like a homemade craft, or so we're told.

What You Need:

- * Paper – It can be white or more colorful. It can even have a print or pattern. But for best results, we recommend it is square.
- * Scissors – The best scissors to use are ones with long handles and short blades that meet exactly at the point. Don't use dull scissors unless you want an edgier looking snowflake.

Some Tips for Success:

- * Always have a trashcan close by for the pieces of paper that don't make the "cut"
- * Smooth over each fold with the back of a fingernail for best results
- * Remember that the most symmetrical patterns are made by the most precise folding
- * Don't worry about mistakes, because every snowflake is different

What to Do:

- * Get a square piece of paper or trim a piece of paper so that it is square
- * Fold your square in half diagonally to make a triangle
- * Fold your triangle in half diagonally again
- * Fold the paper in thirds – one side to the front, the other to the back
- * Trim the extra piece of paper off the end of the small triangle
- * Cut some fun designs – circles, squares, triangles, squiggles – around the outside of the triangle
- * Unfold the paper and look at your masterpiece
- * Repeat as often as possible before deadline