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English Paper Piecing Ornaments

This project is a fun take on traditional English Paper Piecing that creates 3-dimensional ornaments. It's also a great use of scrap fabrics! In this pattern, we will provide three variations of ornaments, but feel free to try other combinations of paper piecing shapes and sizes for all kinds of different ornaments.

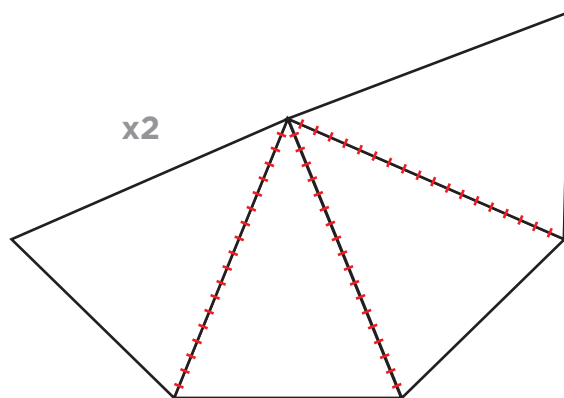
You'll need a basic understanding of English Paper Piecing (EPP) before you start. There are many great video tutorials and resources available online if you need help getting started!

Supplies

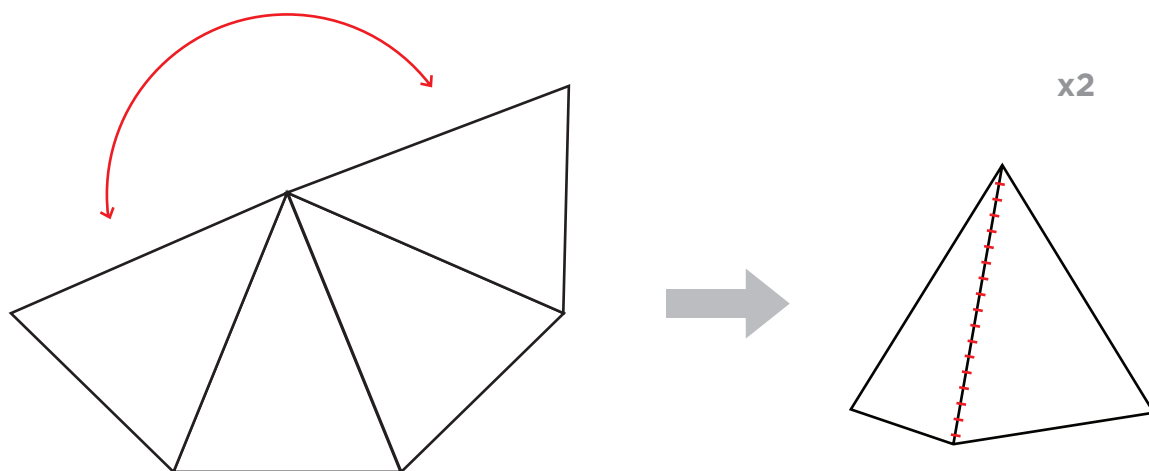
- Fabric; this is a great project to use up scraps! The pieces needed are very small. You can make a solid ornament from one fabric or mix and match with multiple fabrics.
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric scissors
- Piecing thread; we recommend The Bottom Line 60 wt. thread. It is strong and fine which helps to hide your stitches in EPP. Also available in bobbins (Super Bobs Poly) for easy storage and transportation while hand stitching.
- Printed paper pieces from this pattern (last pages). We recommend printing on cardstock for sturdier ornaments. You can also use pre-cut paper pieces.
- Fabric glue stick

Diamond Ornament

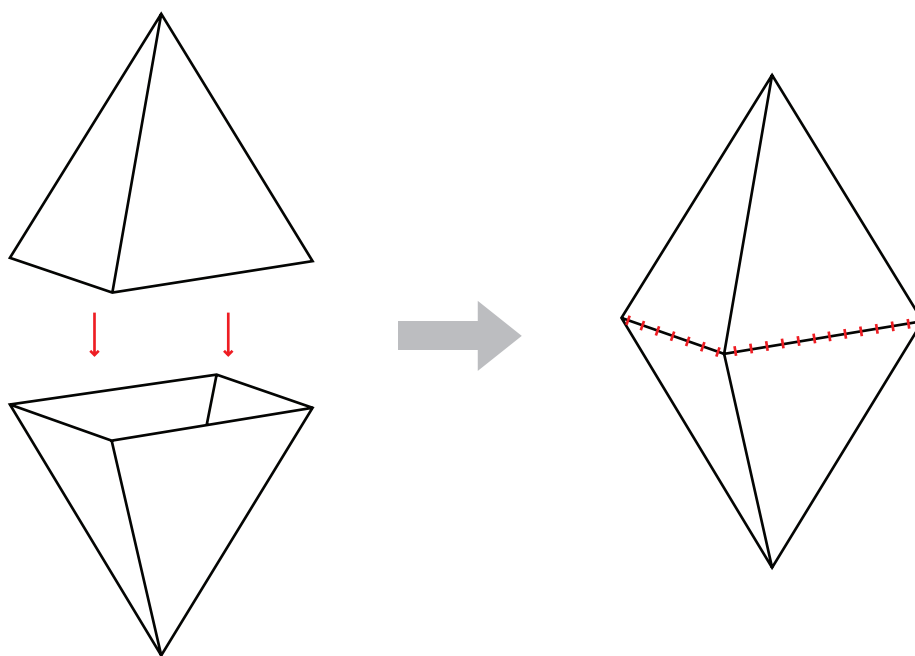
1. Print and cut out the diamond ornament pattern on cardstock.
2. Cut out fabric roughly 1/4" larger than the paper pieces.
3. Using a fabric glue stick, baste your fabric onto the paper pieces, right sides facing out. Be careful to avoid bending the paper pieces as they will be staying in the finished ornament to give it structure. If you prefer basting with thread, you can do that here and remove at the end. We like fabric glue sticks for this project because it keeps the ends of the fabric secured to the paper pieces, and unlike regular EPP, you will not be removing the paper pieces at the end.
4. Sew 4 triangle shapes together as shown. Do the same with the other 4 pieces. At this point you can insert a ribbon loop between either of the 4 pieces that make a point to hang the ornament. You can also wait until it is all closed and sew thread in a loop at a point if you would like a thinner hanger.



5. Working with one half of the ornament at a time, shape the 4 triangles together to form a cone shape and stitch closed. Repeat for the other half of the ornament.

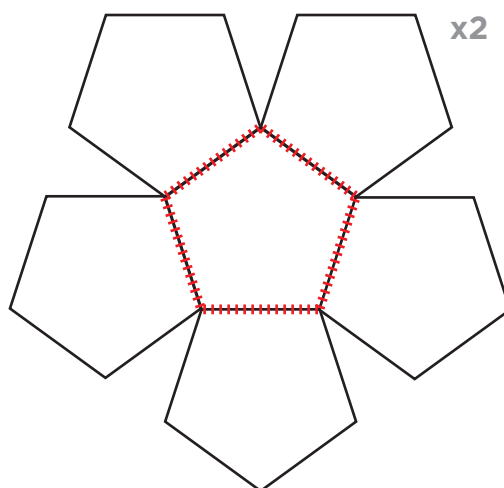


6. Join the two halves together and carefully stitch closed. It's a little awkward to hold at first, but the pieces should fit together exactly.

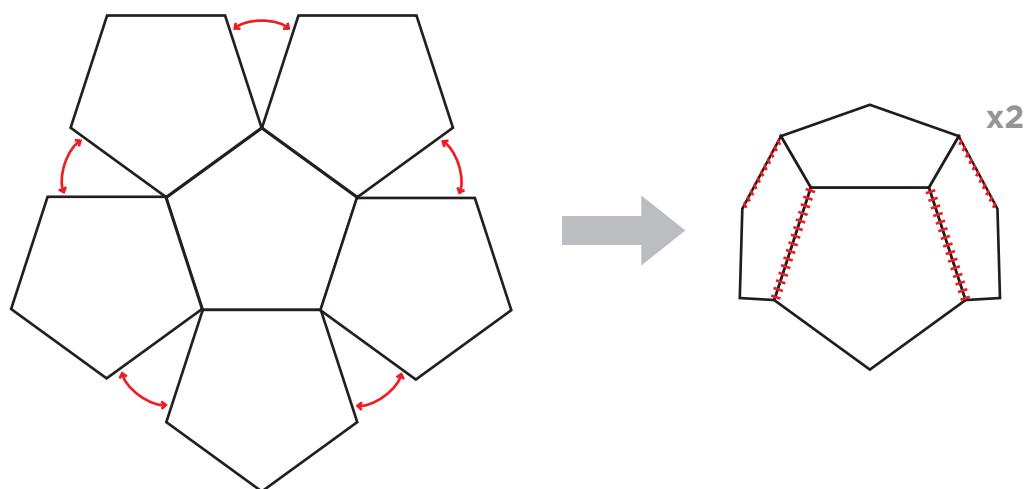


Dodecahedron Ornament

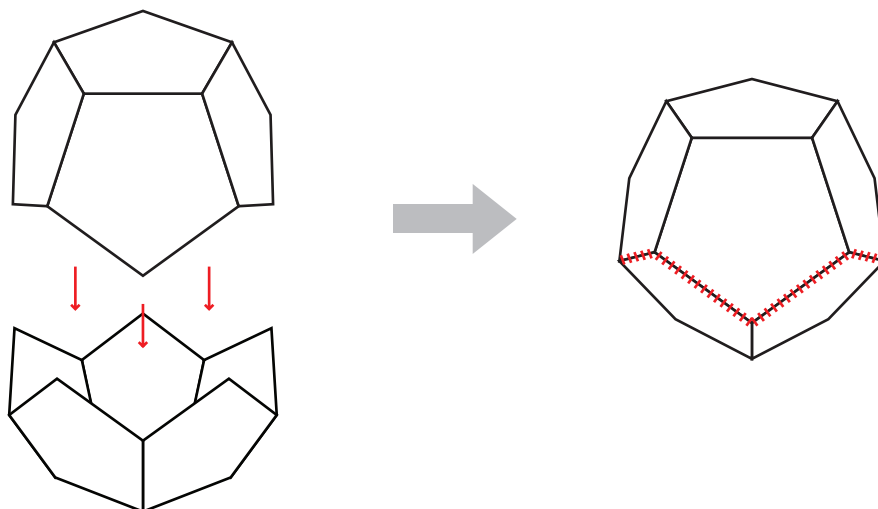
1. Print and cut out the dodecahedron ornament pattern on cardstock.
2. Cut out fabric roughly 1/4" larger than the paper pieces.
3. Using a fabric glue stick, baste your fabric onto the paper pieces, right sides facing out. Be careful to avoid bending the paper pieces as they will be staying in the finished ornament to give it structure. If you prefer basting with thread, you can do that here and remove at the end. We like fabric glue sticks for this project because it keeps the ends of the fabric secured to the paper pieces, and unlike regular EPP, you will not be removing the paper pieces at the end.
4. Sew 6 pentagon shapes together as shown. Do the same with the other 6 pieces.



5. Working with one half of the ornament at a time, shape the outer 5 pentagons together to form a bowl shape and stitch closed. Repeat for the other half of the ornament.

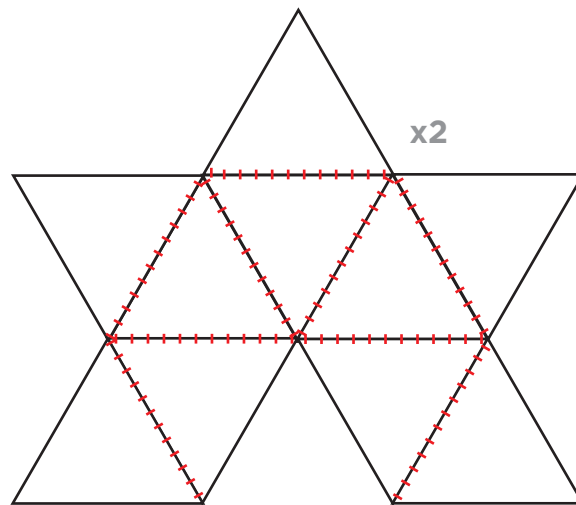


6. Join the two halves together and carefully stitch closed. It's a little awkward to hold at first, but the pieces should fit together exactly. At this point you can insert a ribbon loop between any 3 pieces at a point to hang the ornament. You can also wait until it is all closed and sew thread in a loop at a point if you would like a thinner hanger.

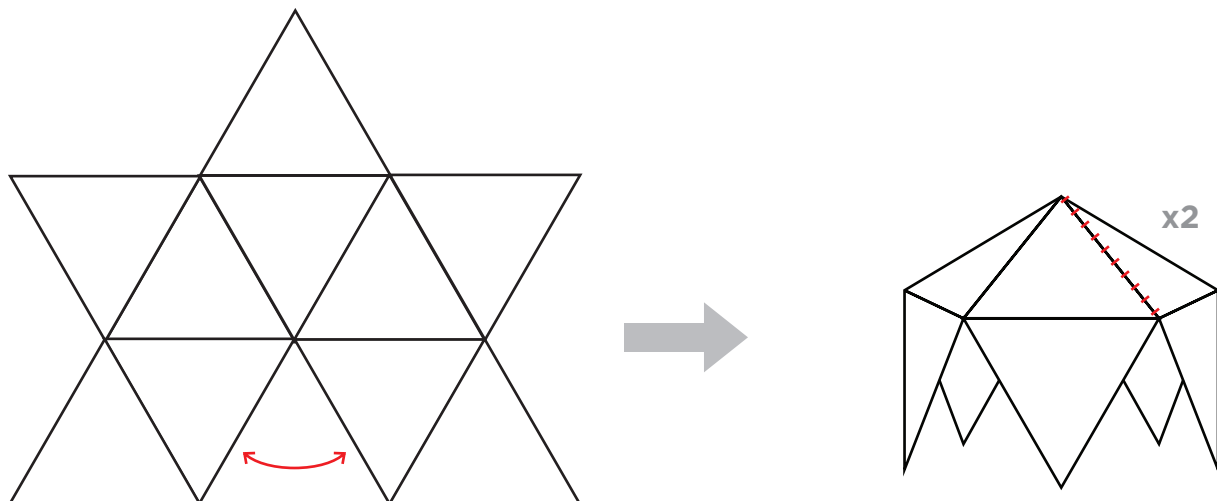


Icosahedron Ornament

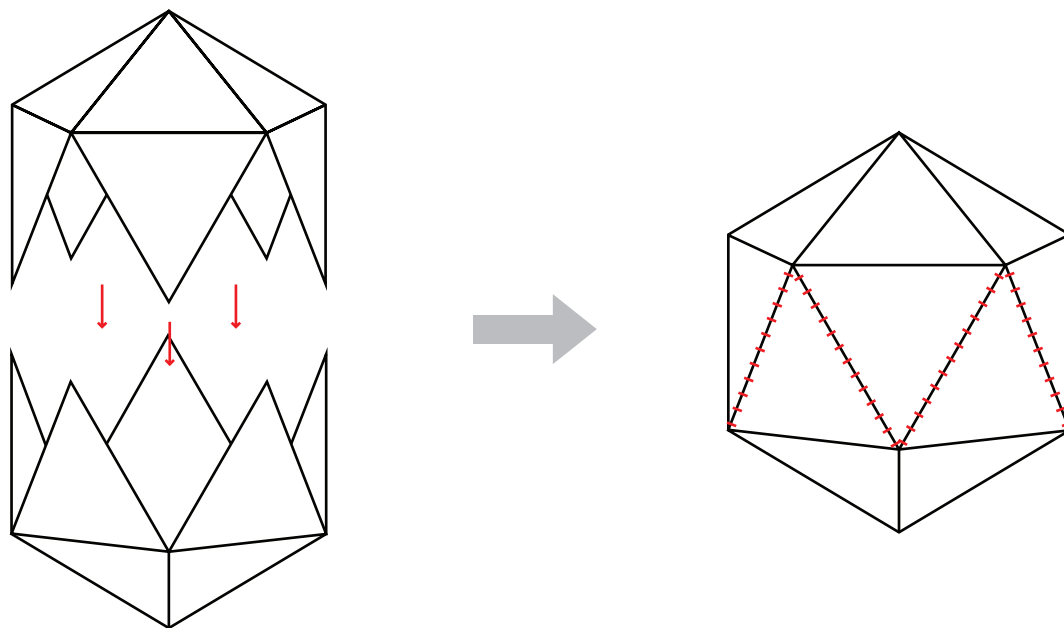
1. Print and cut out the icosahedron ornament pattern on cardstock.
2. Cut out fabric roughly 1/4" larger than the paper pieces.
3. Using a fabric glue stick, baste your fabric onto the paper pieces, right sides facing out. Be careful to avoid bending the paper pieces as they will be staying in the finished ornament to give it structure. If you prefer basting with thread, you can do that here and remove at the end. We like fabric glue sticks for this project because it keeps the ends of the fabric secured to the paper pieces, and unlike regular EPP, you will not be removing the paper pieces at the end.
4. Sew 10 triangle shapes together as shown. Do the same with the other 10 pieces.



5. Working with one half of the ornament at a time, shape the inner 5 triangles together to form a bowl shape and stitch closed. Repeat for the other half of the ornament.



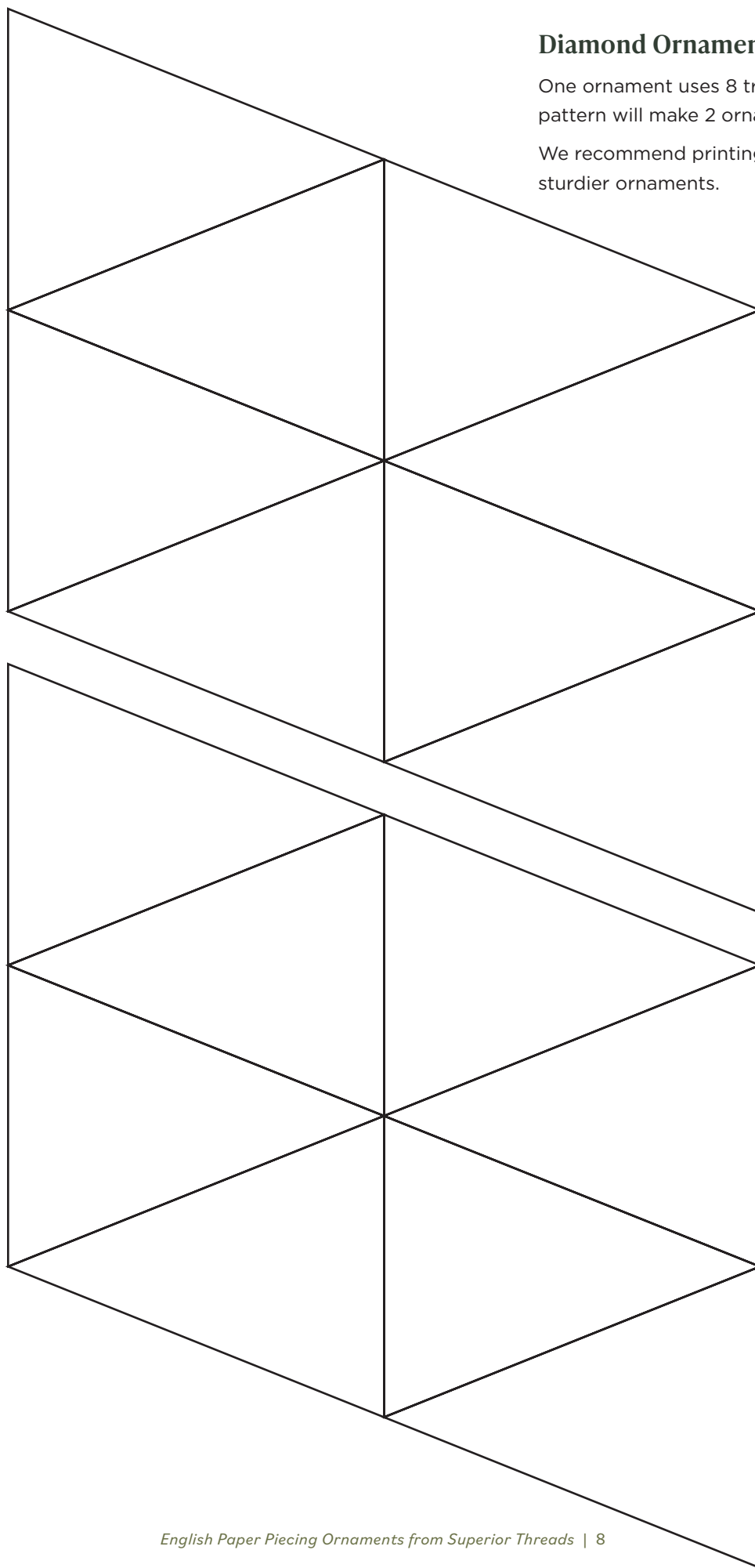
6. Join the two halves together and carefully stitch closed. It's a little awkward to hold at first, but the pieces should fit together exactly. At this point you can insert a ribbon loop between any 5 pieces at a point to hang the ornament. You can also wait until it is all closed and sew thread in a loop at a point if you would like a thinner hanger.



Diamond Ornament Pattern

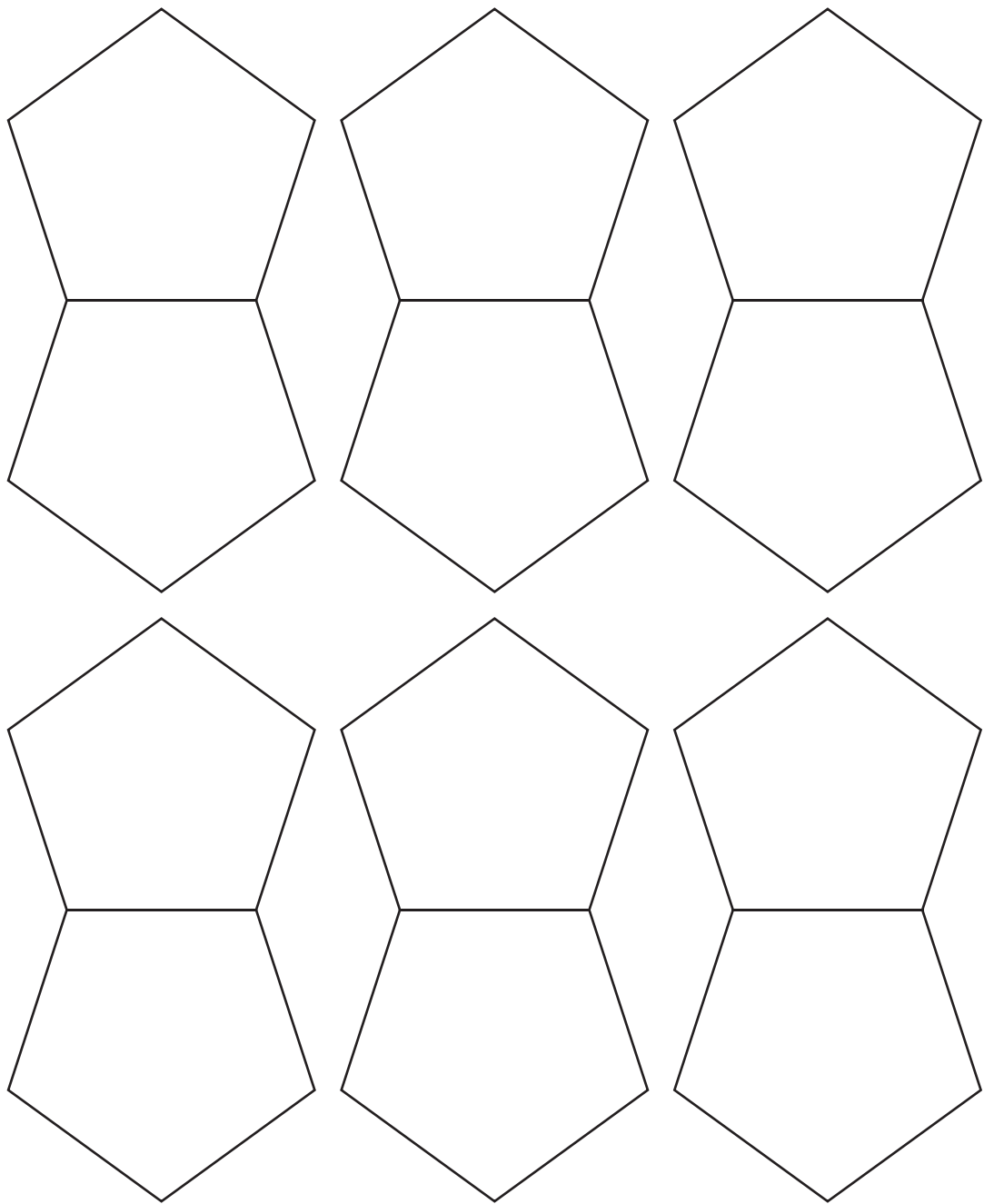
One ornament uses 8 triangles. This printed pattern will make 2 ornaments.

We recommend printing on cardstock for sturdier ornaments.



Dodecahedron Ornament Pattern

We recommend printing on cardstock for sturdier ornaments.



Icosahedron Ornament Pattern

One ornament uses 20 triangles. This printed pattern will make 3 ornaments.

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