Christmas decoration: Chain of lights with moravian stars

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Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 1 hour

The holiday season is approaching, and what could be more delightful than adorning your home with a homemade string of lights made from Fröbel stars? These traditionally popular paper stars are not only a charming decoration but also a wonderful way to bring a cozy and festive atmosphere to your home. In this guide, you'll learn how to fold Fröbel stars and assemble them into a sparkling string of lights. This will make your Christmas decoration truly unique!



Step-by-Step Guide to Making a Fröbel Star String of Lights

Step 1: Folding Fröbel Stars

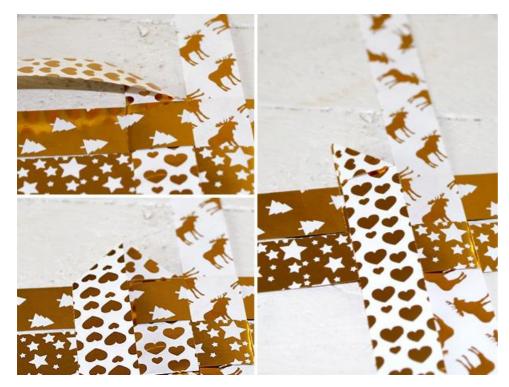
For the stars, you can choose paper strips in different colors to ease handling. Don't worry, by the third or fourth star, folding will become much quicker! If the instructions on the paper strips are not clear enough, the following steps will help you.

Fold the paper strips in half and lay them before you so they interlock as shown in the picture. Start with the top strip, fold it downwards, the right one to the left, the bottom one upwards, and the last one to the left again by sliding it into the slot under the first strip. Pull it tight and verify that the star holds together.



Step 2: Adding Flat Points

Take the top left strip and fold it parallel downwards to form a triangle. Slide the loose end under the neighboring slot and work your way around the star clockwise. Note: Always use the shorter left strip.





Step 3: Forming Three-Dimensional Points

Fold one strip down and twist another to slide it into the slot. Cutting the ends at an angle can facilitate threading. It is crucial that the strip reappears on the inside; otherwise, it cannot be pulled through.



As an aid, you can push a strip piece from below. Then the actual strip will find its correct path. The dotted strip in my example helps to ensure the elk strip comes out at the right spot.



Pull the strip through until a three-dimensional point is formed. Work your way counterclockwise around the star until all points are shaped.



Step 4: Turn and Repeat with Stars

Once you have created 4 flat and 4 three-dimensional points, turn the star over and repeat the steps for the back side.



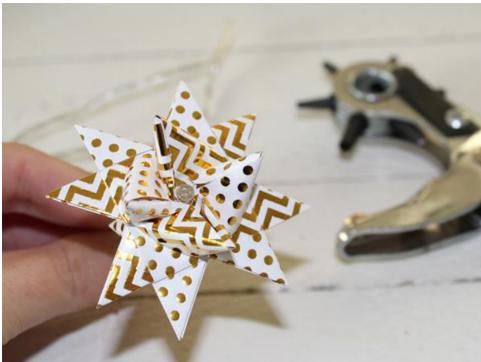
Your Fröbel star should ultimately have 8 flat and 8 three-dimensional points.

Step 5: Attaching Fröbel Stars

Use a hole punch to make holes in the middle of each star that match the size of the lights, so you can easily attach them.



Carefully insert the lights through the holes. Use a skewer to shape the hole if necessary.



Finally, carefully trim any excess strips to maintain the points.

After completing this final step, your Fröbel stars are ready to adorn your string of lights and give your home a festive flair!

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