



STAR E-BOOK PLANNING & POSE GUIDE

This is a guide to help you in making the star and to help you in the posing of it.

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Welcome to this guide designed for
photographers!

This eBook provides step-by-step
instructions for building a versatile 37-inch
high, 29-inch wide, and
8-inch deep star prop,
perfect for creative photo shoots. Additionally,
it includes a section for uploading and
showcasing posing options and usage ideas.
Thank you for your purchase.

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Fueled by a love for photography, razor-sharp business insight, and a knack for customer service, she is ready to outfit you with some fun props & poses.

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BUILDING THE STAR PROP

Creating your own star prop is a rewarding project that enhances your photography toolkit.

This is a great prop for both groups and individuals! Paint it all white or make one side black or another fun color!

MATERIALS

- 3/8-inch thick plywood or MDF
- Black and white paint or vinyl wrap
- Wood glue
- Screws or nails
- Sandpaper
- Paintbrush or roller

TOOLS

- Jigsaw or band saw
- Drill
- Measuring tape
- Pencil
- Straight edge or ruler
- Clamps

STEPS

1. Designing the star shape by drawing a five-pointed star with:
 - Height: 37 inches
 - Width: 29 inches
- Each point approximately 8 inches wide at the base

Ensuring symmetry is key.

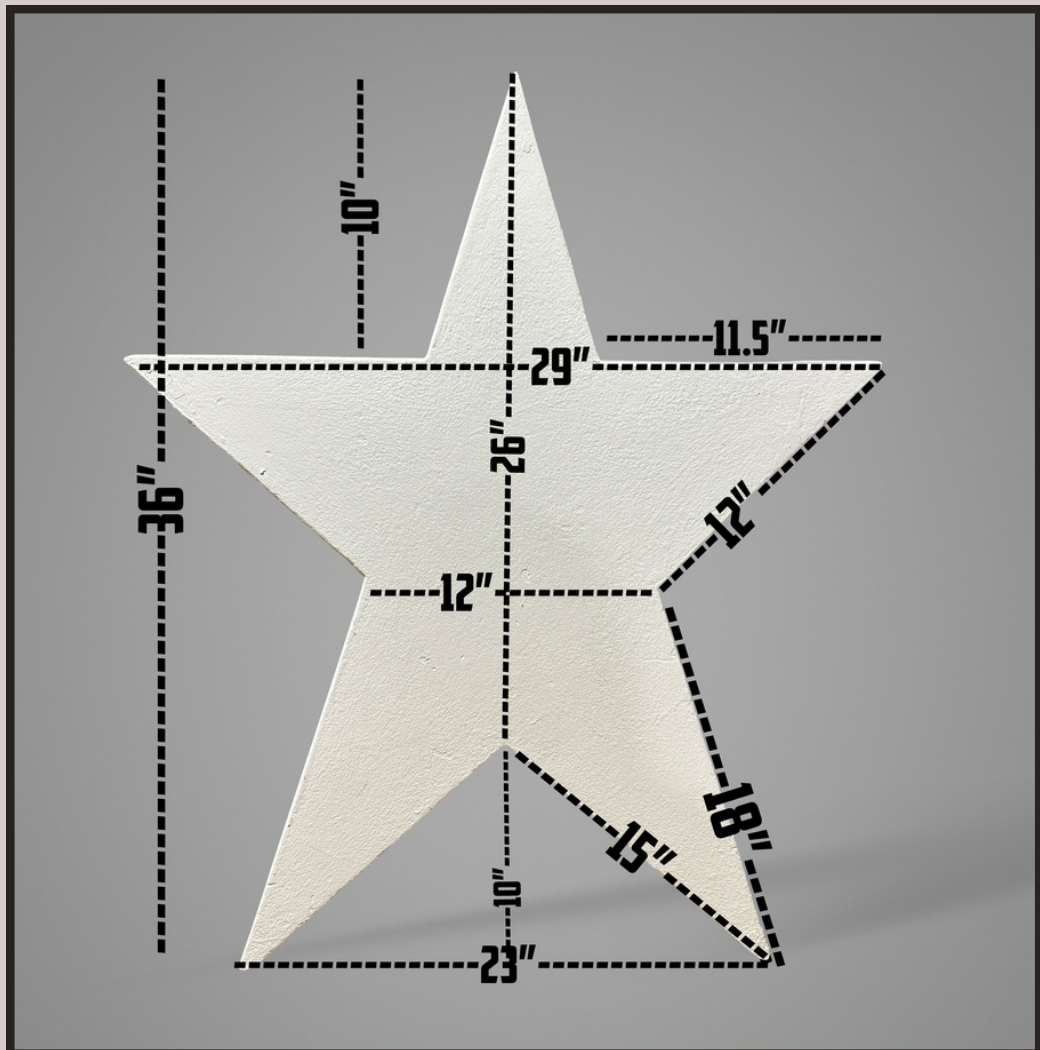
2. Transferring the design onto plywood or MDF, creating two identical shapes.
3. Cutting out both shapes using a jigsaw or band saw, then sanding edges smooth.
4. Crafting five rectangular side pieces, each 8 inches wide, with lengths matching inner edges (approximately 10-12 inches per side).
5. Assembling by attaching side pieces between front and back shapes with wood glue and screws, maintaining an 8-inch depth, and clamping until dry.
6. Finishing by sanding the structure, painting the front and sides black and the back white (or vice versa), and allowing paint to dry.
7. Adding final touches by inspecting for rough spots and touching up with paint.

NOTES

Ensuring proper ventilation when painting and wearing safety gear (gloves, goggles) while cutting and sanding are recommended.

POSING OPTIONS AND USAGE

This section is dedicated to showcasing how to use the star prop in photo shoots.



GROUP POSES

Fun Ideas

Use 1 Star

Use 2 Stars

Use them both with the same color

Mix it up and use 1 of each color forward

Use them standing with 2 people on one



INDIVIDUAL POSES

Fun Ideas
Sit on it
Stand by it
Buddy Shots
Prop up Awards





THANK YOU!

If you need any help or suggestions just let us know!
If you have any fun posing suggestions - send them
to us!! Maybe we'll use them in our next version!!

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