

This month's Non-Thurne Table takes a Christmas theme, not unsurprisingly, and we thought it would be fun to do a craft evening. Our resident creative - aka Paul Stevens - will be leading us in making decorative paper stars. Many of you will know that Paul was an art teacher for many years, so, rest assured - he is experienced in hot-housing the talented, encouraging the timid and soothing the inept. That should cover most bases. The activity will take place over Zoom. Please email me at [social.secretary@ea-cc.org](mailto:social.secretary@ea-cc.org) if you'd like to take part and I will send you the link.

Below is Paul's preamble for participants.

Cally

### **Non - Thurne Table - Craft Evening - Friday 2 December, 7pm**

This activity is a Christmas themed Origami Challenge. No previous experience or ability required, or probably even desirable because if you had, Cally would probably have ~~conned~~ ~~enticed~~ ... err persuaded you to lead this activity! Never fear, slide show tuiton with full instructions will be provided on the night. This is in the spirit of the past cruise activities. Does anyone remember the Lincolns' Balloon sculptures or the Burtons' Tower Bridge models? It's the taking part that matters. Who knows, you might discover the therapeutic, meditative, spiritual and mindful benefits sometimes attributed to repetitive origami.

#### The Challenge:

**Make some decorative Origami 5-Pointed Stars using the instructions provided.**

**Then make increasingly smaller ones.**

**Who can make the most attractive? Who can make the smallest?**

#### You Will Need:

Well, you won't need a loo roll inner or any sticky-back plastic, but it is advisable to have "made earlier" **some exact squares of paper pre-cut to size**, and you will also need **a pair of scissors**.

So, "What sort of paper and how big" I hear you ask?

Please cut your squares, which should be, in the first instance, approximately 6" (150mm x 150mm) square, that is approximately 6" but

exactly square, not exactly 6" and approximately square! You have been warned!! If you manage and can repeat the exercise with this size you will be tasked with creating increasingly smaller sizes. So, try 4", 3", 2", can anyone make smaller?

Suitable paper might include:

- plain or lined white or coloured paper
- gift wrapping paper
- foiled paper (actual foil won't work)
- wallpaper (not the thick embossed sort)
- printed paper bags/carrier bags
- coloured kraft paper (like brown parcel paper)
- junk mail (at last a use for it!)
- maps or atlas pages (preferably ones you no longer need)
- book or magazines pages (not ones from the library)
- sheet music
- £20 notes (but the new ones are not paper and don't cut very easily)
- etc.

TIP: Heavier papers work best for the larger squares and lighter papers for smaller examples.

At the end of the activity there will be some suggestions as to what you might like to do with all the stars you have made!