Snowflakes: teacher guide

Snowflake cut-out and fold-and-cut paper snowflake

One page
for the adult

Materials

- White or pale blue paper or card
- Scissors
- Thread or tape for a window
- Thin paper: printer, origami or baking paper
- A paper clip to hold the folds

Time

- Snowflake cut-out: 10–25 minutes (longer for fine detail)
- Fold-and-cut paper snowflake: 15–30 minutes (longer for fine detail)

What it practises

- Cutting curves and inside corners
- Folding accurately (fold-and-cut snowflake)
- Talking about symmetry: every arm matches

Three levels

- Easy: chunky snowflakes with no folding, or one big wedge with two cuts (adults fold).
- Standard: two branches per arm; five cuts per wedge.
- Fine detail: lacy snowflakes and eleven-cut wedges for older children and adults.

Before you start

Use thin printer or origami paper for fold-and-cut: card is too thick for 8 layers. Pre-fold squares for younger children.

Ideas to extend it

Compare snowflakes: how many arms, which are the same? Hang them at different heights for a "snowstorm" window.

Safety

Clip the folded paper so it does not slip. Keep fingers away from the blade side.