

★ STARS SHINE IN BORO ★

THE MIDDLESBROUGH METHODIST HUB / CIRCUIT TOWN CENTRE MISSION PROJECT NEEDS 5000 STARS BY 10TH DECEMBER!

“Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:5

Easter 2021 during COVID, some of the churches in the circuit undertook a project to give out 2000 hearts with postcards to members of the public, over 4 years later we still encounter people whose lives were positively affected by that small act of love.

“Our officers were really moved that you cared about us enough to both think of us and to spend time making something like this, we still think about that.”

These stars will be given out in Middlesbrough town centre to:

- People working in town
- Police officers
- Community organisations
- Recovery groups
- Council workers
- Everyone & anyone!

Each star will be given alongside a postcard with a prayer and information.

There will be opportunities in early December to come along and join us at the Hub for a star-making space.

Star making opportunities will also pop up in all kinds of places across the circuit.

Think of it like every star made is an act of prayer for the person receiving it.

Your help is needed!

Make as many stars as you can using your creativity – any size, any material!

STAR MAKING IDEAS:

- Knit or crochet a star
- Wooden stars (cut or craft)
- Collage or paper stars
- Fabric stars (sewn or no-sew)
- Painted stars on cardboard
- Beaded or wire stars
- Felt stars
- Clay stars
- Origami stars
- Stars made from recycled materials

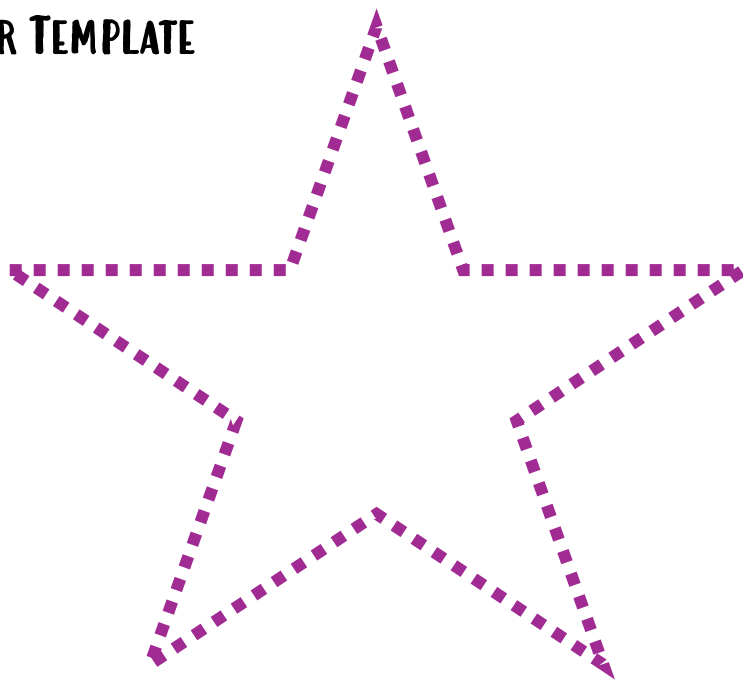
HOW TO START

Use the template overleaf to **cut out stars** or **trace onto your chosen material**.

Aim for a size roughly fitting in the palm of your hand.

Leave a **small hole in one of the spikes** to add a string or ribbon for hanging.

STAR TEMPLATE



KNITTING PATTERN FOR A SIMPLE STAR

1. Cast on **5 stitches**.
2. **Row 1:** Knit all stitches.
3. **Row 2:** Increase 1 stitch at the start of every row until you have **10 stitches**.
4. **Row 3:** Knit 2 together at the start of every row until **1 stitch remains**.
5. Repeat this **5 times** for 5 points of the star.
6. Sew points together and stuff lightly if desired.

CROCHET PATTERN FOR A SIMPLE STAR

1. Make a **magic ring**.
2. **Round 1:** 10 sc into ring. Join with slip stitch.
3. **Round 2:** (*Ch 3, 1 sc in next stitch*) repeat around to form **5 points**.
4. Fasten off and weave in ends.

ADDITIONAL TIPS

- Experiment with **fabric, yarn, felt, paper, wood, or recycled materials**.
- Add glitter, sequins, or buttons for extra sparkle.
- Ensure stars are **durable enough to handle gently** when handed out.

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