



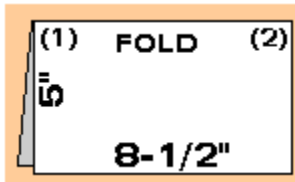
## 5-Pointed Star in One Snip

### ★Cut a 5-Pointed Star in One Snip★

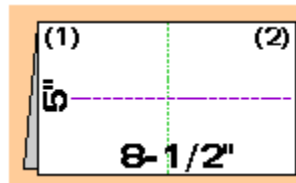
**George Washington's** original pencil sketch for the flag indicated 6-pointed stars, a form he apparently preferred.

**Betsy Ross**, however, recommended a 5-pointed star. When the committee protested that it was too difficult to make, she took a piece of paper, folded it deftly, and with a single snip of her scissors, produced a symmetrical five-pointed star. This seeming feat of magic so impressed her audience that they readily agreed to her suggestion.

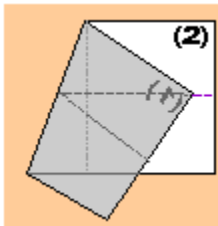
**Take a thin piece of paper 8-1/2" x 10", fold it as indicated and cut yourself a perfect 5-pointed star.**



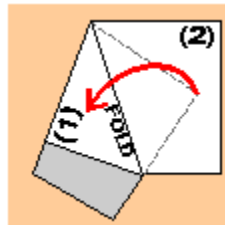
**Step 1.** Fold an 8-1/2" x 10" piece of paper in half.



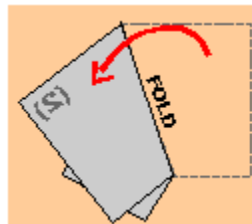
**Step 2.** Fold and unfold in half both ways to form creased center lines. (Note: be sure paper is still folded in half.)



**Step 3.** Bring corner (1) right to meet the center line. Be sure to fold from the vertical crease line.

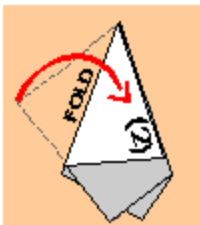


**Step 4.** Bring corner (1) left till edges coincide, then make the fold.



**Step 5.** Bring corner (2) left and fold.

**Step 6.** Bring corner (2) right until edges coincide. Then fold



**Step 7.** Cut on the angle as shown in the picture. Then unfold the small piece.

**Step 8.** Marvel at your perfect (we hope!) 5-pointed star! If your star is not perfect, take a fresh piece of paper (8-1/2" x 10" — not 8-1/2" x 11") and [return to Step 1](#).

