



DID YOU KNOW?
The largest snowflake on record was found in Montana in 1887. It measured 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick.

Paint giant paper snowflakes

What you need

- Table covering
- Acrylic craft paint (fluid, in a bottle, not in a tube)
- Paper cup
- Large paintbrush
- Large sheets of newspaper
- Scissors

Instructions

1. Cover a work surface with an old tablecloth or extra sheets of newspaper.
2. Water down your paint: Squeeze ½ inch or so of paint into the cup, add an equal amount of water, and mix it together with your brush.
3. Lay down a sheet of newspaper and paint it. (Don't worry if the edges curl up. You will trim that part off later.) Repeat, painting as many sheets as you'd like. Let dry.
4. To make a snowflake: Lay one sheet down the wide way. Trim the sheet of newspaper into a square by folding the top right corner down to the bottom edge and trimming off the excess strip on the left of the paper.
5. With the top right corner of the sheet still folded down, fold the top left corner down to meet the bottom right corner. Then fold down the left side inward, one third of the way, but do not crease yet. Next, fold down the right side without creasing. Adjust both sides until you have folded it evenly in thirds and then crease. Cut off the resulting bottom points.
6. Cut a design into the paper by cutting out squares, triangles, or other shapes on your folded-up paper. Just make sure to always leave some parts of the folded sides intact so your snowflake doesn't fall apart.
7. Unfold to reveal your one-of-a-kind snowflake!



ECO TIP OF THE WEEK SHARE EXPERIENCE GIFTS THIS SEASON

At this time of year, you may be sharing gift ideas with family and friends. One to consider giving or asking for: experience gifts. An experience gift is something the recipient can do, rather than a material item. It could include things like a restaurant gift card, movie or theater tickets, or a season pass to a local attraction like a museum or zoo. These types of gifts are often better for the environment than material items because they don't involve the production and transportation of more stuff, which uses up natural resources and can cause pollution. Experience gifts are also fun—and the perfect way to make holiday memories with the people you love.



The best gift is time together.