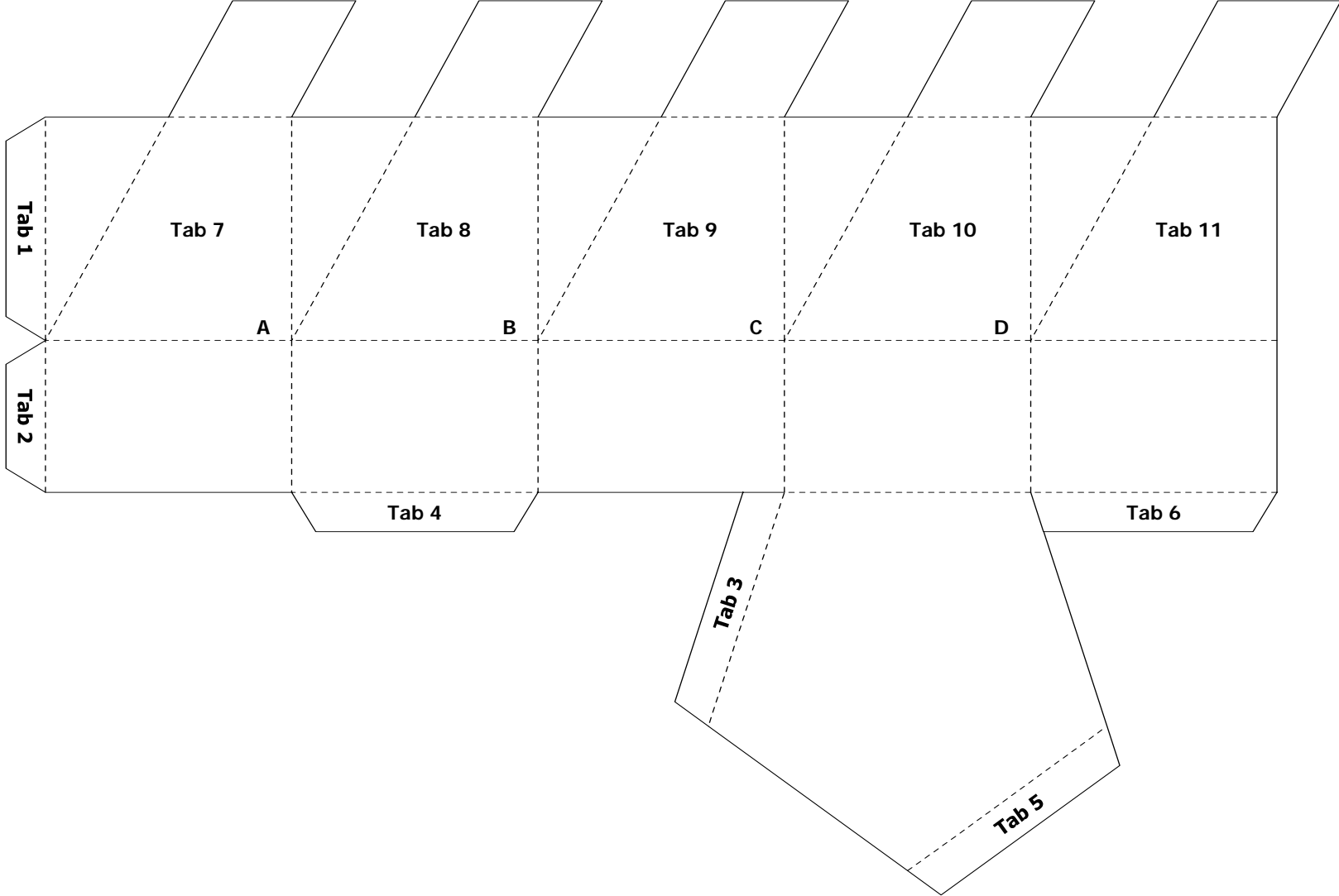


Star Shaped Gift Box



Instructions

1. Print the first page with the template of the box onto very stiff paper or card. You might want to print this page (the instructions) onto ordinary paper for copying and use in the classroom.
2. Very carefully cut out the shape of the template (the continuous line all around the outside of the net).
3. Next, carefully score along **ALL** the dotted lines to make the folding of the sides and the tabs that much easier (and more accurate!).
4. Now is the time to decorate your box. Use plenty of bright colours, glitter, or even gold/silver spray paint to make it look that extra bit special.
5. To assemble your box, first fold along the lines A, B, C and D, gluing the tabs 1 and 2 to hold the basic shape together.
6. Next, fold and glue the base of the box by attaching tabs 3, 4, 5 and 6.
7. If you want to put a present or gift inside the box, do this now as once you've assembled the top it will be hard to open it again without damaging it.
8. Now here comes the hard part and you'll need plenty of patience! Start to fold in the top of the box. Ease the first side in towards the centre of the box. You will notice that it will start to pull its neighbour after it. Make sure the side you're working on sits beneath its neighbour before that one gets pulled into place. Work your way around the box until all the flaps are secured in place. The last one will sit underneath the first one (7 under 8, 8 under 9, 9 under 10, 10 under 11 and 11 under 7). It's a bit like twisting the top, pushing down and watching it collapse!

Once the top is in place, carefully tease out the diamond shaped tabs to make a 5 pointed star and, hey presto, you have a gift box!