

Pasta Star Ornament

Materials

- ☐ Star Patterns (following page)
- ☐ Liquid glue
- ☐ Wax paper sheets
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Dry pasta in several varieties
- ☐ Bowls
- ☐ Small paint brushes, craft sponges, or cotton swabs
- ☐ Narrow ribbon cut in 8-inch lengths
- ☐ Glitter
- ☐ Optional: paper plates



Instructions

Print and cut one star pattern for each student (no need to trim it). Have students tape their pattern to the table, lay the wax paper on top, and tape it in place so the star pattern shows through without shifting. Using the star pattern as a guide, students will glue their design directly onto the wax paper.

Have students start by gluing the two ends of their ribbon onto the wax paper at one point of the star to form a loop. Lay the loop out of the way, the ends will be covered up by the pasta design. Pour each kind of pasta into a separate bowl. Have students fill in their star pattern by gluing different shapes of pasta onto the wax paper.

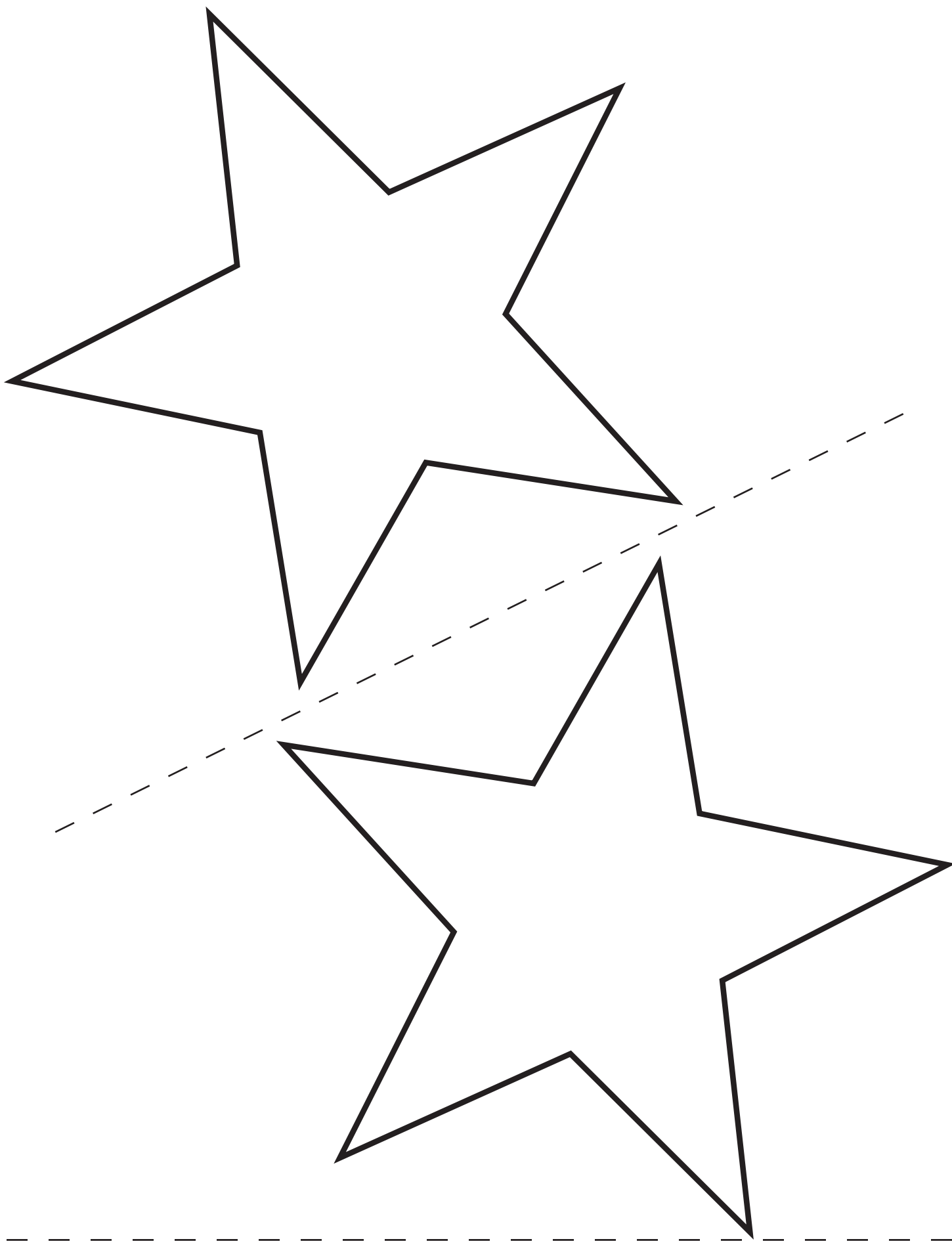
Once the star is filled in, mix some glue with a small amount of water in a bowl. Use a paintbrush, craft sponge, or cotton swab to dab the diluted glue over the pasta and sprinkle with glitter. Allow to dry at least 24 hours before peeling the star off the wax paper. If it breaks, re-glue and dry again.

NOTE: Because this craft needs time to dry, you may want to have students take their ornament home by gently sliding the wax paper onto a paper plate. Remind them to let it dry for at least 24 hours.

Suggested Discussion

? What does the star remind you of at Christmastime? *Allow answers.*

We learned today that the wise men followed a special star that God showed them. It led them many miles on a long journey to Jerusalem. Then when they went on to Bethlehem, they rejoiced because the star pointed them directly to the house where Jesus was. After traveling such a long way, they finally found the newborn King, the Savior of the world.



Print one for each student. Cut on the dotted lines, no need to trim.