

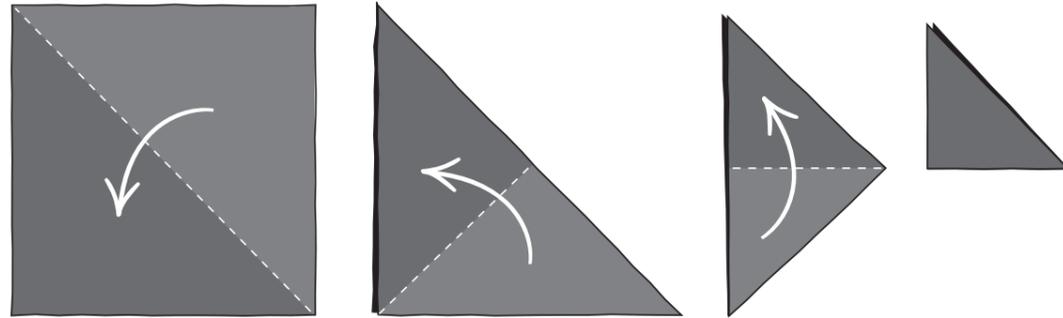
Matariki: Star Light, Star Bright

You will need:

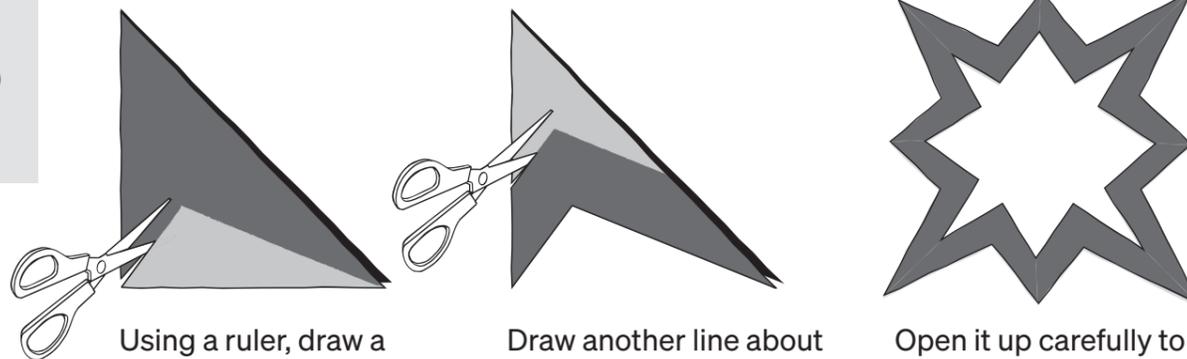
- ★ Paper square
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Pencil
- ★ Ruler
- ★ Clear contact paper
- ★ Cellophane
- ★ Hole punch
- ★ Ribbon
- ★ Star sequins (or mini cut out paper stars (we used a star punch) or sequins)

1 Fold and cut your paper star frame

Fold a square piece of paper on a diagonal three times.



2 Cut out your star shape

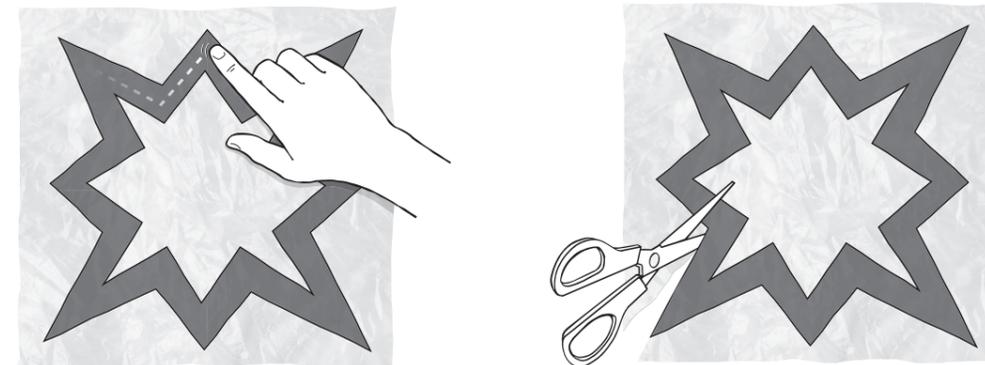


Using a ruler, draw a triangle on the edge with no folds, then cut along the line.

Draw another line about 2cm above the line you just cut, then cut along the line.

Open it up carefully to reveal your star frame!

3 Stick your star to the contact paper



Place one corner on the sticky surface then 'draw' your finger in one direction around the star. This will help stop folds and bubbles.

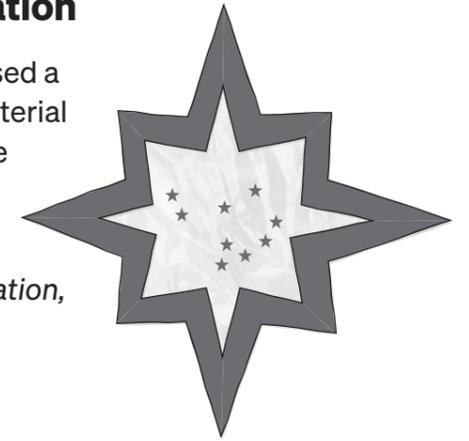
Cut around the outside edge (leaving the sticky surface in the middle).

TIP: Put the protective backing back on the contact paper to make cutting easier.

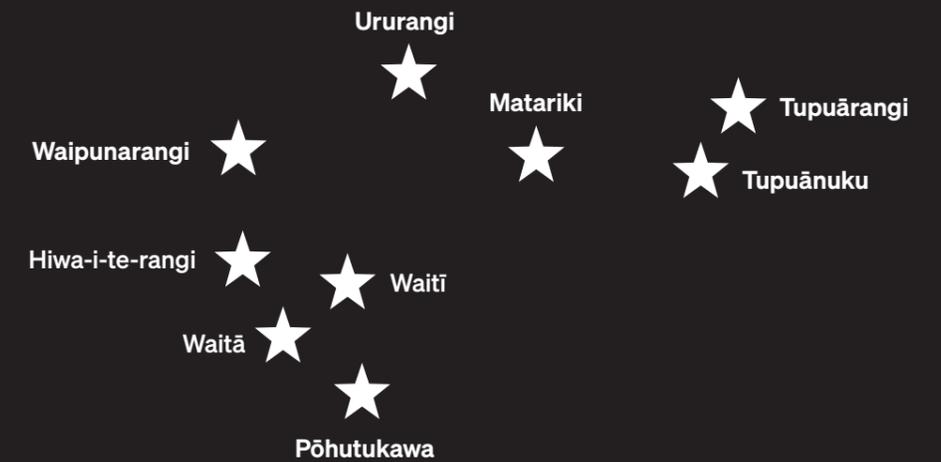
4 Create your Matariki constellation

Cut out nine small paper stars or circles (we used a star punch) or find nine sequins or another material you could use for stars and stick them onto the sticky contact paper inside your star. Use the illustration below as a guide.

TIP: If you make a mirror image of the constellation, when you flip your sun catcher over to put in a window it will be the right way round!



The nine stars of Matariki



5 Add some colour!

Use coloured cellophane to cover the remaining contact paper inside your star. Add a hole and thread a ribbon through the top, flip it over so the contact paper faces out and hang in a window!

