

Cool Changes: Make a Snow Mobile

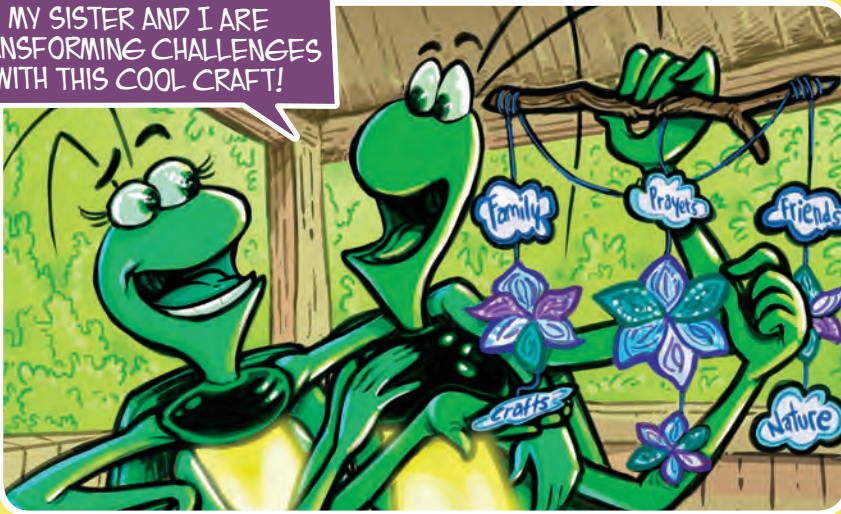
“Through their individual transformation and through their combined efforts they will transform the conditions of the world . . .” –Bahá’í Writings

Snowflakes are a *cool* example of transformation! They form in clouds, which are made of water. When a cloud gets cold enough, water can freeze around a bit of dust and become an ice crystal. As a crystal falls to the ground, it may bump into other ice crystals or encounter shifts in temperature, moisture, and wind. These changes can transform it into a glistening, starlike snowflake.

Isn't that awesome? Snowflakes inspire me to be more flexible. When my plans get canceled or stress piles up, I try to relax and go with the flow. Building snow sculptures and spending time with my family and friends for fun and for prayers helps me chill out.

When you have a challenge, what transforms your perspective? Create this craft with your family and explore crystal-clear ways to brighten cloudy days.

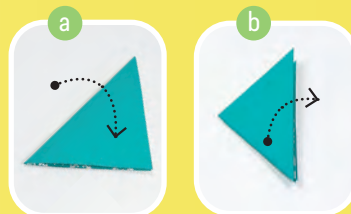
MY SISTER AND I ARE TRANSFORMING CHALLENGES WITH THIS COOL CRAFT!



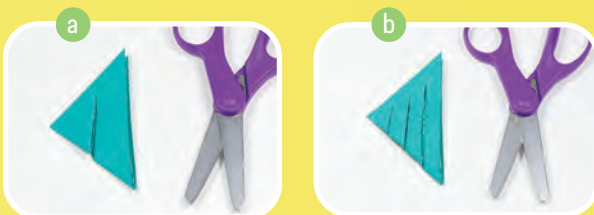
You'll Need

- white and colorful card stock
- white and colorful paper in 3" (7.6 cm) squares
- scissors
- pencil
- tacky glue
- ruler
- clear tape
- markers
- a stick
- string or thin ribbon

- 1 (a) Fold paper square in half so corners meet. (b) Fold in half again so short edges of triangle meet.



- 2 (a) Cut slit from center of triangle's short edge, stopping 1/4" (.6 cm) before opposite edge. (b) Repeat cut on left and right of slit, so three slits are evenly spaced.



- 3 Open paper. Put pencil tip in center of paper. Roll corners of central flaps around tip to form tube shape. Secure with glue. Remove pencil.



- 4 Flip paper over. Roll corners of second pair of flaps into a tube shape and secure with glue. Use pencil for support, if needed.



- 5 (a) Repeat Step 4 for corners of third pair of flaps. (b) Flip paper over and glue corners of outer flaps together.



- 6 Repeat Steps 1-5 to make five more snowflake branches. Glue two branches together at sides and one end. Keep adding branches. Let each one dry before adding another.



- 7 Follow Steps 1-6 to make more snowflakes. Optional: Make some with 2" (5.1 cm) or 4" (10.2 cm) squares.



- 8 Cut cloud shapes from cardstock. Glue together cloud shapes of different sizes and colors if you wish. With markers, write on each cloud a word that helps you transform your outlook about a challenge (examples: family, friends, nature, or prayers).



- 9 Tape end of a piece of string to top of each snowflake and cloud. Strings should vary in length.



- 10 Knot top of some strings to stick. Tape any remainders to shapes you've hung. Pieces shouldn't touch when suspended. Trim string ends. Cut a string (for hanging) that's twice the length of stick and knot at stick's ends.

