

## ACCLAIM HEALTH

### An Old-Fashioned Christmas Ornament Craft



Christmas crafts are a tradition that goes way back.....families, friends, school children find pleasure in creating simple and appealing decorations for their Christmas tree or home.

This craft makes an ornament or a garland for the Christmas Tree. It may take about 30 minutes to make. This craft has you using simple supplies- taking a printed or patterned sheet -drawing  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a Christmas tree and star – then cutting it out the shape- unfolded it forms a tree!

**Materials:** You will need to have the following items:

Printed craft paper or construction paper

Scissors

Pencil

Ruler

Cotton thread or string

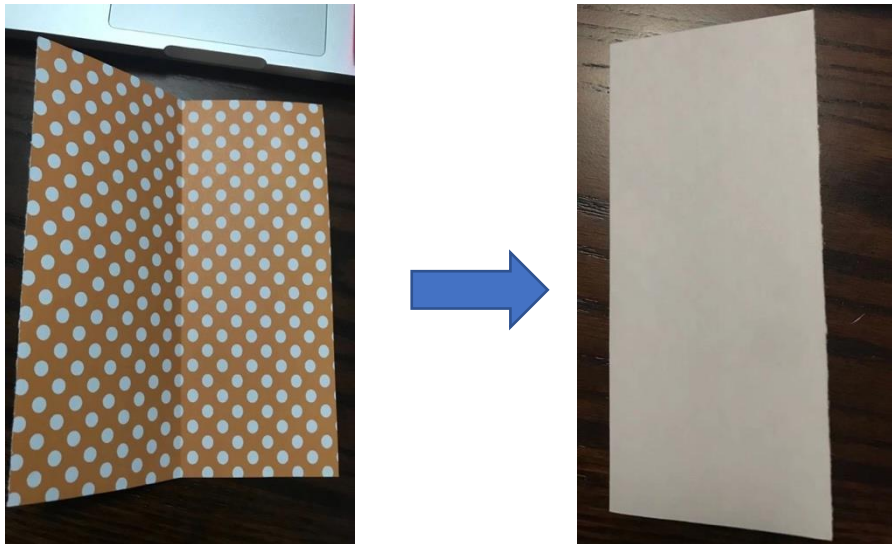
**Note:** We can supply the craft paper to you with a template to show how to make the design! Please ask us if you would like the supplies. Call Maureen Flynn at 905-847-9559 or email at [mflynn@acclaimhealth.ca](mailto:mflynn@acclaimhealth.ca)

## Set up

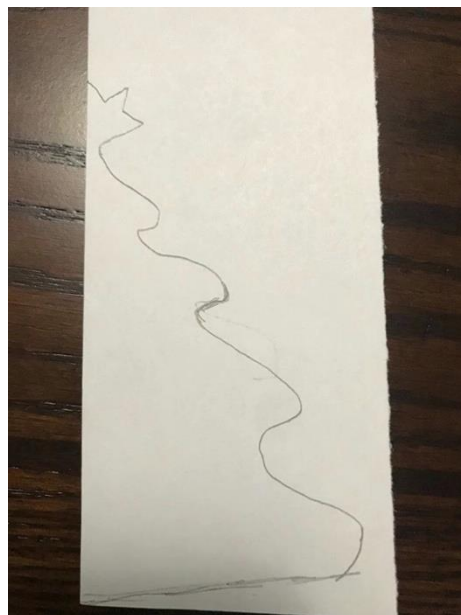
We find that having all the supplies at the table and focusing on the task gives us the most success. Items on the table other than the craft may create a distraction. You can share in the steps of this craft by having one of you do the folding of the card, drawing the outline of the tree, using a ruler to draw the lines, one of you doing the cutting....etc.

## Steps

1. Fold the paper lengthwise to form a rectangle. If there is a pattern, fold the pattern on the inside



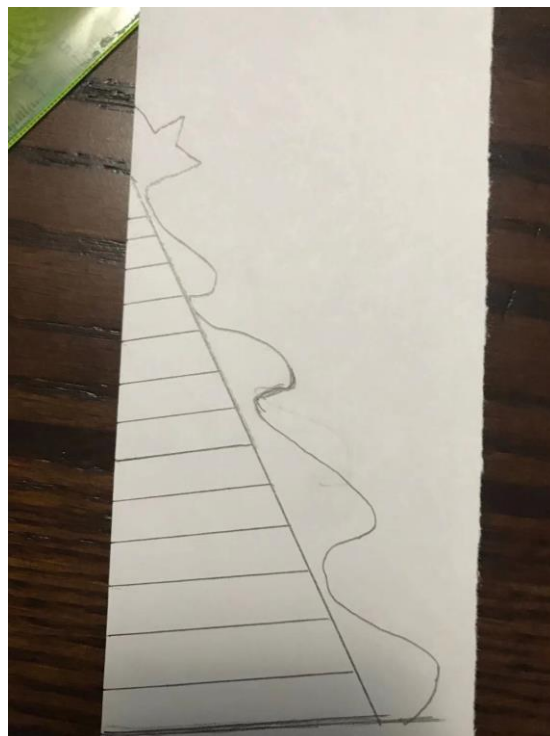
2. Next- On the front of the card draw a rough outline of the Christmas tree starting from the closed edge- we have a wee start at the top



3. Take your ruler and starting at the top of the tree draw a diagonal line down to make an inside line on the tree



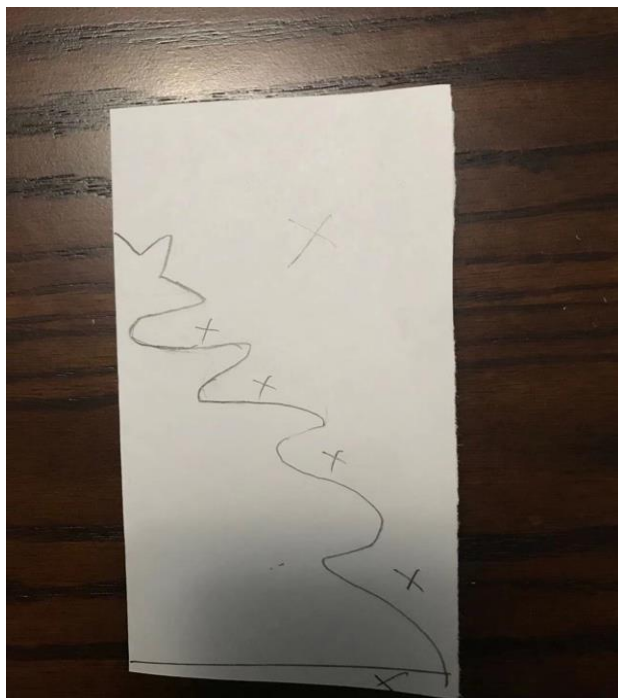
4. Starting at the bottom of the card-draw horizontal lines – space them about 1 cm apart



5. Now comes the cutting part! Starting at the folded edge cut along the horizontal lines until you get to the diagonal line.



6. Once that is done you cut around the rough edges of the tree.  
(We put x's to show where you cut around)

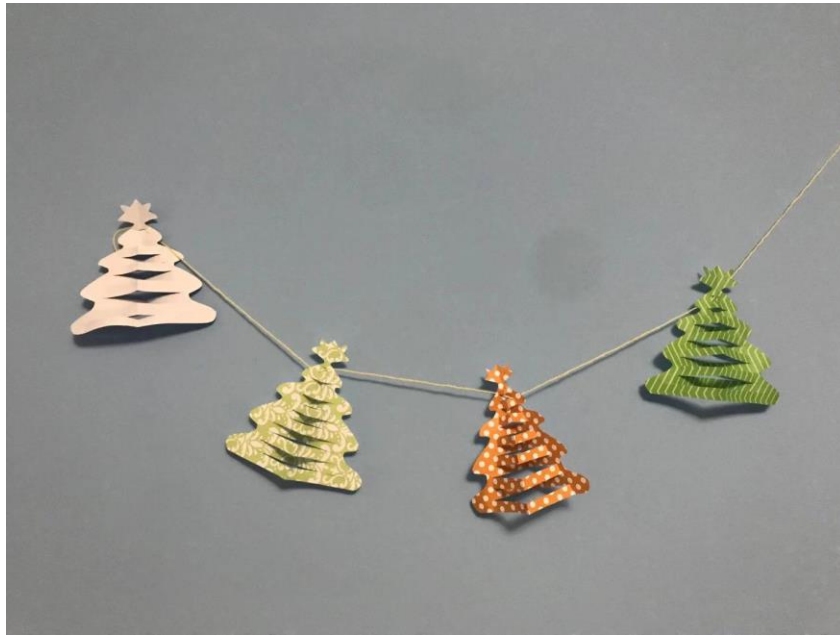




7. Carefully open the card and you will see your Christmas Tree! You can carefully try to weave the pencil through the slits on the card- this opens it up a bit – I am very careful with this part as I have torn the card....



9. You can use cotton thread or a fine string to make a loop through the top line then hang it on the tree! You can even string a number of the trees together to form a garland.



10. Congratulate yourself for creating an old-fashioned ornament to celebrate Christmas!