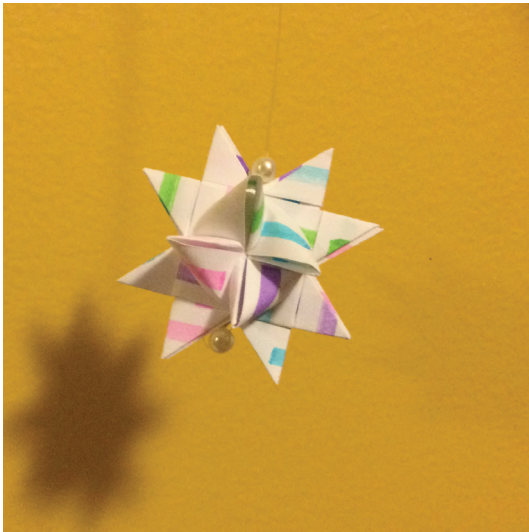


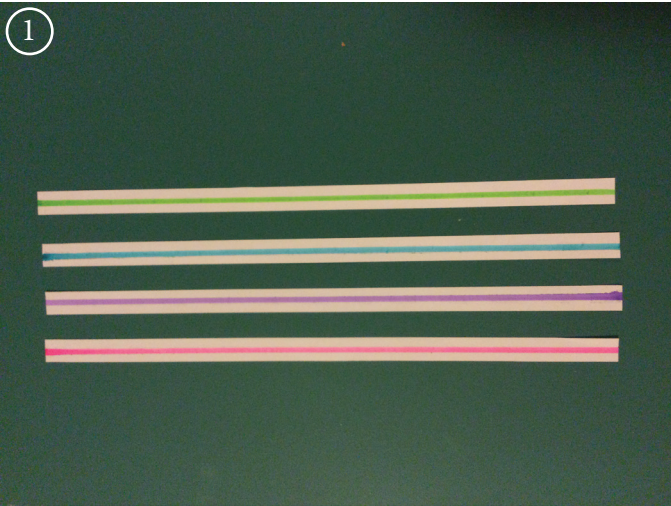
Folding Cloth -- A Weaver's Take on Origami

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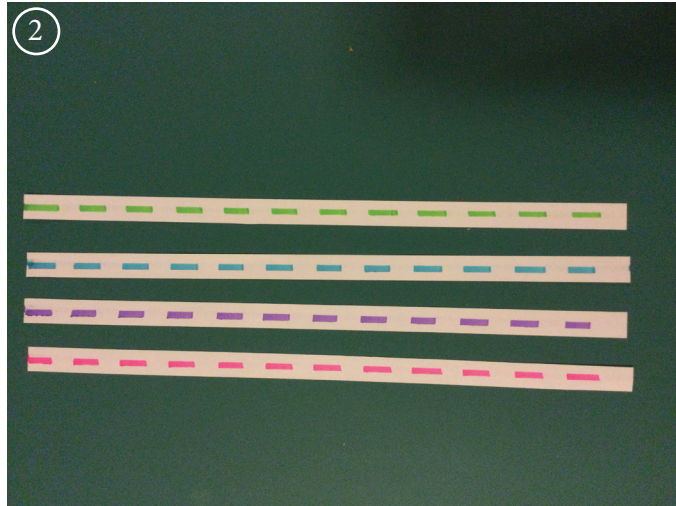


Moravian Star

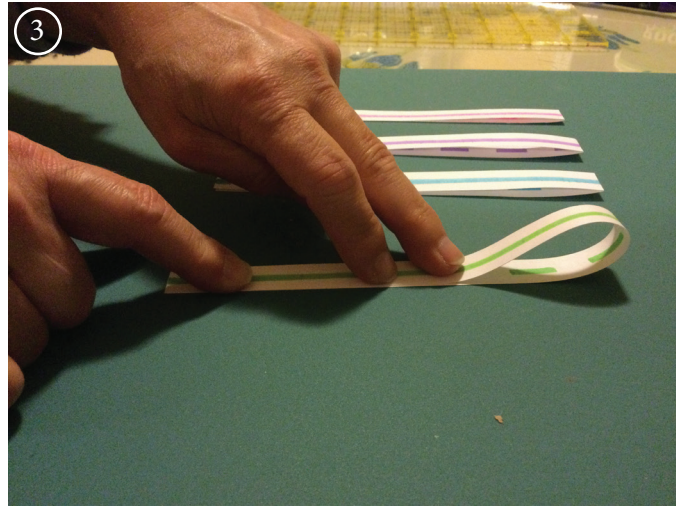




1 Cut 4 strips of paper, each 3/4" wide by 24" long.



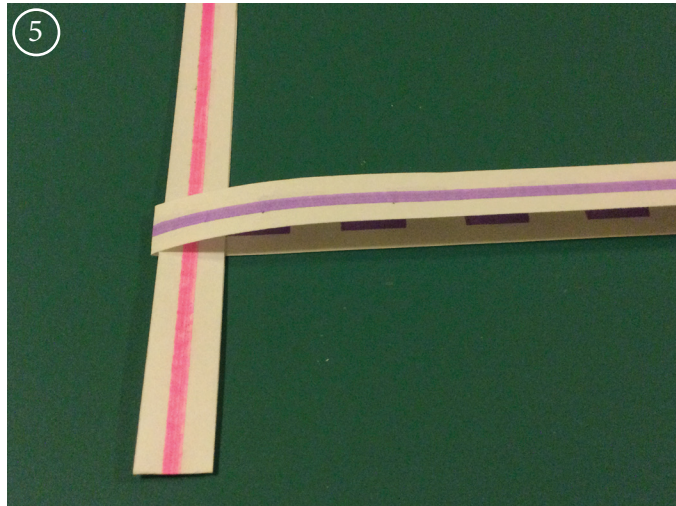
2 Mark the strips with solid lines on one side and dotted lines on the other, in four different colors, to make it easier to follow the steps.



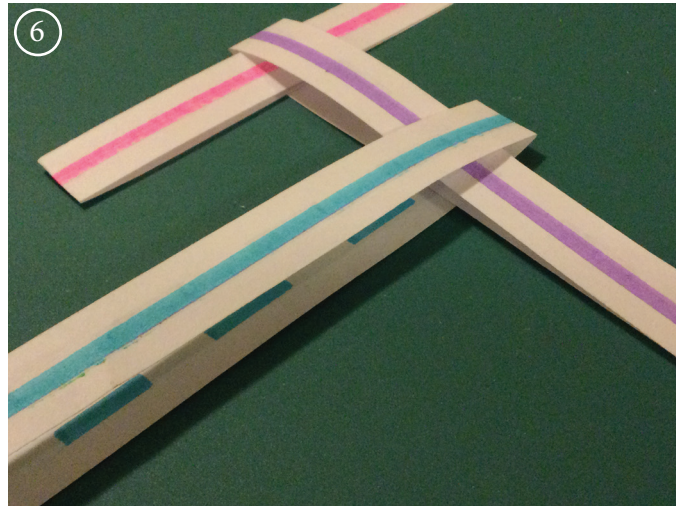
3 Fold each strip in half (with the solid line on the outside).



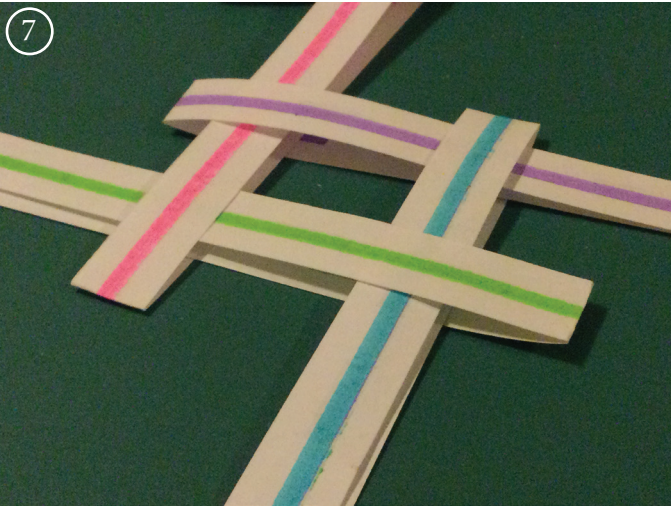
4 Taper the open ends.



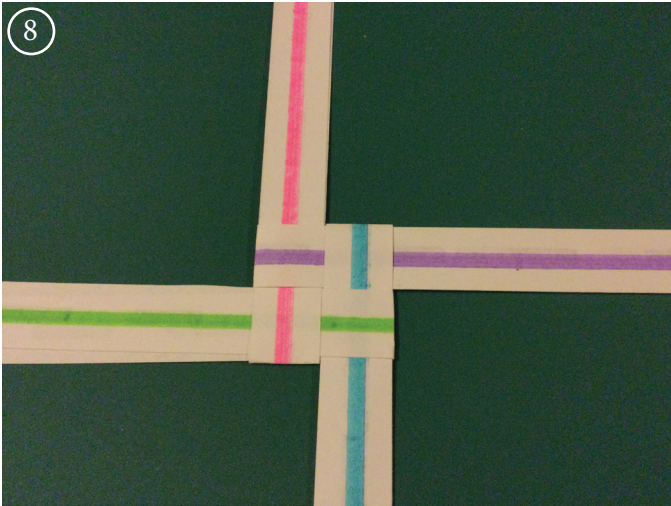
5 Position the pink strip so that it is pointed north. The purple strip points to the east, and it encases the red strip.



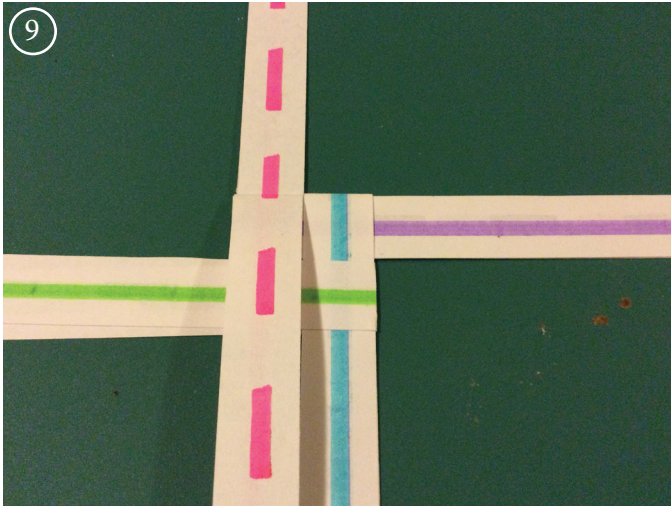
6 The blue strip points to the south and encases the purple strip.



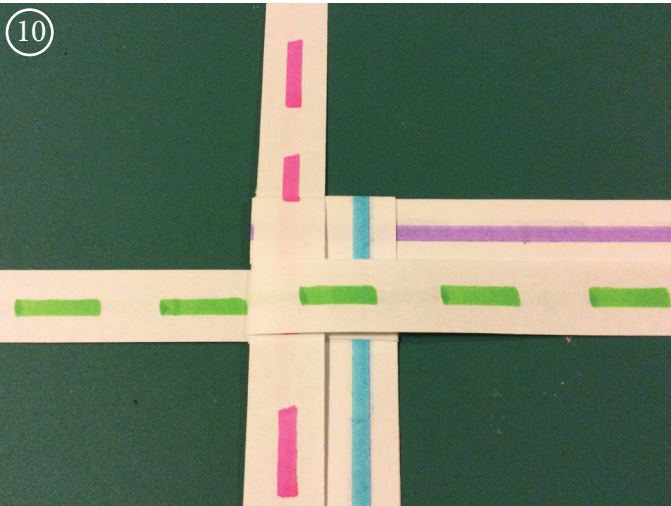
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The green strip points to the west. It encases the blue strip and goes inside the pink strip.



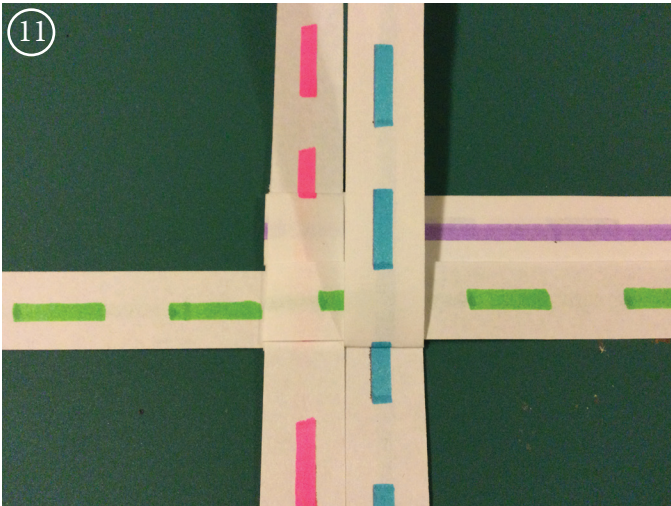
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Slide the folded ends of the strips together so that they form a square. It should look like this.



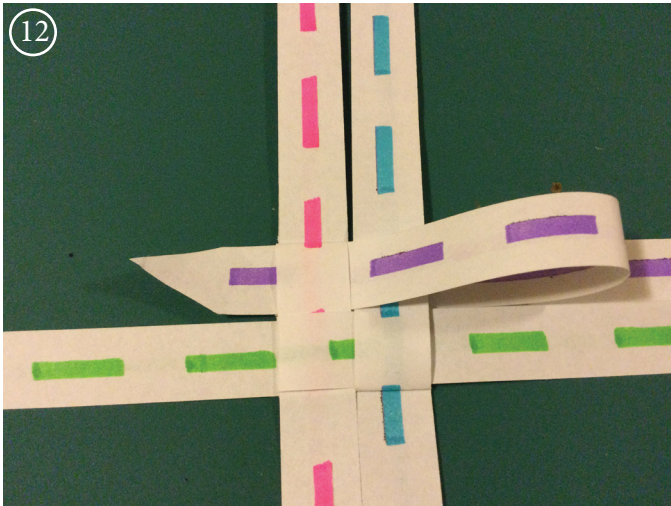
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Make a second square on top of the first following steps 9-12. Fold the top pink strip (down) to the south.



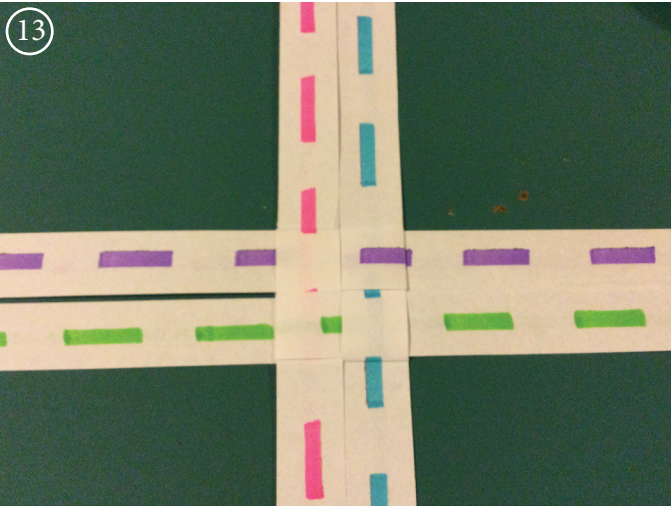
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Fold the top green strip to the east.



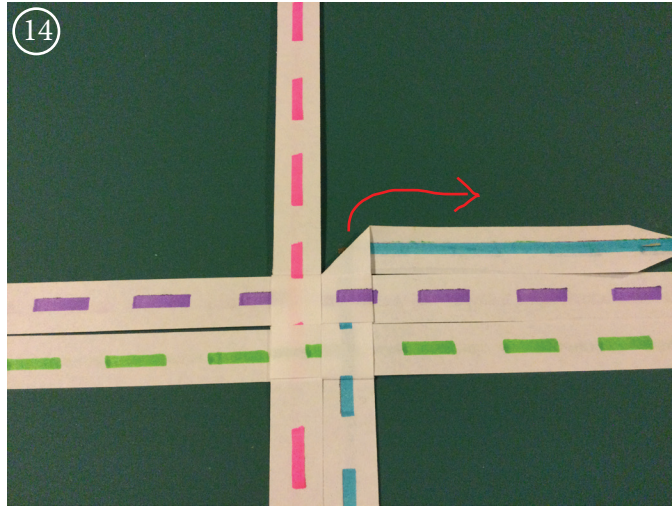
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Fold the top blue strip to the north.



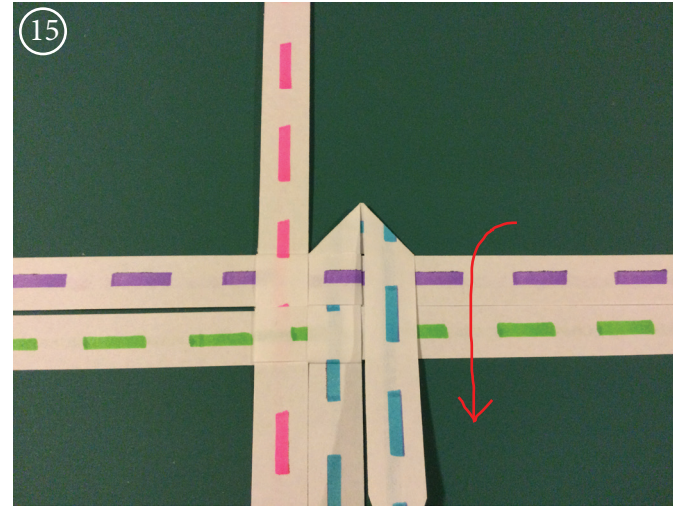
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Fold the top purple strip to the west -- over the blue strip and under the top pink.



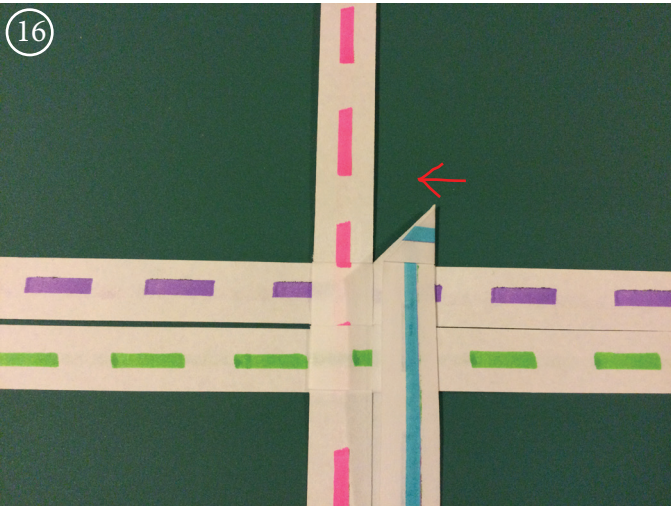
The piece should now look like this.



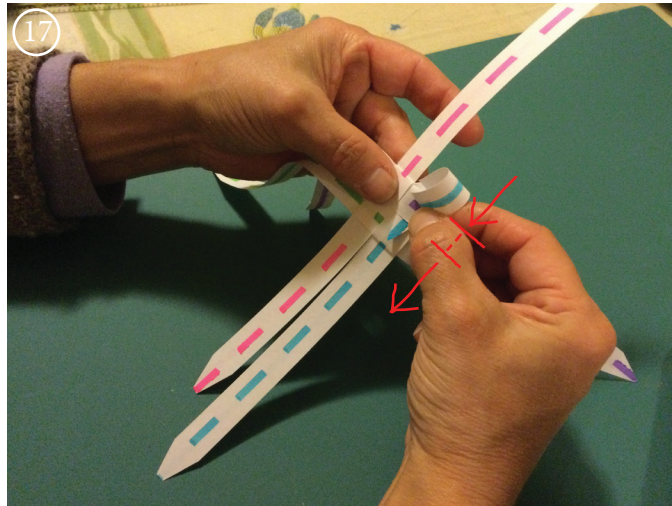
Steps 14-19 show how to make the points along the flat edge of the star.
Fold the blue strip under (to the east) to form a triangle.



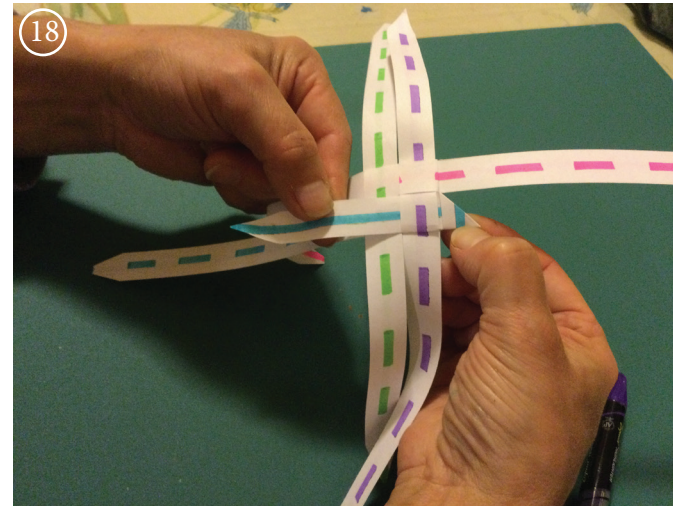
Fold the blue strip down (to the south) to form a second triangle.



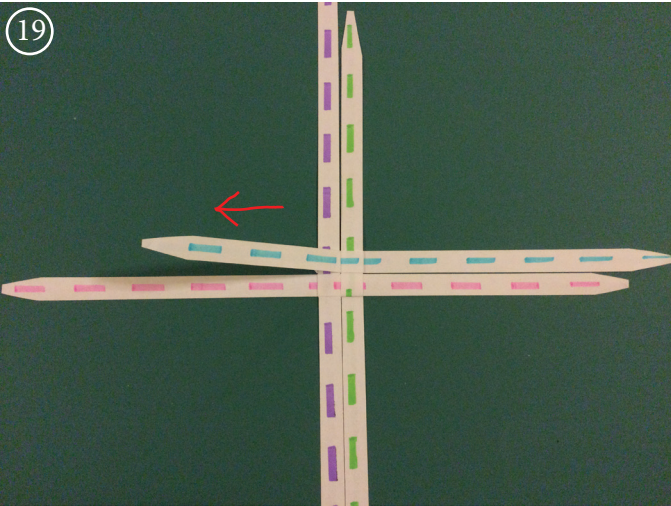
Fold the right triangle on top of the left triangle.



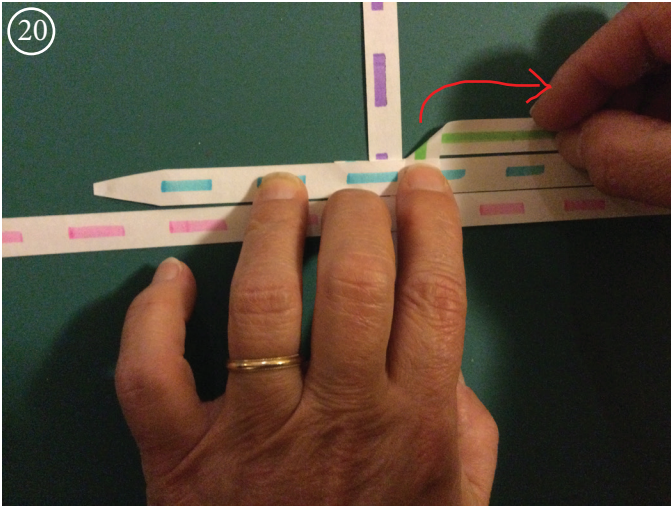
Insert the tapered end of the strip under the edge at the base of the triangle. Continue to slide the strip -- it will emerge on the other side of the purple strip.



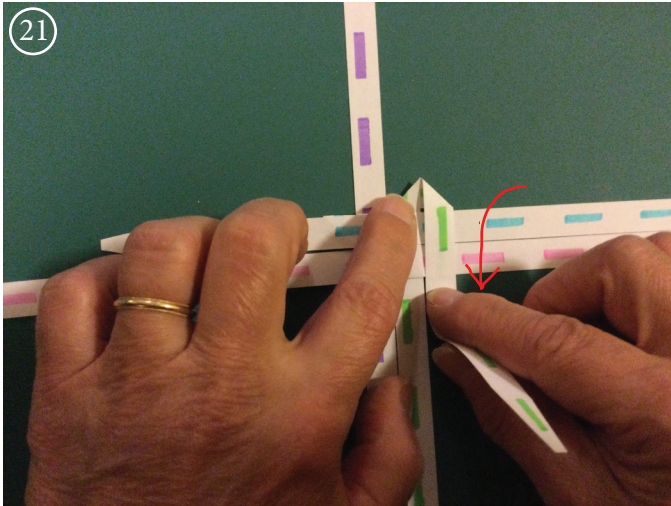
After pulling the strip through, it should look like this.



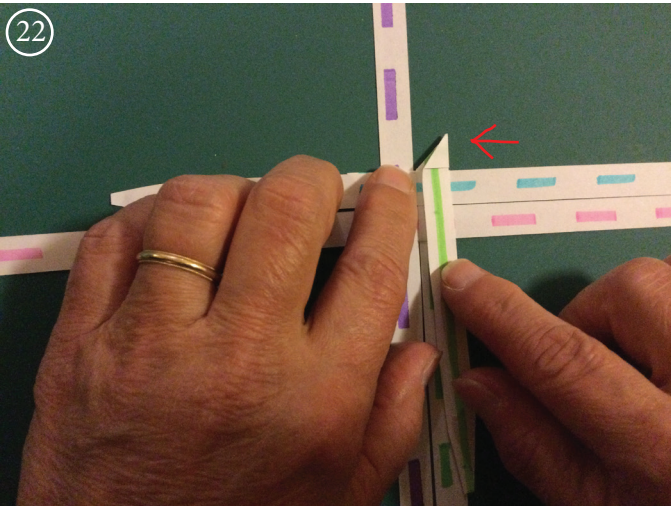
Fold the blue strip back over the point that was just made, and turn the piece counterclockwise.



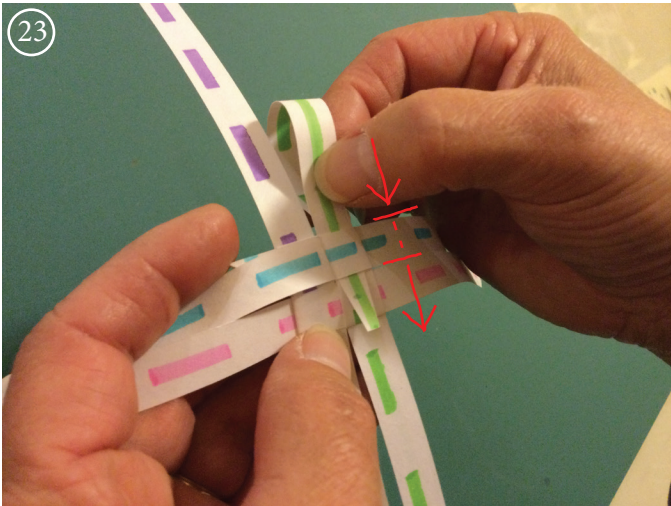
Repeat steps 14-19 with the strip that is now the right strip in the north.
This image shows step 14 worked with the green strip.



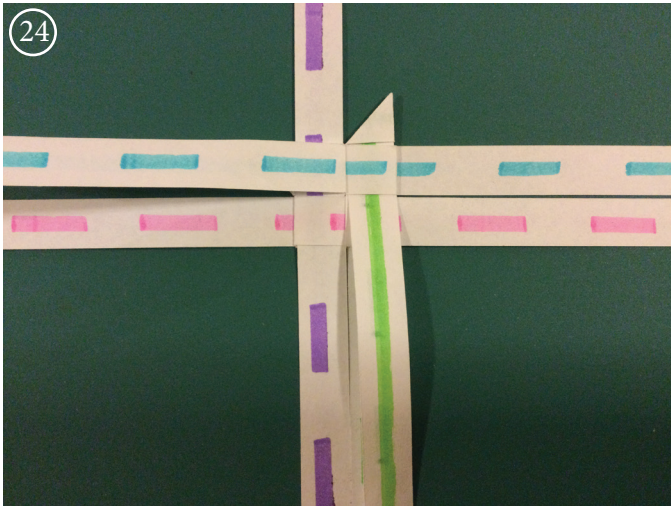
This image shows step 15 worked with the green strip.



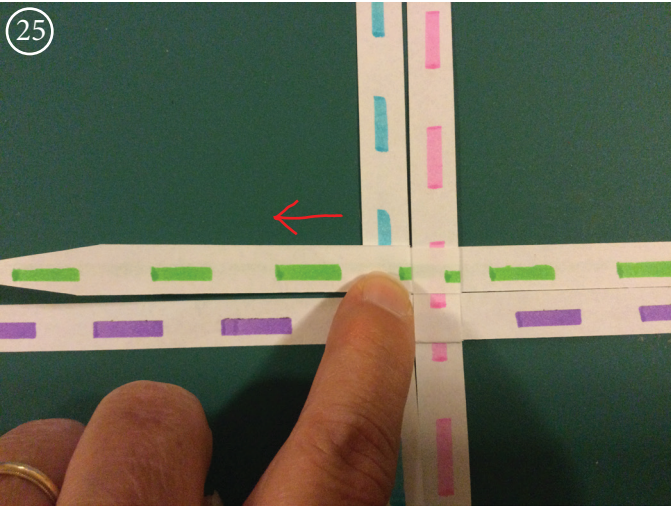
This image shows step 16 worked with the green strip.



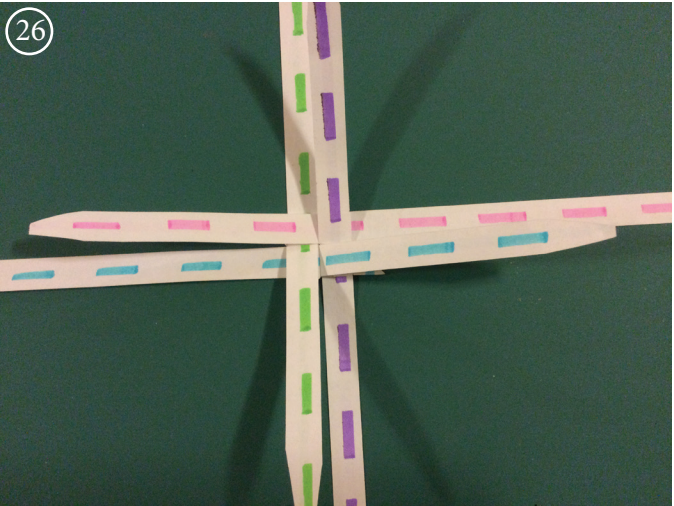
This image shows step 17 worked with the green strip.



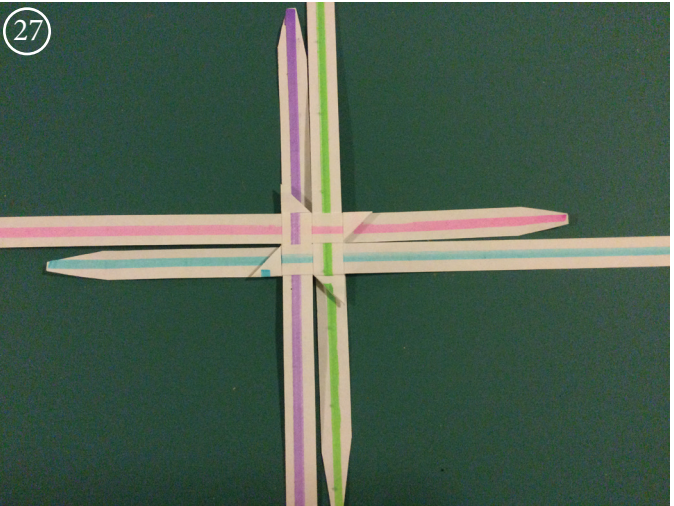
This image shows step 18 worked with the green strip.



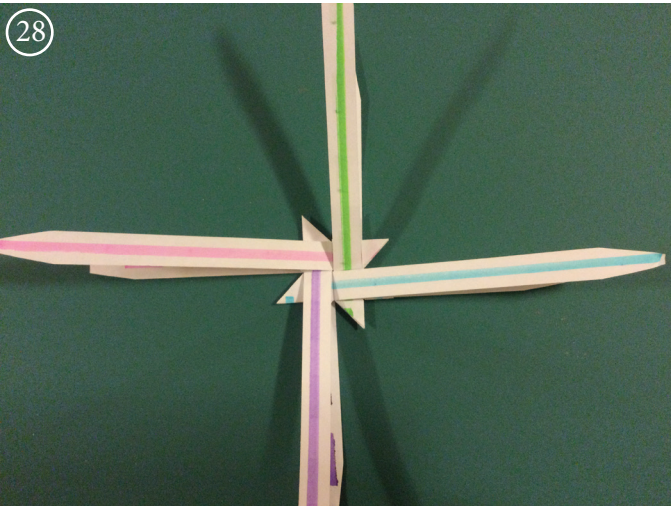
This image shows step 19 worked with the green strip. (The green strip has been folded back over the point that was just made, and the piece has been turned counterclockwise.)



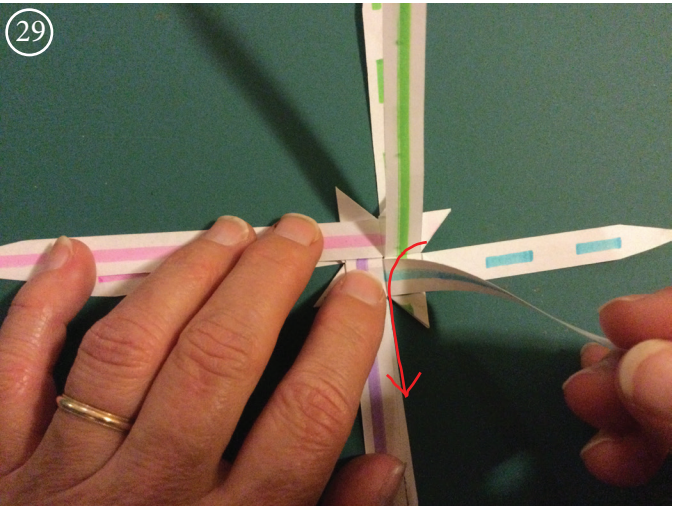
Repeat steps 14-19 for the remaining two strips (that is, the ones on the right in the north each time the piece is rotated). The piece should look like this when you are done.



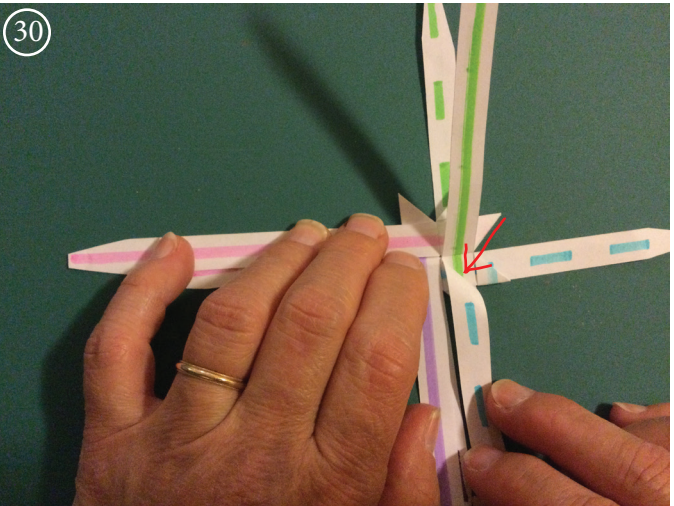
Turn the piece over.



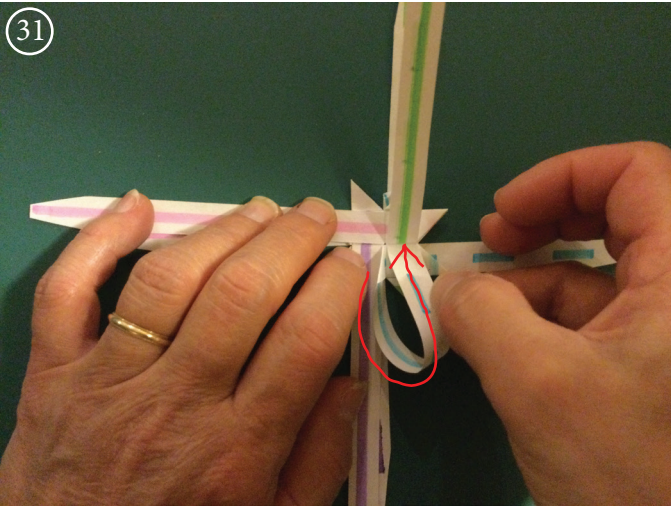
Repeat steps 14-19 with the four strips on this side. (You are working the top strip in the north as you rotate the piece.)



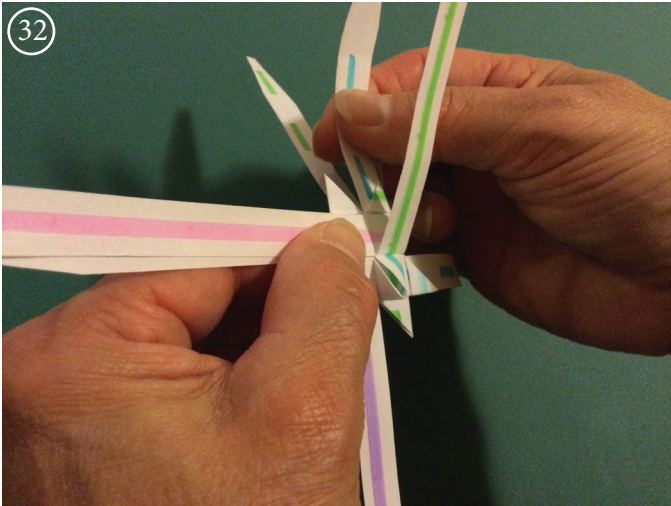
Make the points that give the star its 3D appearance. With your piece positioned as in the image in step 28, fold the blue strip to the south, forming a 45-degree angle.



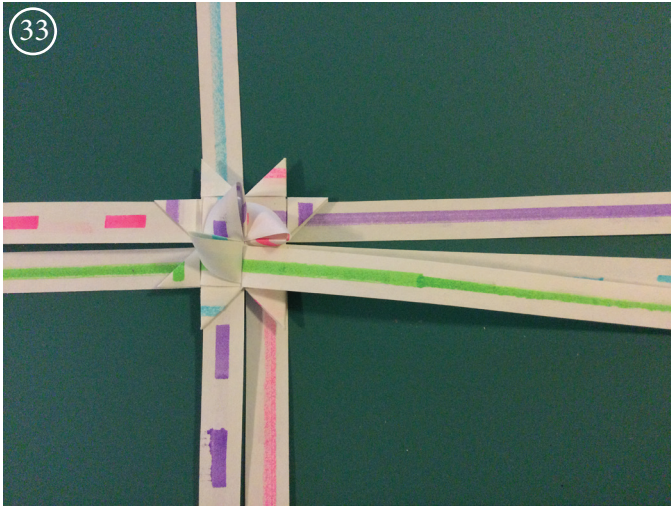
Finger press the fold.



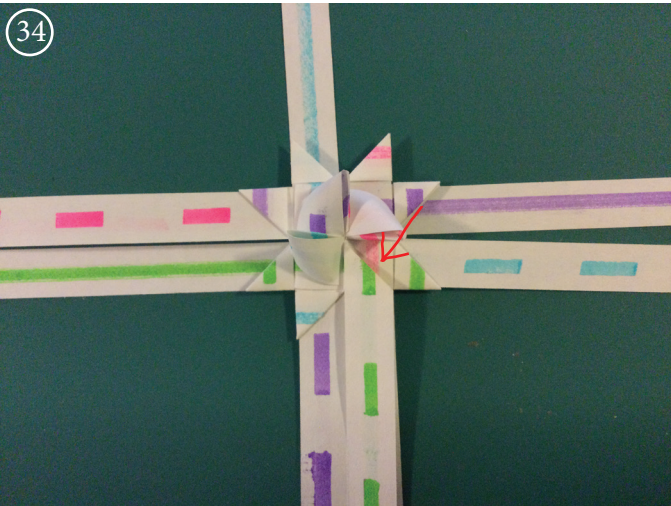
Curve the strip around 180 degrees, and insert it under the crevice in the north. **The side that is facing up at the end of step 30 is also the side that is facing up as the strip enters the crevice.**



Continue to slide the strip under. It will emerge from the green triangle.



Turn the work counterclockwise and repeat steps 29-32 with the remaining three strips. This image shows the last / green strip about to be worked.



This image shows steps 29 and 30 worked with the green strip.

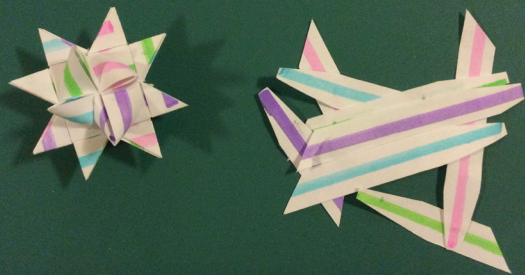


This image shows step 31 worked with the green strip.



This image shows the green strip completed. This side is now done. Turn the piece over and repeat steps 29-32 with the four strips on the reverse side.

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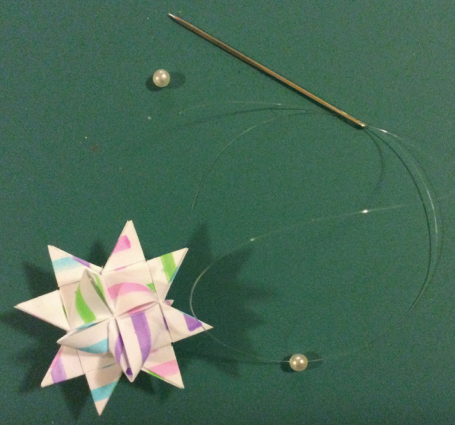


Trim off the excess length on each strip. The star is done.



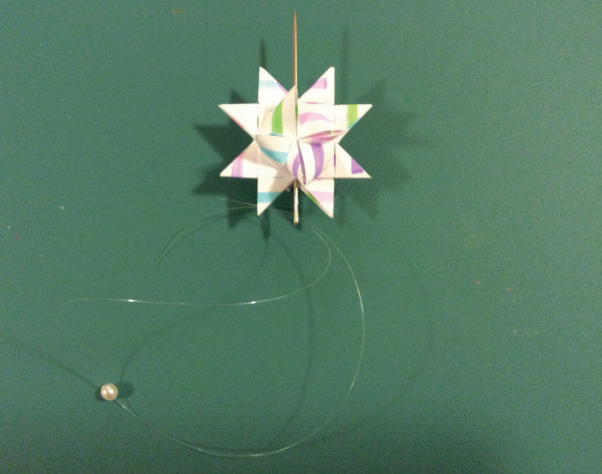
Optional Finishing

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Thread a 15" piece of fishing line or thread through a bead. Thread both ends through a needle.

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Draw the needle up lengthwise through the center of the star.

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Thread the tails through a matching bead. Knot the ends of the fishing line or thread together to form a loop by which to hang the star.