

## Patriotic Star Greeting Card

### Materials:

Quilling paper, 1/8" wide

Glue (Elmer's) and a corsage pin or straight pin

Piece of cardboard

Piece of graph paper

5 or more straight pins—the kind for sewing

Blank card and a piece of striped card stock cut to fit the card



### Instructions:

Place the graph paper on top of the cardboard. Taking a full length of quilling paper, fold one tail back on itself just a little; you are making a little "hole" to place one of the straight pins into. Glue the tail down but leaving room for the straight pin. Place a straight pin in the hole and stick the pin into the cardboard on one of the sets of intersecting lines on the graph paper. See picture to the right.

Taking a second straight pin, push it into the graph paper and cardboard one line above where you put the first pin with the paper. Taking the long piece of quilling paper, wrap the paper around the second pin and bring it back down and around the first pin. Glue the paper together where it touches at the bottom of the straight pin.

Taking a third straight pin, push it into the graph paper and cardboard, two more lines above the previous straight pin. Wrap the quilling paper around this pin and then back to the first, gluing as it touches the previous paper at the bottom of the first pin.

Now, depending on which way you wrapped the paper—working either clockwise or counterclockwise, place another pin to the right (or left if working clockwise) and push it into the graph paper one line to the right (or left) of the second pin. Wrap the quilling paper up and over the pin and then bring the paper back to the base of the first pin and glue. (If your paper seems to cross over and not lay flat, wrap the paper between the previous wraps and the new pin before going over the pin and down to the base of the first pin.)

Last pin! Push this last pin into the graph paper to the left (or right) of the second pin by one line. Wrap the paper around this pin the same way you did on the right (or left). Bring the paper back to the base of the first pin and glue together. Now take the quilling paper and wrap it around all of the "outside" pins, it will touch four of the pins as you wrap it around ending at the base of the first pin. Either gently tear the paper or cut it when you reach the base of the first pin (after wrapping all the way around) and glue the tail down. Wait about 1 minute before removing the straight pins and gently lift the star point from the graph paper.

Make a total of 5 star points and glue the fatter end of the completed star points together to create a large star with a smaller star on the inside. Spread a thin layer of glue on one side of the star and place it on the greeting card.

