

# 5-Pointed Star in One Snip

## ★ How to Cut a 5-Pointed Star in One Snip ★



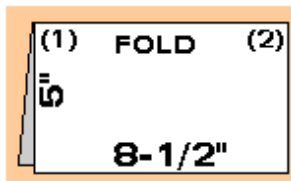
**George Washington's** original pencil sketch for the flag indicated 6-pointed stars, a form he apparently preferred.

**Betsy Ross**, however, recommended a 5-pointed star. When the committee protested that it was too difficult to make, she took a piece of paper, folded it deftly, and with a single snip of her scissors, produced a symmetrical five-pointed star. This seeming feat of magic so impressed her audience that they readily agreed to her suggestion.

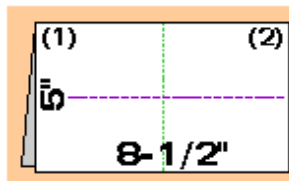
**To you** we pass along the secret...

Take a thin piece of paper 8-1/2" x 10" (or an exact proportion thereof), fold it as indicated and cut yourself a perfect 5-pointed star.

Thanks to the Betsy Ross House for providing these instructions.

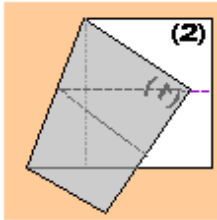


**Step 1.** Fold an 8-1/2" x 10" piece of paper in half.

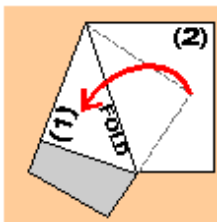


**Step 2.** Fold and unfold in half both ways to form creased center lines. (Note: be sure paper is still folded in half.)

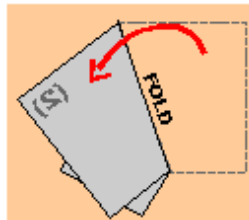
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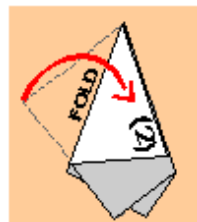
sure to fold from the vertical crease line.



**Step 4.** Bring corner (1) left till edges coincide, then make the fold.



**Step 5.** Bring corner (2) left and fold.



**Step 6.** Bring corner (2) right until edges coincide. Then fold.



**Step 7.** Cut on the angle as shown in the picture. Then unfold the small piece.



**Step 8.** Marvel at your perfect (we hope!) 5-pointed star! If your star is not perfect, take a fresh piece of paper (8-1/2" x 10" -- not 8-1/2" x 11") and [return to Step 1](#).