

# Radial Name Design

Images from and lesson inspired by Mrs. Art Teacher Blog



First off you want plain old copy paper...nothing fancy you want to be able to see through the paper easily. Cut that copy paper into whatever size square you want but 8 1/2 inches by 8 1/2 inches works well.

Fold the paper into fourths and then open it back flat again. Then fold the paper diagonally. Open the paper. Fold it diagonal the other direction.



Keep the paper folded into this right triangle.



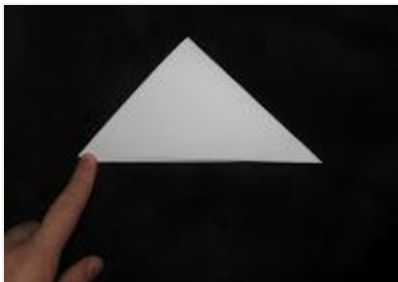
Fold it down into a smaller triangle....another right triangle.



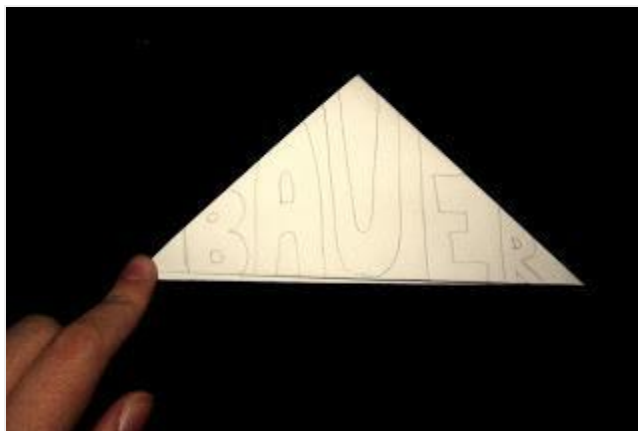
And fold it down one more time. It needs to be folded in this order for it to look right when you open it up.



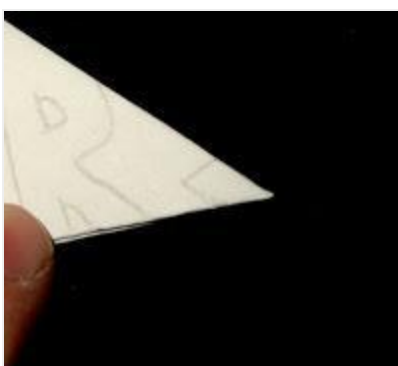
With the paper folded into the smallest right triangle set the paper on the table in front of you with the 90 degree angle up.



Then moving left to right write your name in block or bubble letters.



Make sure you have each letter touch the top and bottom of the triangle. Your standard block letters will do just fine but you can get as fancy as you want. What is important is that those letters touch the TOP and BOTTOM



Trace over pencil lines with sharpie.



Now open up the paper.



See the photo for how to make the first fold.

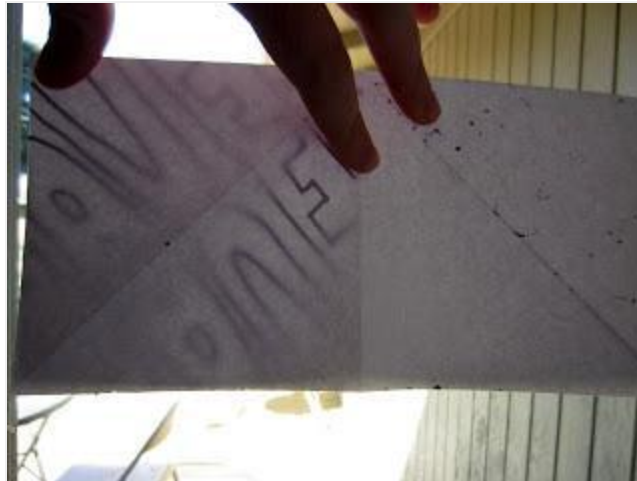


Send the kids to a window to trace in the first space. (two triangles have lettering now)



You can go right to sharpie or work in pencil and then later go over the pencil with sharpie. If you think you are doing it wrong and need to start over then push on! Your tracing is going to be backwards, or upside down or both. Very quickly these go from "What the heck," to "that is so cool!".



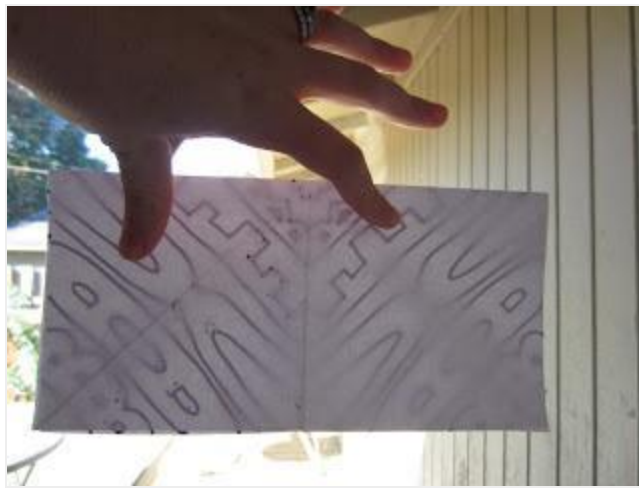


Have them go trace in the 2 triangles on the flip side. (Four triangles have lettering now)



You are now ready to trace four of the triangles into the last four empty spaces.





If there is a big space in the middle of the paper add an interesting radial shape.



Work not one triangle at a time, but one letter at a time. If the letter B is blue on yours then ALL 8 letter B's have to be blue. Work radially around the paper and you will have very few coloring issues.

