

DASHING FLASHING Give the traditional Moravian star shape a modern makeover with vinyl flashing (#233813). Cut out two 10-inch × 10-inch pieces of flashing. Form both pieces into star shapes with a series of scores, folds, and cuts, then glue the two stars together. Download a template, get full instructions, and watch a how-to video at LowesCreativeIdeas.com/Moravian. Estimated cost: \$26 for up to 30. —Lindsay Berger



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STARS ARE A BELOVED SYMBOL OF THE SEASON, AND NO ONE LOVES THEM MORE THAN OUR DESIGNERS. WHEN WE ASKED THEM TO MAKE THEIR OWN, THEY RESPONDED WITH A CONSTELLATION OF CREATIVE PROJECTS —MOST FOR LESS THAN \$50.



STARS IN THE MAKING

“Who doesn’t love to gaze at the sky on a starry night? Stars have a universal appeal that takes on a special meaning during the holidays.” —designer Wade Scherrer

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1 BRACKETOLOGY Join four metal brackets (#49149, #49150) into a sleek star reminiscent of a vintage car logo. Secure the brackets with post screws and add silver spray paint. Estimated cost: \$7 plus paint. —Wade Scherrer

2 STAR LIGHT Make a table light from incandescent bulbs (#249462). Use Loctite super glue (#45432) to glue six 40-watt bulbs together in a circle. Glue two more bulbs to the center—one on top, one on the bottom. Screw the bottom bulb into an adaptor (#72577, #246941) and plug in. Estimated cost: \$12. —John Knight

3 CARDBOARD CUTOUTS Don't know what to do with those extra cardboard boxes around the house? Upcycle them into a spiraling star. Cut out three sets of 14 triangles from cardboard (also available at Lowe's: #118595) with 2¼-inch lengths and heights of 2, 3½, and 5 inches. Glue the smaller triangles onto the larger ones to make 14 sets with three layers. Stack and glue these sets on top of one another in a spiral pattern. Estimated cost: \$1. —Aaron Graves

4 BATCHES OF MATCHES You can't get burnt ends like this at your local barbecue joint. Create a unique piece of folk art with hundreds of partially burned matches (#336754). Light and quickly extinguish all the matches in a box. Cut out a star shape from cardboard, and then glue the matches to the cardboard. Estimated cost: \$2. —Robert Young

5 COOLER CUPS Consisting entirely of water-cooler cups (#109076), this star is refreshingly easy to make. Glue nine pairs of cups together, rim to rim; form a circle with these pairs and glue them together. Glue a second layer (consisting of nine cups) inside the circle, and then add a final layer of four cups. Estimated cost: \$5. —Doug Hansen

6 METAL-MORPHOSIS Transform pieces of metal flashing (#12521, #368580) into an industrial-style star. Cut a star shape out of plywood. Then cut random shapes of flashing (wear leather gloves); nail them to the star until the wood is covered on the front and edges. Estimated cost: \$54 for two. —Jeni Wright

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