

DREAMSTAR

There's at least one star hidden in each illustration in the award-winning bestseller *Dream: A Tale of Wonder, Wisdom & Wishes*, written by Susan V. Bosak and illustrated by 15 of the world's top children's illustrators. *Dream* is about hopes and dreams across a lifetime. When you find a star in an illustration, don't forget to make a new wish each time!

You can also make an origami Dream Star with your wish safely tucked inside. Origami stars have a long tradition in Asian cultures – they bring good luck when you make them and when you give them away. Make a Dream Star and keep it in a special place – your desk, windowsill, bedside table – to remind you of the power of dreams. It's also fun to make a lot of the tiny, colorful little stars. String them together with a needle and thread to decorate a room with all the hopes and dreams of children and adults in your school or community. For other creative ways you can use Dream Stars, and more LifeDreams activities, visit the big-picture learning Legacy Project at www.legacyproject.org.

1 Use an origami paper strip, or a strip of colored paper 11 inches long by ½ inch wide. Write your dream on the strip, along with your first name and age. Start making your Dream Star by loosely tying the strip into a knot close to one end.



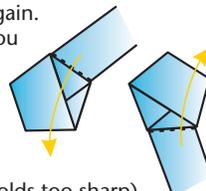
2 Pull on both ends of the strip so that the edges of the strip come together to form a pentagon. Flatten it. The pentagon will have a long tail and a short tail. Fold the shorter end against the pentagon and tuck it into the "pocket."



3 Turn the pentagon around. Fold the longer end along the pentagon so that the edges meet. Maintain the pentagon shape.



4 Turn. Fold again. Make sure you fold along the edge to retain the shape of the pentagon. Continue folding (don't make the folds too sharp) until you have folded most of the strip and you are left with a small tail.



5 Fold the short end against the pentagon and tuck it into the "pocket" (if the tail is too long, just fold over a bit of the end to make a shorter tail that fits neatly and securely into the pocket).



6 Hold the flat star between the forefinger and thumb of one hand. With a thumbnail from your other hand, gently make a dent into one side of the pentagon to begin to puff out your star. Rotate the star so that you puff out all five sides. Your Dream Star is finished!

