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## Star weaving

### You will need:

Cardboard

Scissors

Pencil

Ruler

Wool

These instructions came from [www.babyccinokids.com/blog/2016/10/28/star-weaving/](http://www.babyccinokids.com/blog/2016/10/28/star-weaving/)

### Step 1:

Trace a circle on a piece of cardboard and cut out with scissors. Be careful and ask for help if you need.



### Step 2:

Mark out 8 markings around the circle edge. Easy way to do this is to draw a line with the ruler down the middle of the disc, divide into quarters and then half each quarter.

### Step 3:

Cut 1cm deep slots into the 8 markings.

### Step 4:

Cut a long length of wool and tie a knot in one end.

### Step 5:

Slot the wool into the one of the cuts on the disc with the knot facing the back.

### Step 6:

Weave the wool around and create your star!

### Step 7:

To change colours, tie your current wool off on the back of your star. Now you can choose another colour and repeat step 3.



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## Suncatchers

### You will need:

A paper plate - Or cut a circle from cardboard

Contact paper - Or use clear packing tape

Tissue paper, leaves, flowers, sequins, beads, anything that will stick and look good in the light!

Scissors

Felt tip pens

Hole punch if you have one

String



**Step 1:**  
Cut a circle from the middle of your plate.



**Step 2:**  
Stick a square of contact paper onto the back of the plate. The sticky side of the contact paper should be face up when you set the plate down. Trim the edges if needed.



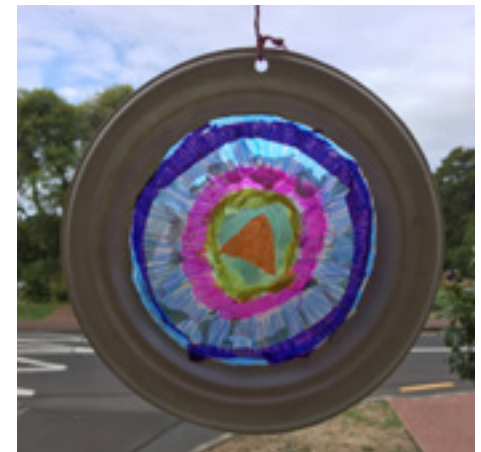
**Step 3:**  
Decorate the sticky side using bits of all the great things you have in your home. Fill so that majority of the sticky sections are covered.



**Step 4:**  
Flip it over and colour in the non-sticky side of the contact paper.



**Step 5:**  
Punch a hole in the top of the plate and tie a piece of string on it so it can hang.



**Step 6:**  
Hang your suncatcher in a sunny spot to see the colours in the light!

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## Woolly Sheep

### You will need:

Egg carton

Cardboard - cereal boxes work great.

Cotton wool

Head template

Glue

Scissors

Ruler

Black felt-tip or gel pen



Sheep face template



### Step 1:

Cut an egg cup from the carton and straighten the edge so it sits flat and is about 2 cm high.



### Step 2:

Draw two small black squares on opposite sides of the cup, right on the edge. Then draw two more, halfway between the first ones, so you end up with four evenly spaced legs around the cup.



### Step 3:

Snip up the sides of the marked legs and also snip the card halfway between each leg.



### Step 4:

Now push these flaps of card up into the cup (under the body), leaving the legs down.



### Step 5:

Cover the top of your sheep's body with glue. Tease out a small piece of cotton ball and start pressing it into the glue at the bottom and work to the top.



### Step 6:

While the glue is drying, draw and cut out a head for your sheep and colour. You may want to add a little tuft of cotton ball between the ears. Glue the head onto the body.

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## Paper bird kites

### You will need:

A4 paper

Scrap paper

Felt tip pens or coloured pencils

Scissors

Hole punch if you have one

String



**Step 1:**  
Fold your paper in half  
along the long edge.



**Step 2:**  
Fold the corners down to a  
third of the way along the  
fold edge.



**Step 3:**  
Staple both corners in  
place.



**Step 4:**  
Cut out a triangle for the  
beak and some feathers  
for the tail. Glue in place.



**Step 5:**  
Punch a hole half way  
along the folded edge by  
the staple. Draw on eyes  
and any patterns you  
would like on your kite!



**Step 6:**  
Cut a length of string and  
tie it through the hole.

Kite is complete and  
ready to go!



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## Clay nature decorations

### You will need:

1 cup baking soda

3/4 cup warm water

2/3 cup Cornflour

Leaves, tigs, flowers, herbs etc

rolling pin or branches

String

Cookie cutters

For more tips and tricks head to  
<https://www.theempowerededucatoronline.com/2017/12/clay-nature-ornaments.html/>

### Making the clay:

1. Measure and add the baking soda and cornflour to a non-stick saucepan.

2. Measure the warm water and stir through the dry ingredients.

3. Place saucepan on a medium heat and whisk gently until the mixture begins to bubble – doesn't take long!

4. Now use a wooden spoon to stir the mix quickly until you see it begin to come together like a soft cooked playdough. Don't wait until there is no stickiness left or you will end up with a very crumbly dough as the heat continues to cook it from inside.

5. Take off the heat and cool. Place a damp washer over the top of the dough so it doesn't dry out and begin to form a crust



### Step 1:

Roll out a small lump of clay.



### Step 2:

Press chosen nature pieces into the clay. You can mix them in with the clay or make a pressing.



### Step 5:

Use cookie cutters to make shapes if desired. Make a hole if you would like to hang them once they are hard.



### Step 6:

Place on an oven tray and bake in a very slow oven (100 degrees Celsius) for around 1 hour. Turn them over half way through so both sides dry out well. Leave to cool then hang!

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## Fabric butterflies

### You will need:

Scrap fabric

A peg

Glue

Googly Eyes or make your own with paper!

Scissors

Pipe cleaners or wire



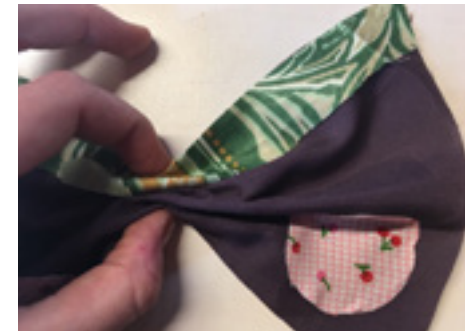
### Step 1:

Cut out a square piece of fabric roughly 20cm x 15cm.



### Step 2:

Add pieces of other fabric to make your own unique pattern. Glue or sew in place.



### Step 3:

Carefully scrunch up the fabric down the centre of the butterfly.



### Step 4:

Peg the fabric, making sure the peg handle is facing to the bottom of the butterfly.



### Step 5:

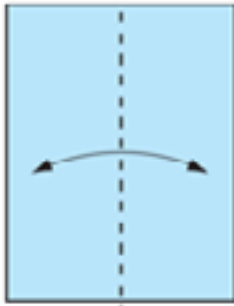
Add eyes, antennae and anything else you want on your butterfly to make it your own!

Your butterfly is now complete!

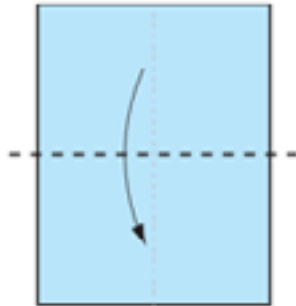
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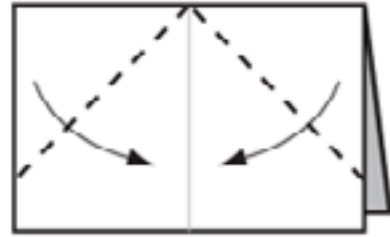
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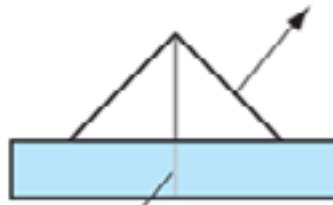
2. FOLD IN HALF AGAIN



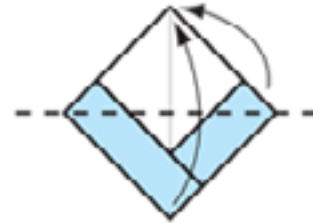
3. FOLD IN CORNERS



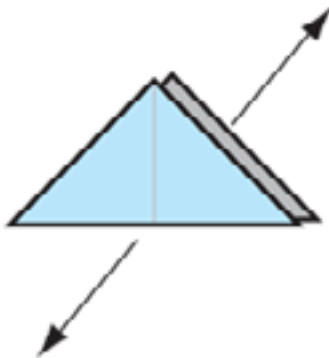
4. FOLD UP EDGES ON BOTH SIDES



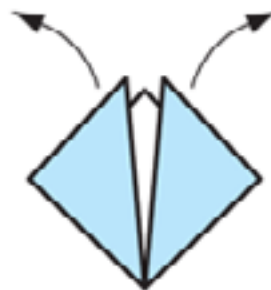
5. PULL THE SIDES OUT AND FLATTEN



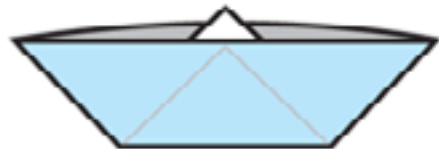
6. FOLD FRONT AND BACK LAYERS UP



7. PULL SIDES APART AND FLATTEN



8. PULL TOP FLAPS OUTWARDS



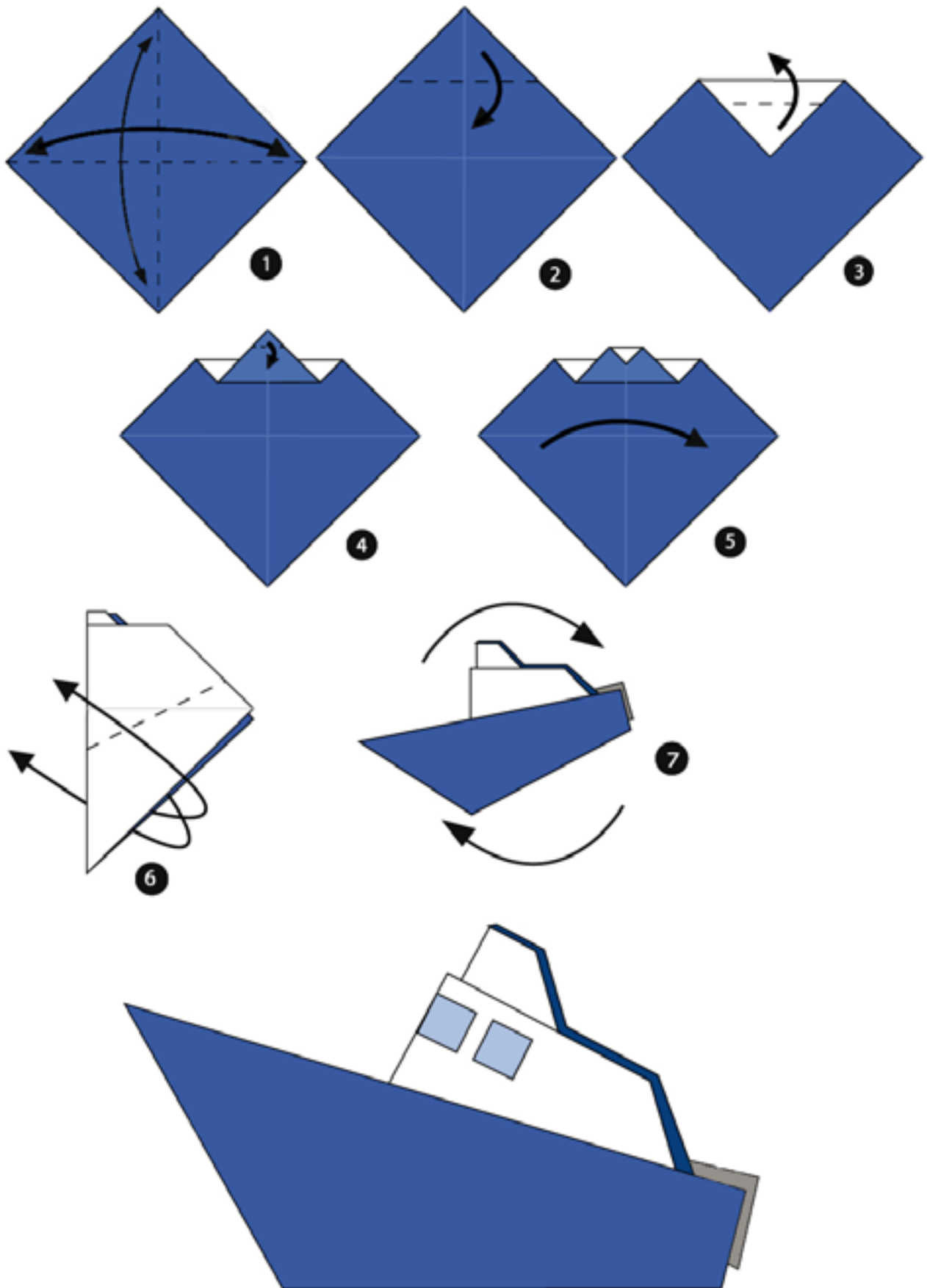
9. SQUISH THE BOTTOM AND PULL THE SIDES UP

10. TA DAAA!



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## Corner bookmark

### You will need:

Paper

Scissors

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Head there for more options of animals to make!



**Step 1:**  
Fold a square piece of paper in half.



**Step 2:**  
Fold down one one layer of the top triangle.



**Step 3:**  
Fold in the side edge to the middle. Do this on both sides.



**Step 4:**  
Do this on both sides.



**Step 5:**  
Now fold the same corners to the top of the triangle.



**Step 5:**  
Do this on both sides.



**Step 6:**  
Tuck the flaps into the pocket.

Your bookmark is not ready to be turned into an animal.

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## Cow and sheep bookmark

### You will need:

A completed corner bookmark

Paper

Scissors

Felt tip pens

Glue

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**Step 1:**  
Draw some spots or markings on your cow.



**Step 2:**  
Cut out a nose and glue it onto the bookmark.



**Step 3:**  
Draw or glue on some eyes and horns and you are done!

### Cow bookmark instructions



**Step 4:**  
Cut bookmark into a cloud shape. Be careful not too cut away much from the top – you still need some of the straight edges to hold the bookmark together.



**Step 5:**  
Cut out some contrasting legs, face, ears and eyes.



**Step 6:**  
Glue them onto the bookmark and say hello to your new sheep reading buddy!