

Fairy Snowflakes



All snowflakes may look similar, but no two are *exactly* alike. Here are two distinct designs for curling paper strips into fanciful snowflakes to hang in front of a window, turn into a pendant, or glue onto the cover of a child's journal or sketchbook.

Time: 35 minutes

What You'll Need

- Quilling paper strips (sold at large craft stores and online) or craft paper cut into 1/8- by 12-inch strips
- Slotted quilling tool (sold at large craft stores and online) or wooden kitchen skewer
- Tacky glue
- Toothpick for applying glue
- Glitter glue and small paintbrush
- Clear beading elastic or monofilament for hanging the finished snowflakes
- Small pony beads (optional)

How To Make It

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Instructions for the smaller snowflake style: Fold one of the quilling strips four inches from one end. Coil the 4-inch section around the quilling tool or kitchen skewer all the way to the fold, as shown. Let the coil loosen a bit so that it's about 3/8-inch in diameter, and use a spot of glue (applied with a toothpick) to hold it in place.

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Coil the remaining eight inches of the strip in the opposite direction and then allow it to loosen to about 1/2-inch in diameter. Glue it in place as you did the smaller coil.

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Pinch the opposite ends of the attached circles to transform them into teardrop shapes, as shown. This piece will serve as one of the snowflake's six sides.

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Make five more snowflake sides just like the first one.

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Glue the larger teardrop ends of the snowflake sides together, arranging them in a circle. Then add some sparkle to the completed snowflake by brushing on a little glitter glue.

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Once the glue is dry, create a hanger for the snowflake, if you like, by simply looping a piece of beading elastic through one of the tips. For an added touch of color, thread the top of the elastic loop through a pony bead before hanging the snowflake.

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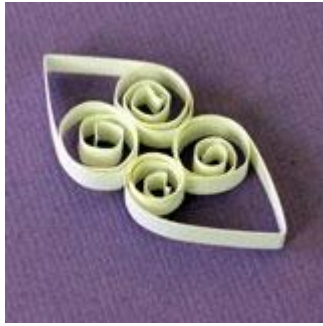
Instructions for the larger snowflake style: For this snowflake, you'll first need to create twelve coiled heart shapes. For each, start by folding a quilling strip in half. Then use the quilling tool or kitchen skewer to coil both ends toward the center, stopping about 1/2-inch above the fold.

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Glue the two coils together in the center to form a heart shape.

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Once you've got twelve hearts, glue two of them together top-to-top, as shown. Pair up and glue the remaining ten hearts in the same manner. These pairs will serve as the six snowflake sides.

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Tear three more quilling strips into halves. Use the half-strips to shape six small hearts in the same manner that you created the larger ones.

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Glue a small heart inside the upper tip of each of the large snowflake pairs, as shown.

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Glue the upper snowflake sides together, arranging them in a circle. Then add some sparkle to the completed snowflake by brushing on a little glitter glue.

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Once the glue is dry, create a hanger for the snowflake, if you like, as described in step 6 for the smaller snowflake style.

Notes

Cutting should be done by an adult