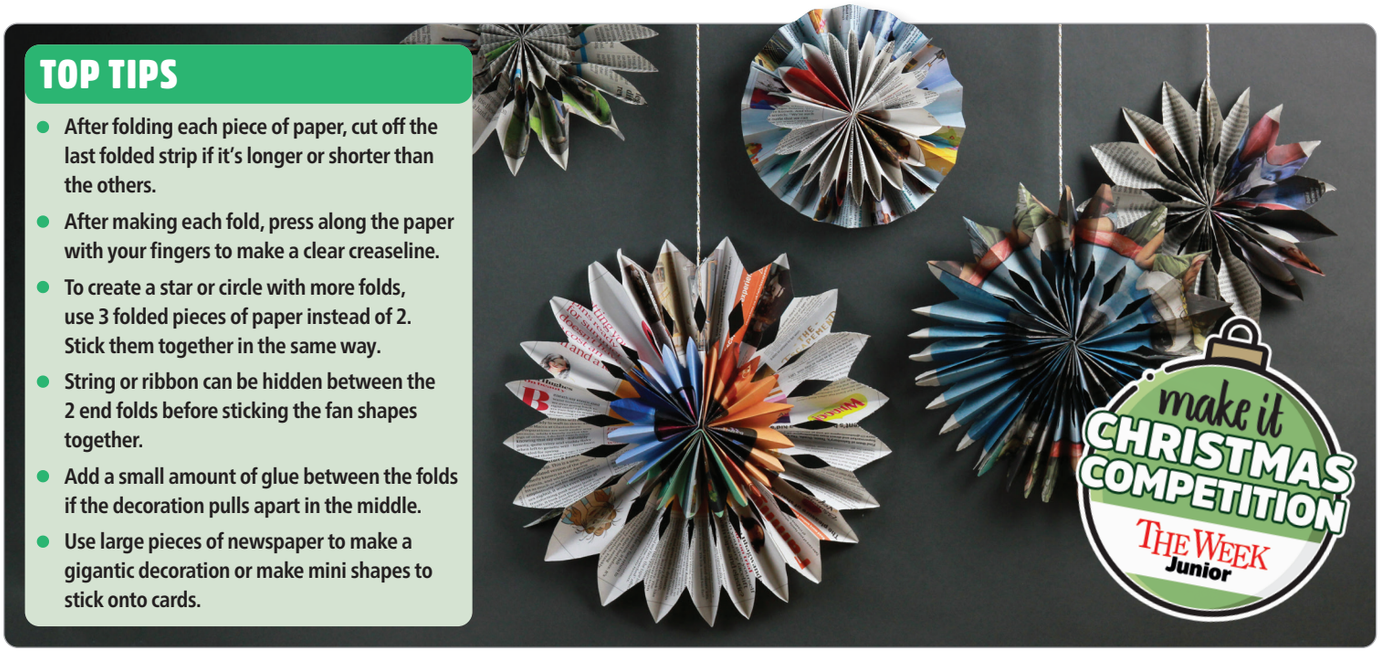
How to...

Make folded decorations

TOP TIPS

- After folding each piece of paper, cut off the last folded strip if it's longer or shorter than the others.
- After making each fold, press along the paper with your fingers to make a clear creaseline.
- To create a star or circle with more folds, use 3 folded pieces of paper instead of 2. Stick them together in the same way.
- String or ribbon can be hidden between the 2 end folds before sticking the fan shapes together.
- Add a small amount of glue between the folds if the decoration pulls apart in the middle.
- Use large pieces of newspaper to make a gigantic decoration or make mini shapes to stick onto cards.



What you need

- Magazines or newspapers
- A ruler
- A pen
- Scissors
- A glue stick
- Sticky tape
- String or ribbon

Transform old magazines into a stunning display of handmade hanging decorations.

Timing: 1 hour

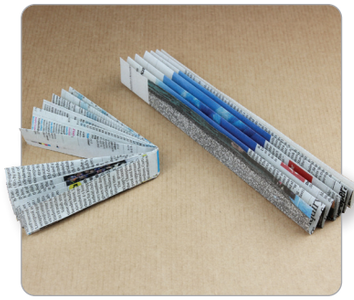
Before you start:

Cut 2 x pieces of magazine to the same size. Trim off uneven edges.

2 x pieces of A4 paper makes a 21cm diameter decoration.

2 x pieces of A5 paper (A4 cut in half) makes a 15cm diameter decoration.

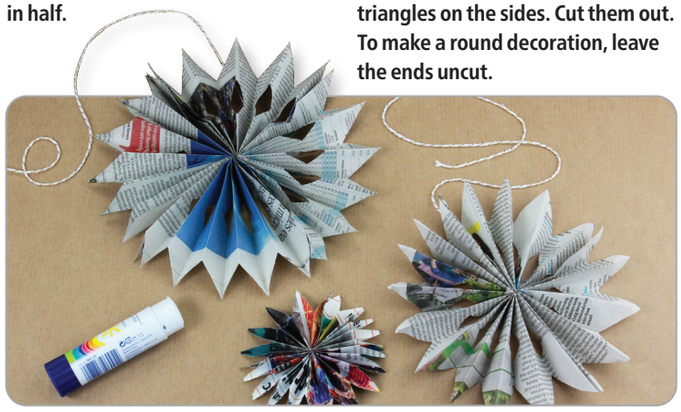
1 Make a 2cm fold at the bottom of a magazine rectangle. Turn the paper over then make another fold. Keep turning the paper and folding until you reach the end.



2 Fold another magazine page in the same way. Keep the folds neat and even. Fold both the pages in half.

3 To make a star shape, hold the concertina folds together, mark diagonals across the ends and small triangles on the sides. Cut them out. To make a round decoration, leave the ends uncut.

4 Glue the inner folds together on each section to make fan shapes. Glue along the outer edges on one section, unfold the fan then stick the 2 pieces together.



5 Tape a piece of thin string or ribbon along a fold on the back. Glue a smaller decoration in the middle for a layered effect.