



My friend Kathryn had me inscribe each name onto solid color ornaments for her *extended family tree*. I used the Zig metallic brush paint pen.



Christmas dinner "place cards" by Sharon



Patterning by Angie





Wood ornaments base coated with Chalk Paint. Lettered with white chalk pens. Also stamped with white StazOn ink and/or lettered with Chrome paint pen. Chalk paint background, once cured, will hold up when erasing chalk ink with water for re-lettering.

Letters drawn by Judy Johannesen, Sharon Schmidt, Angie Vangalis and Vicki Villareal. Plus (lower left corner) Gwen Weaver.



Some of the lettering is done with Zig metallic paint pens; drawn with Sharpie pens and painted in; Rudolph is written with the chalk marker; the upper right ornament is "patterned" by Angie.



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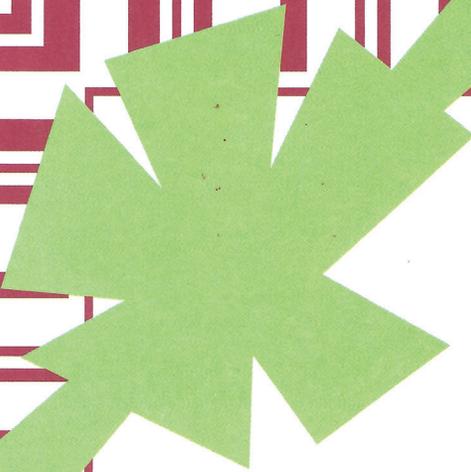


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Paper Balls are the most fun you can have with a piece of paper! Punch 20 circles, fold in the edges to make a triangle and glue or tape the edge flaps together. I did my calligraphy, reduced and pasted up 20 on a standard sheet of shimmer text weight paper and used a 1.75" circle punch.

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# DIY glitter or painted Christmas Ornaments

## GLITTER ORNAMENT

### SUPPLIES NEEDED:

DIY Clear Plastic Ornaments (available at Hobby Lobby or Michaels)  
Minwax Water Based Polycrylic Clear Satin Finish  
(available at your local hardware store, target and walmart)  
Glitter  
Ribbon to hang ornament

Optional: charms for added decoration, glitter funnel (available at craft store)

## PAINTED ORNAMENT

### SUPPLIES NEEDED:

DIY Clear Plastic Ornaments (available at Hobby Lobby or Michaels)  
Acrylic Paint (I used FolkArt)  
Chalkboard Paint  
Paint Thinner for acrylic paint  
Ribbon to hang ornament

Optional: charms for added decoration, plastic bottle with a long nozzle (available at craft store)

## Instructions :

### GLITTER ORNAMENT

Remove ornament cap.

Use a medicine dropper or plastic bottle with a long nozzle and pour Polycrylic into the plastic ornament.

Gently swirl the ornament around until the entire inside has been covered in a thin coat of Polycrylic.

Once coated, dump out the excess.

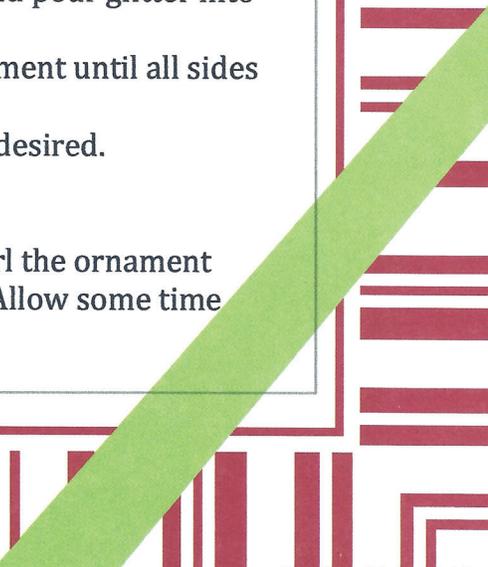
Roll up a piece of paper to use as a funnel (or use a glitter funnel) and pour glitter into the ornament.

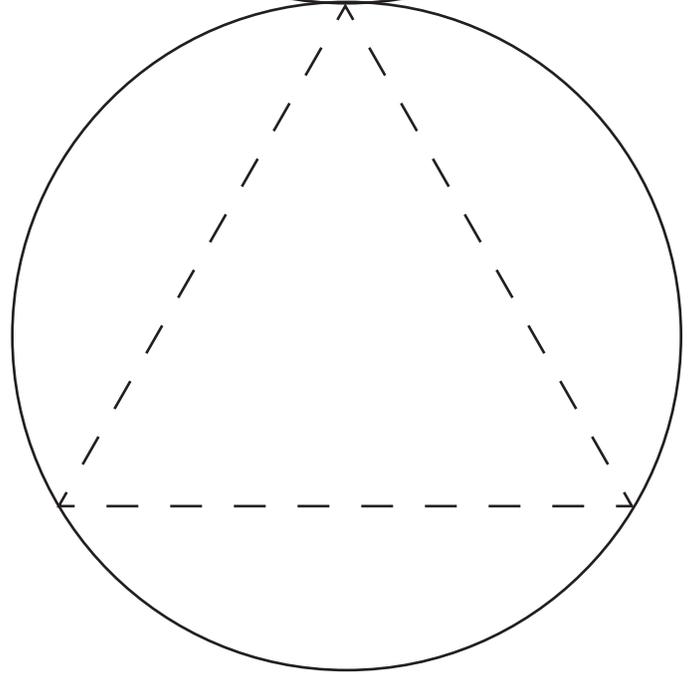
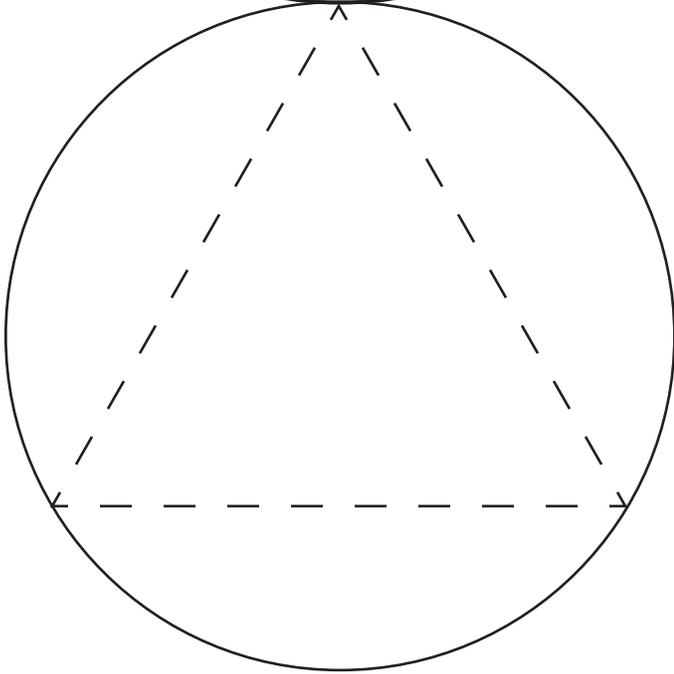
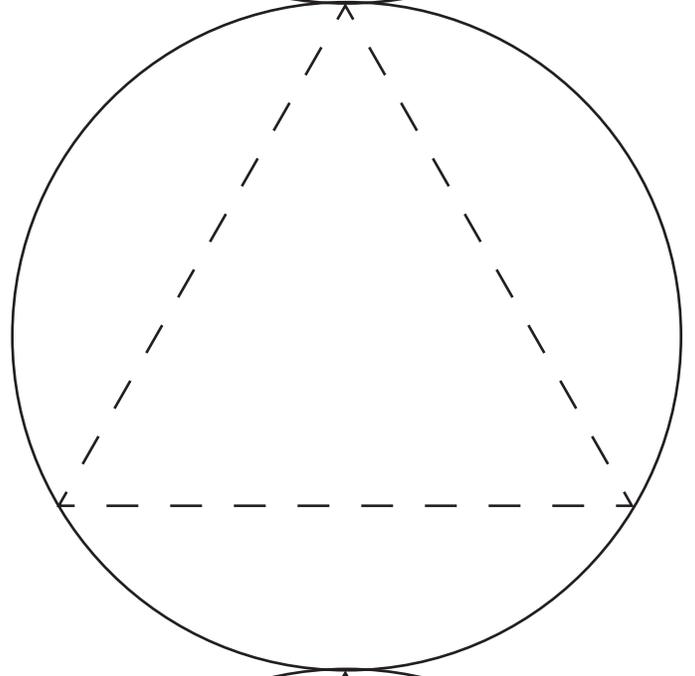
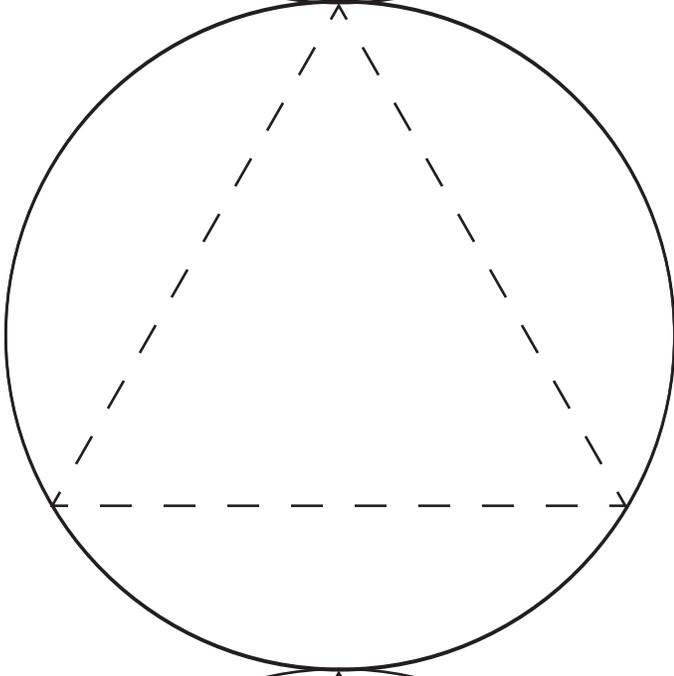
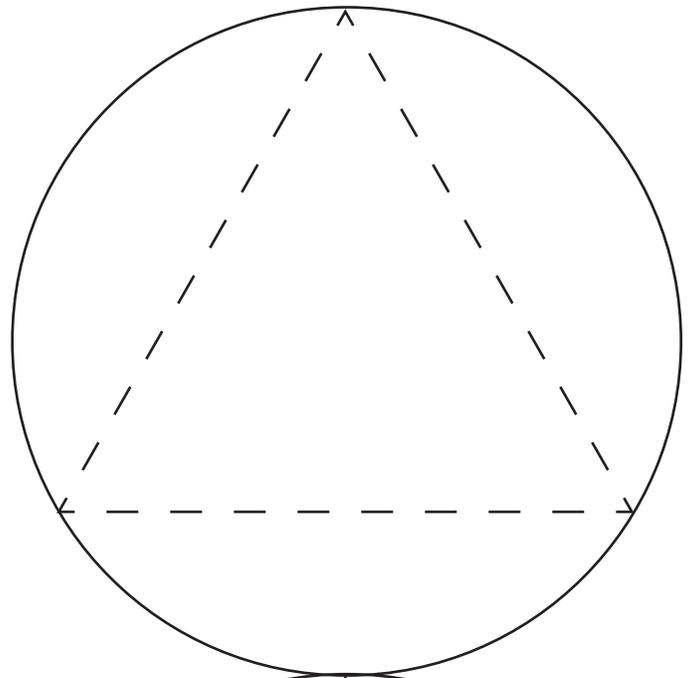
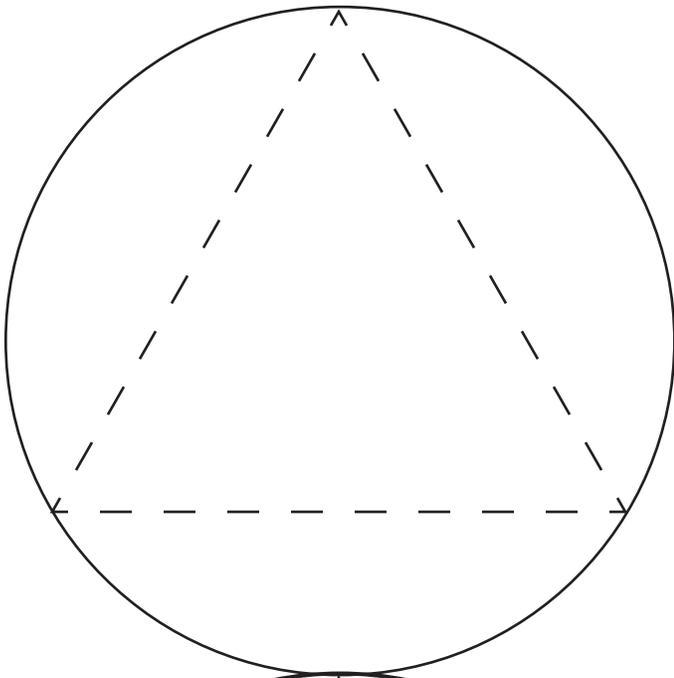
Cover the opening and shake the ornament or gently swirl the ornament until all sides have been thoroughly coated in glitter.

Dump out excess glitter. Replace cap. Add ribbon and embellish as desired.

### PAINTED ORNAMENT:

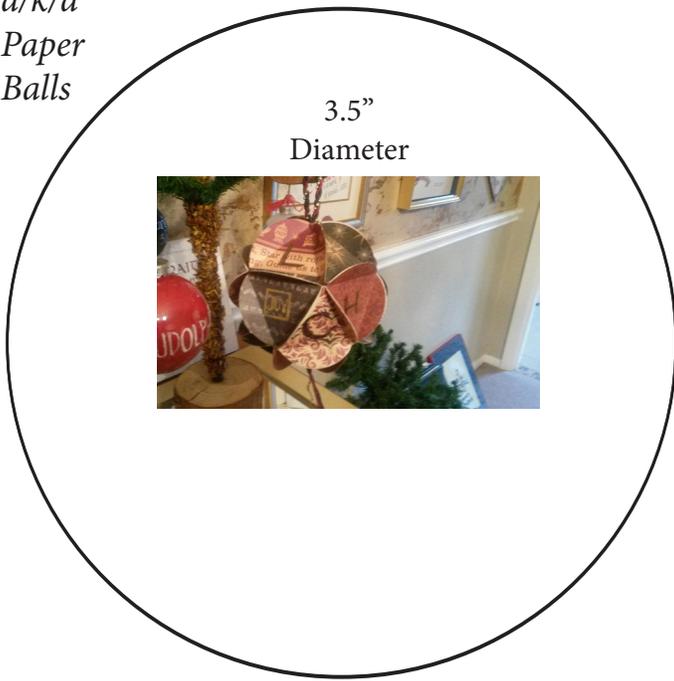
Thin paint as needed and pour paint into the ornament. Gently swirl the ornament around until the ornament is coated as desired. Dump out excess. Allow some time for drying. Replace cap and add ribbon.





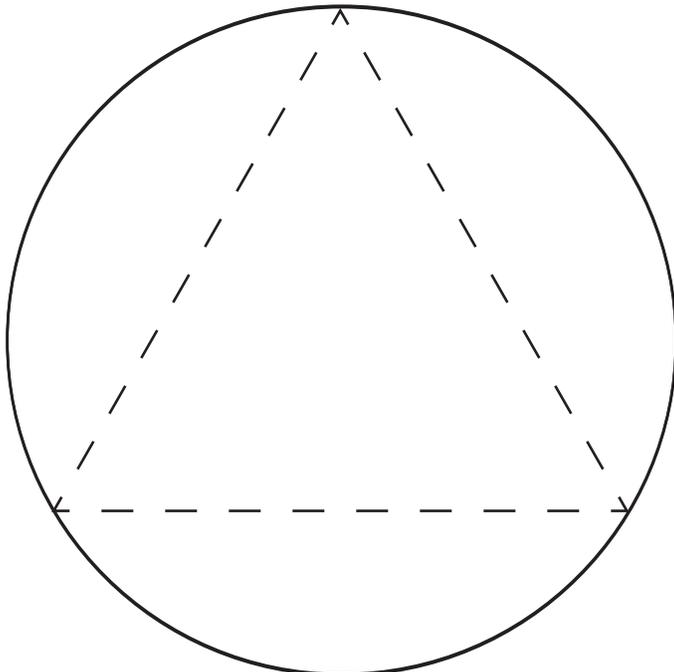
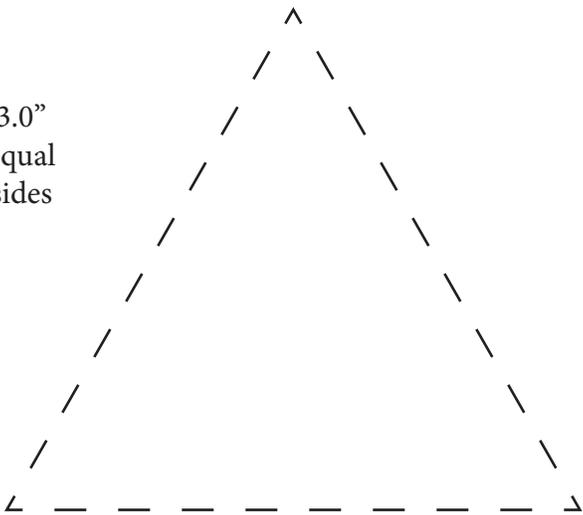
# CHRISTMAS ORBS

a/k/a  
Paper  
Balls



3.5"  
Diameter

3.0"  
equal  
sides



- **Cut TWENTY same-size circles.** I like to use a punch but you can trace circle templates and hand-cut 'old school'. (I use substantial weight paper or light weight card stock like 12x12 scrapbook stock and cut 4 each from five coordinating patterns.)
- **Cut one triangle to use as a scoring guide.** Use chip board or something sturdy.



- **Use a bone folder to score the three folds per each circle.** Then fold 'up' and crease the folds for easier assembly.

*Attach the circles by the scored tabs.*



- **Assembly:** Figure out paper positions. Five each for top of orb and five for bottom. I use double-stick tape. Glue stick is adequate too.

*It is better to letter on them before forming the circle. Write while they are flat.*

- The remaining ten pieces will be assembled like this (the triangles are opposite of each other).

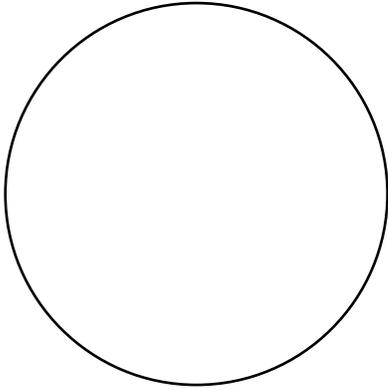


- **Before gluing the final tabs,** you can put a ribbon through from top to bottom for hanging or embellishing.

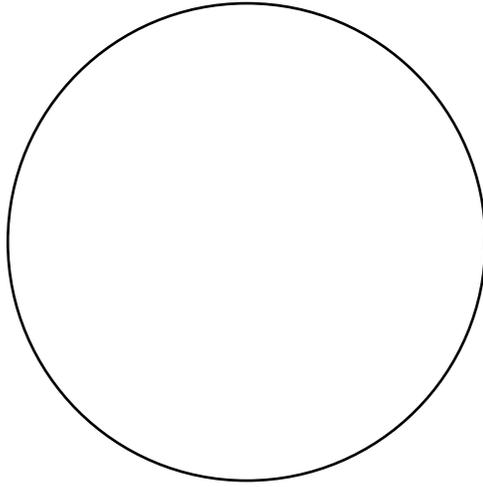
*To keep the orb from sliding from the hanging ribbon, a knot can be tied at top and bottom just outside the paper rims. OR beads can be added to secure and prevent slipping.*

# Christmas Orb ornaments *a/k/a Paper Balls*

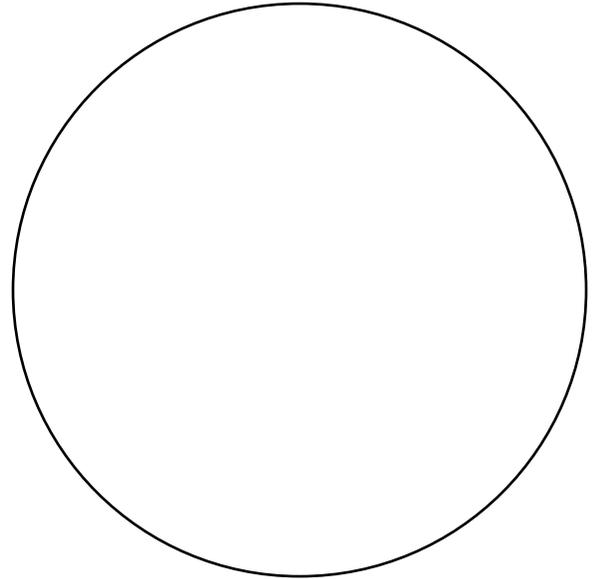
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diameter



2.5"  
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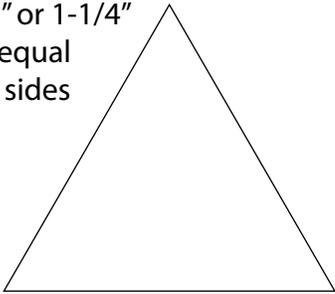


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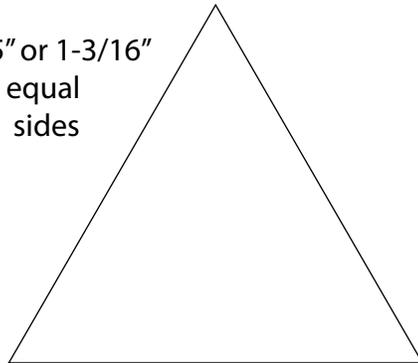


Select a size; cut 20 circles and score with triangle guide.

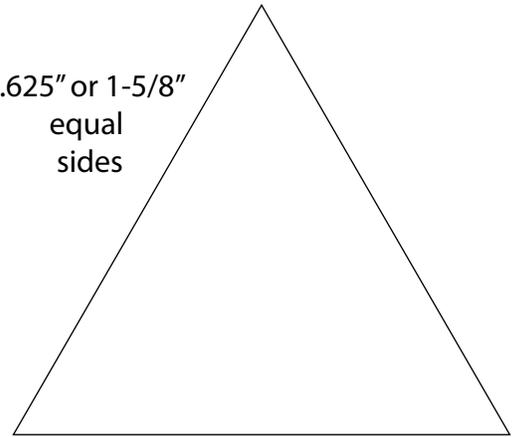
1.25" or 1-1/4"  
equal  
sides



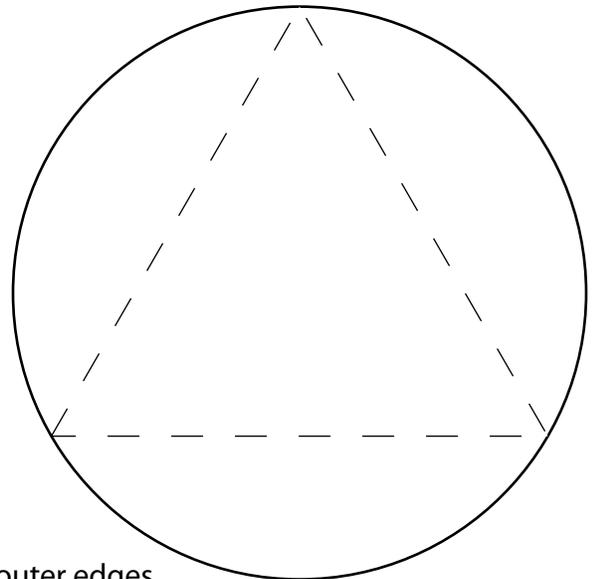
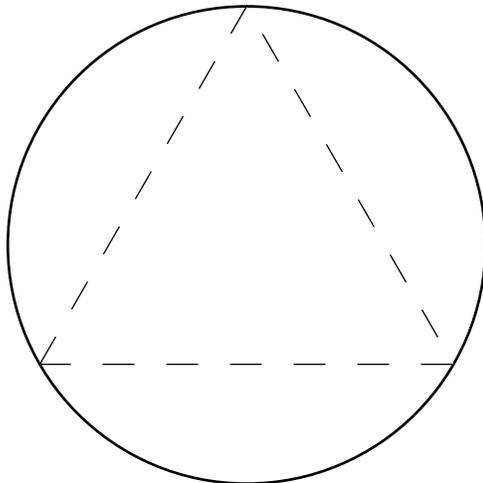
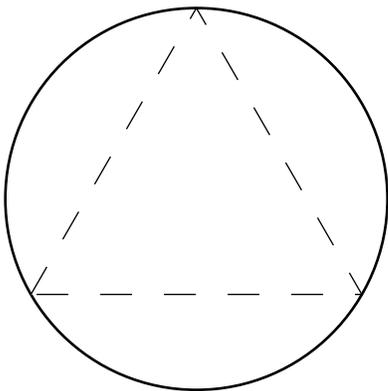
1.1875" or 1-3/16"  
equal  
sides



1.625" or 1-5/8"  
equal  
sides



solid lines = cut; dashed lines = score



plan your lettering to occur in center of circles or follow the curve on outer edges

# PAPER STRIP ORNAMENTS



idea: if you want to 'mass produce' multiples of this one, just letter an original in the correct spacing and duplicate onto the BACK side of an 8.5x11 sheet of Christmas print papers or solid colors. Then mix-and-match the strips as you assemble them.

Five 1" strips of varying lengths from scrapbook paper (pattern on 'outside' and lettering on white side).

From 12x12 scrapbook paper, we cut five diff. patterned sheets and mixed the patterns.

We secured them all at one end and then cut as follows:

The topmost strip is the shortest at 6" (take away 6" from the strip and save it for something else)

Second strip is 7.5" (cut away 5.5" and save it)

Third strip is 9" (cut away 3" and save)

Fourth strip is 10.5" (cut away 1.5" and save it)

Fifth and last strip is the full 12" length.

Now do your lettering by roughly centering the text on the strip. (I used a Christmas carol lyric).

Finally, gather the opposite ends of the strips flush with each other and join them at the top for a tear-drop shape. You can punch a matching hole at the same approximate position to then thread ribbon through the hold for securing the teardrop and hanging.

Embellish as desired.

## Other ideas



This resembles a PINE CONE

Step 1: To maximize the use of paper, first cut 12" strips as follows:

2- 1" strips

4- 1.25" strips

2- 1.5" strips

score in 1/2" increments



Try lettering on the strips before assembly.

To maximize the use of paper, first cut 1" strips as follows. Gather and staple top and bottom, add ribbon or wire hanger.

two 8" long

two 6" strips

one 4" strips

# RECYCLE HOLIDAY CARDS TO MAKE ORNAMENTS



**1** Punch 8 circles. Fold each in half and crease with a basic origami fold so that the two folds intersect at 90° angles (indicating the center of the circle). Make a single cut from one edge to exact center



**2** Fold two edges and glue together. As you hold the circle at left, put glue on the right bottom quadrant. Then put glue on the back side of the left quadrant. Align the two quadrants. (creates a little “floor”).



**3** Glue four pairs for top and two pairs for bottom. Repeat with remaining pairs. Hot glue ribbon (for hanging) to the inside before final gluing of the two hemispheres together.



4. Add glitter to edges (optional)