

Activity | Star ★

You will need:

An old piece of wood, at least 15cm along each side.

Star template

10 panel pins – but you could also use nails, or screws if you happen to have them in the house

Small hammer

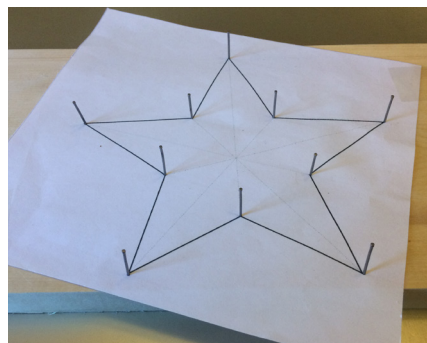
About 80cm wire – more if you want a bigger star. We used coloured aluminium wire.

Household scissors to cut the wire (or pliers/wire cutters)

Step 1.

First choose the size of star you are going to make. The template has two different sizes to choose from, but you could print them at different sizes if that works for you.

Using sticky tape, secure the star template onto your piece of wood.



Step 2.

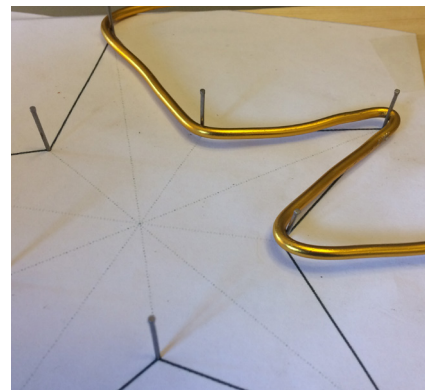
Take a panel pin and tap it into the wood, at one of the points of the star.

Step 3.

Continue until you have a panel pin at each point of the star (10 all together)

Step 4.

Now take your wire. Leaving a 'tail' of at least 5cm, start wrapping the wire around each point of the star.



Step 5.

At the last point, bend the wire at a right angle. Now slide your shape away from the panel pins. Do this *before* you secure the end of the wire.

Step 6.

Where you have made your right angle, wrap the 5cm tail around to secure the star and prevent it from coming apart. Don't cut the wire yet!

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Step 7.

The remainder of the wire is now going to be curled into a spring shape. This is the part that will help you put your star on top of the Christmas tree.

You can use whatever you have to hand to make the spring shape – a cotton reel, a broom handle etc. We used a hard plastic drinks bottle, which helped give a flared shape to the spring.

Wrap the remainder of the wire around your cotton reel/handle/drinks bottle, making between 3 and 5 complete turns.



Step 8.

Cut off any excess wire using household scissors.

Your Christmas Star tree topper is complete!

Want to do some more? You could make a set of stars to hang as decorations – or you could try making your own design....

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