IRIS FOLDING

You will need:

- [Iris folding template](#)
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Blu tak
- Four different coloured sheets of paper
- Coloured pencils to match your paper colours

Iris template from:
www.irisfolding.circleofcrafters.com


Instructions:

1. Print and cut out the [iris folding template](#).

2. Use the template instructions to work out which paper colour (A, B, or C) corresponds with each number on template. One colour will be the border.


ASSIGN COLOURS TO NUMBERS

3. Use coloured pencils to colour in your iris template to help you remember which paper to use for each number as you go.

4. Using three of your coloured sheets of paper, cut strips that are approximately 3-4cm (or two of your fingers) wide. You need seven strips of each colour, and they can be different lengths.


5. Fold each strip in half to make a clean edge.

6. Using your border paper (the paper not cut into strips), trace around your iris template.

7. Cut out the inside of the template, which should make a six-pointed star shape.
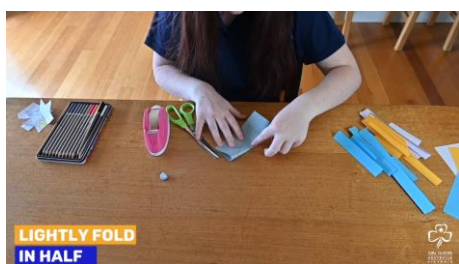
8. On a flat surface, use blu tak to stick the iris template inside the border and then blu tak the border to the table as well.
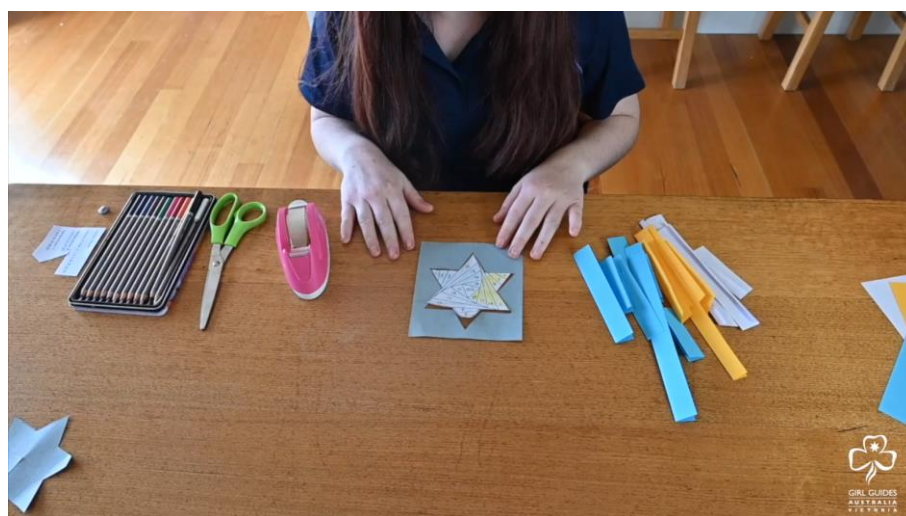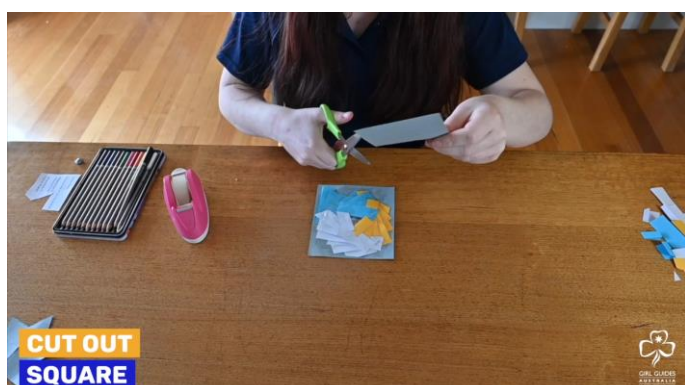
9. Starting from the number 1 on the template, use a coloured strip that corresponds with that number and use sticky tape to secure it to the border paper (not the template!), making sure the clean folded edge of the strip is facing the middle of the template. Ensure the paper strip covers the entire number 1 on the template.

FOLDED SIDE TOWARDS CENTRE

MAKE SURE STRIP COVERS ENTIRE SECTION
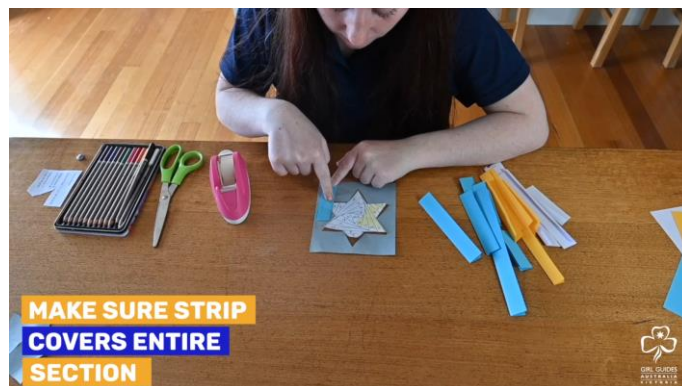
10. Continue this process from 1 to 21 in order, until all of the numbers are covered with coloured paper. You may need to trim your paper so it doesn't hang over the edge of the border.

CUT STRIPS TO SIZE IF NEEDED

CONTINUE STICKING DOWN STRIPS IN NUMBERED ORDER
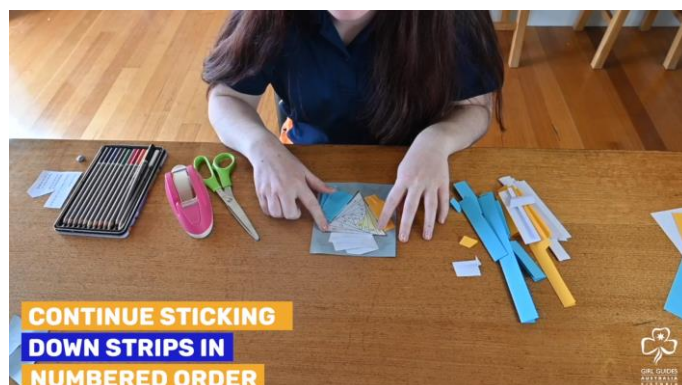
11. To add contrast, you can use the border colour paper to fill in the centre of your iris fold.

CUT OUT SQUARE

STICK CENTRE DOWN

12. Once finished, carefully lift off the table and remove the blu tak.

13. You could stick your finished iris fold onto a card to give to a friend or family member.