

# Create a String of Stars

“Ye must shine as stars radiating the light of love toward all mankind.” —Abdu’l-Bahá

**D**id you know that stars in the sky can appear to be almost any color of the rainbow? The star’s temperature gives it its color. Hotter stars appear blue, and cooler stars are red.

Like stars, our humanity shines in many ways. From our diverse skin tones, to how we dress, to our varied strengths, each of us is part of the vibrant spectrum of people. And just as water, air, and dust in the atmosphere

can influence how a star’s color appears on Earth, our cultural background can affect how we look, our interests, and how we express ourselves. By showing respect and appreciation for people who are different from us, we can illuminate the whole earth.

Create a string of stars to celebrate diversity in your community. Use it to decorate your celebrations and events.

## You’ll Need

- five 3 ½" (8.9 cm) square sheets colorful paper
- five 3 ½" (8.9 cm) square sheets of thin cardboard from empty food boxes
- tacky glue
- 3 ¼" (8.3 cm) round cup for tracing
- pencil
- scissors
- ruler
- colorful yarn or string



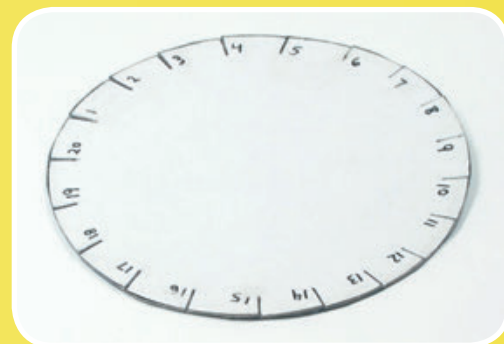
- 1 Glue one paper to a piece of cardboard. Place cup on board. Trace cup with pencil and cut circle out.



- 2 Draw 20 lines, each ¼" (.6 cm) long, spaced evenly, approximately ½" (1.3 cm) apart along circle’s edge. Cut along lines.



- 3 On back, number each cut, 1–20.

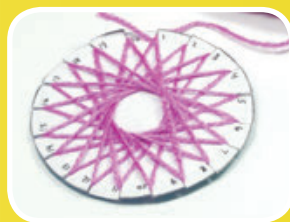




- 4 Put string in Cut 1, so its end is at back of circle.



- 5 To make star shape, pull string down front of circle and into Cut 10. Then pull it up along back and through Cut 2. Pull it down front through Cut 11 and up the back through Cut 3. Continue around circle twice.



- 6 Trim and secure yarn ends with glue.



- 7 Optional: Repeat steps 4-6, but start with string's end on the front side of Cut 1, and go along back side into Cut 10, then along front into Cut 2, etc.



- 8 Create four diverse stars by using one or two string layers, different paper and string colors, and by starting at the front or back of circle. Try a circle with 10 evenly spaced cuts about 1" (2.5 cm) apart, putting string into Cut 1 and Cut 5 first.



- 9 Knot a 6" (15.2 cm) piece of string to top of each star. Knot each string's end to 5 ft. (1.5 m) string, spacing stars evenly. Trim knotted ends and hang up your string of stars!

