

# Holiday Patterns

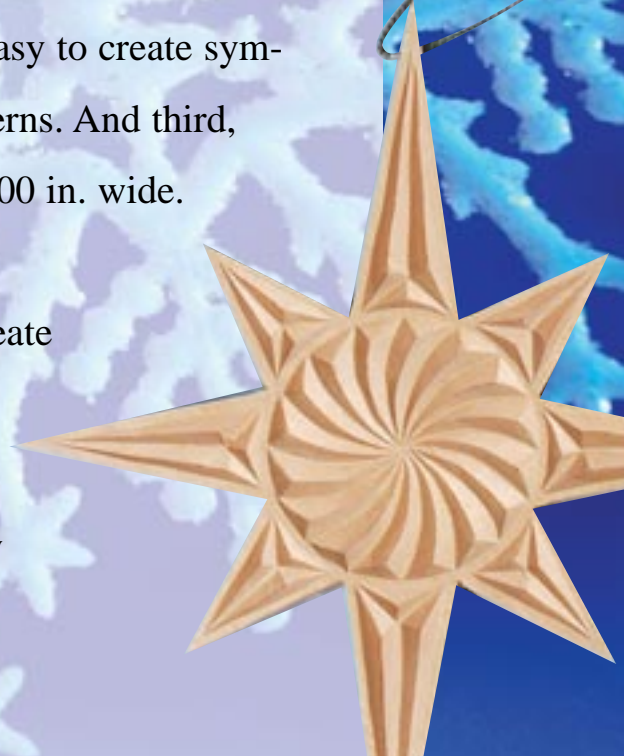
FOR CHIP CARVERS

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All of my patterns are drawn using CorelDRAW 8. The advantages of computer-generated designs are several. For one, I can eliminate the need for mechanical aids when drawing a pattern. For another, it is very easy to create symmetrical or repetitive patterns. And third, the computer makes very fine lines— $3/1000$  in. wide.

These make for more precise chip carving. Although I create a wide variety of designs for plates, boxes, and special occasions such as anniversaries, my holiday ornaments are especially popular.



# Chanukah Menorah

I designed the Chanukah menorah for my Jewish friends. The menorah is a good choice because of its clean lines. One of the two patterns has the shalom in Hebrew letters, the other uses the anglicized spelling.



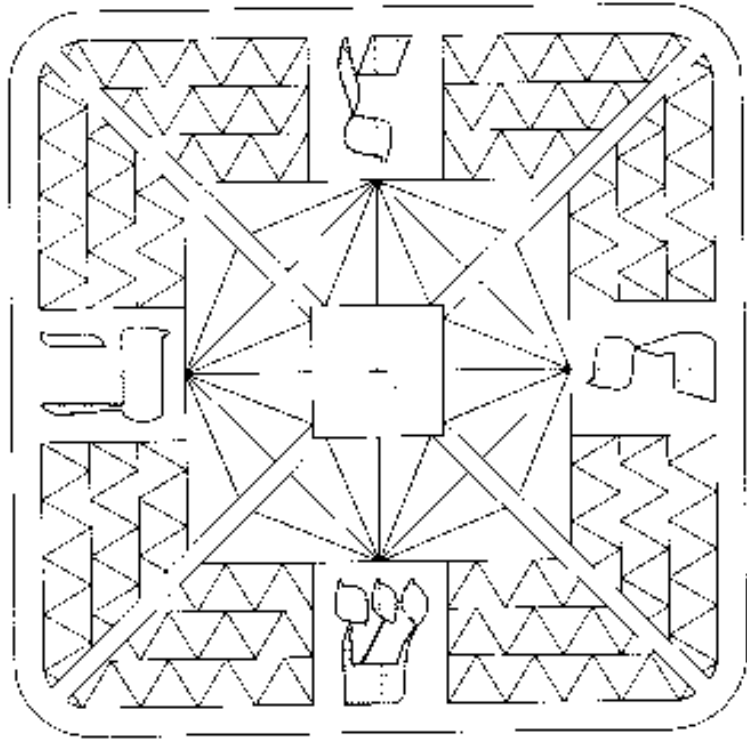
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## The Dreidel

The dreidel, used during the Chanukah Festival, is a four-sided toy that spins like a top. Each side has a Hebrew letter. The pattern for my flat dreidel uses geometric designs and the four letters.

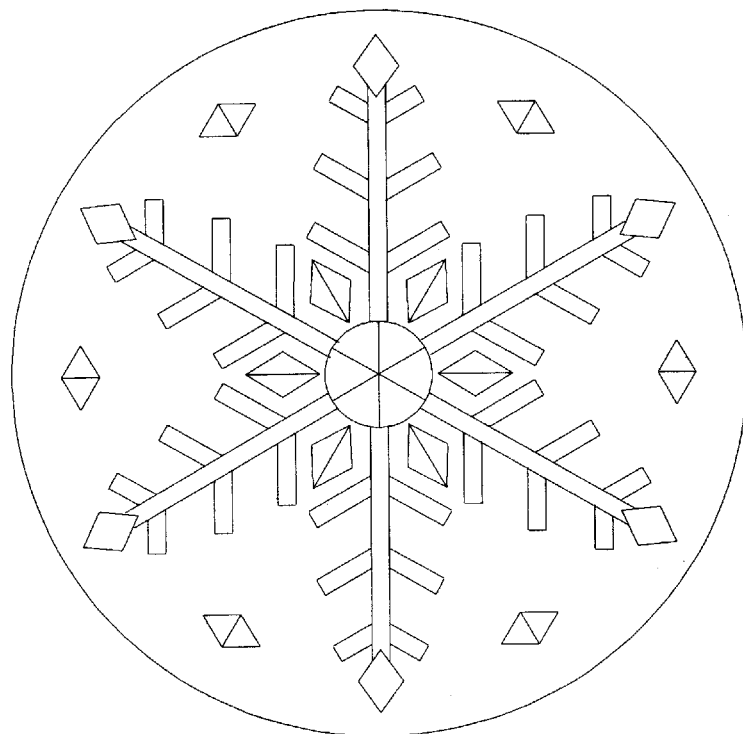


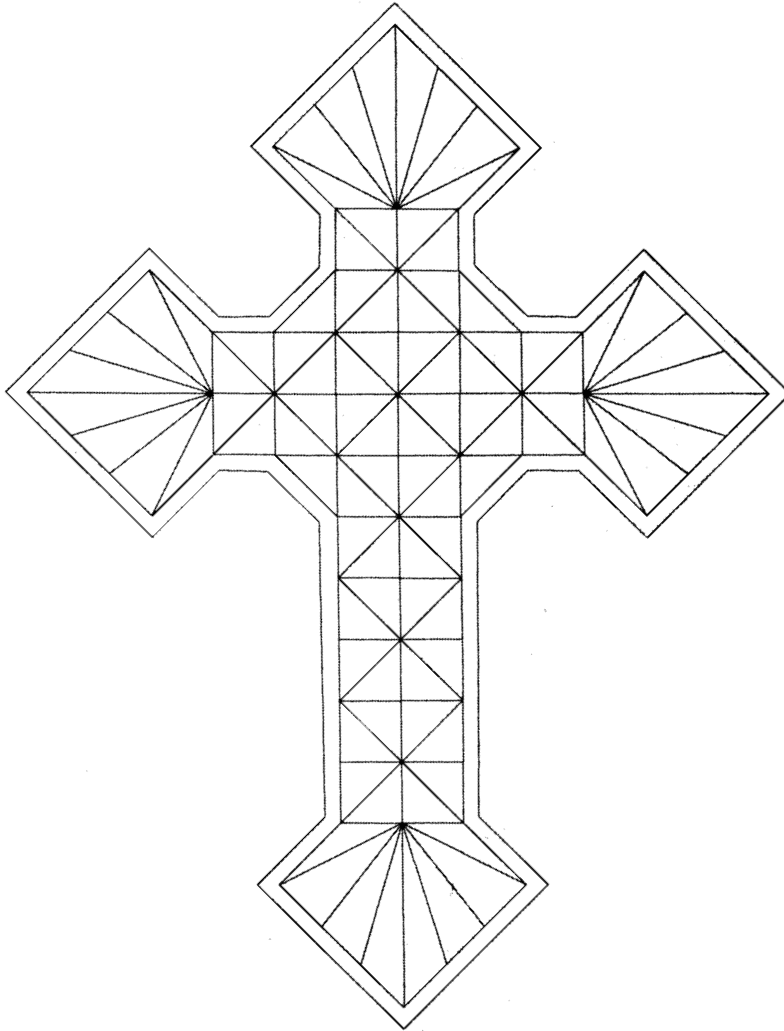
## The Snowflake

The snowflake is a pleasing design for the holiday season and a simple one for a chip carver (the snowflake project is featured in issue no. 3, Spring/Summer 1998 of WCI).

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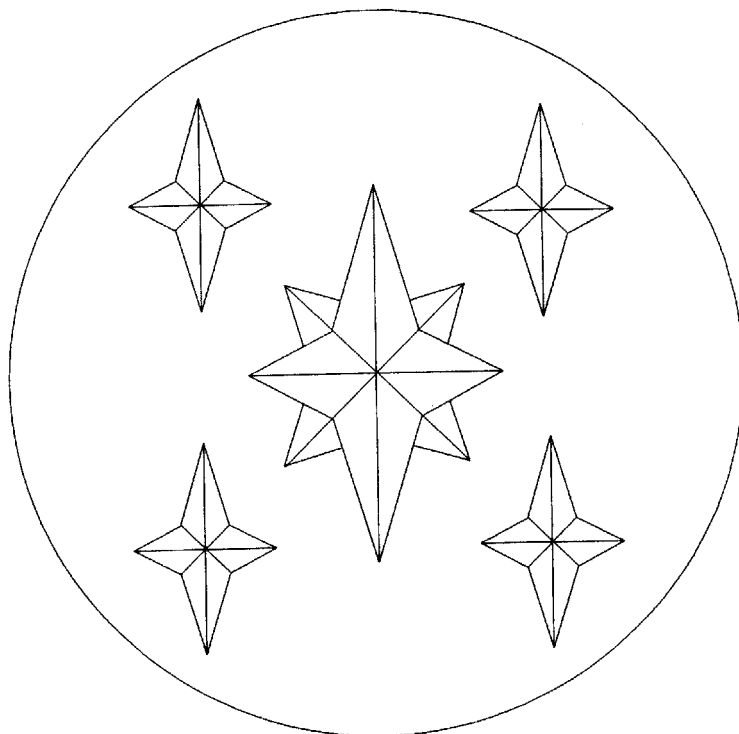
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**Celtic Cross**

My interpretation of the celtic cross is that the spirit of Christ radiates from the ends.



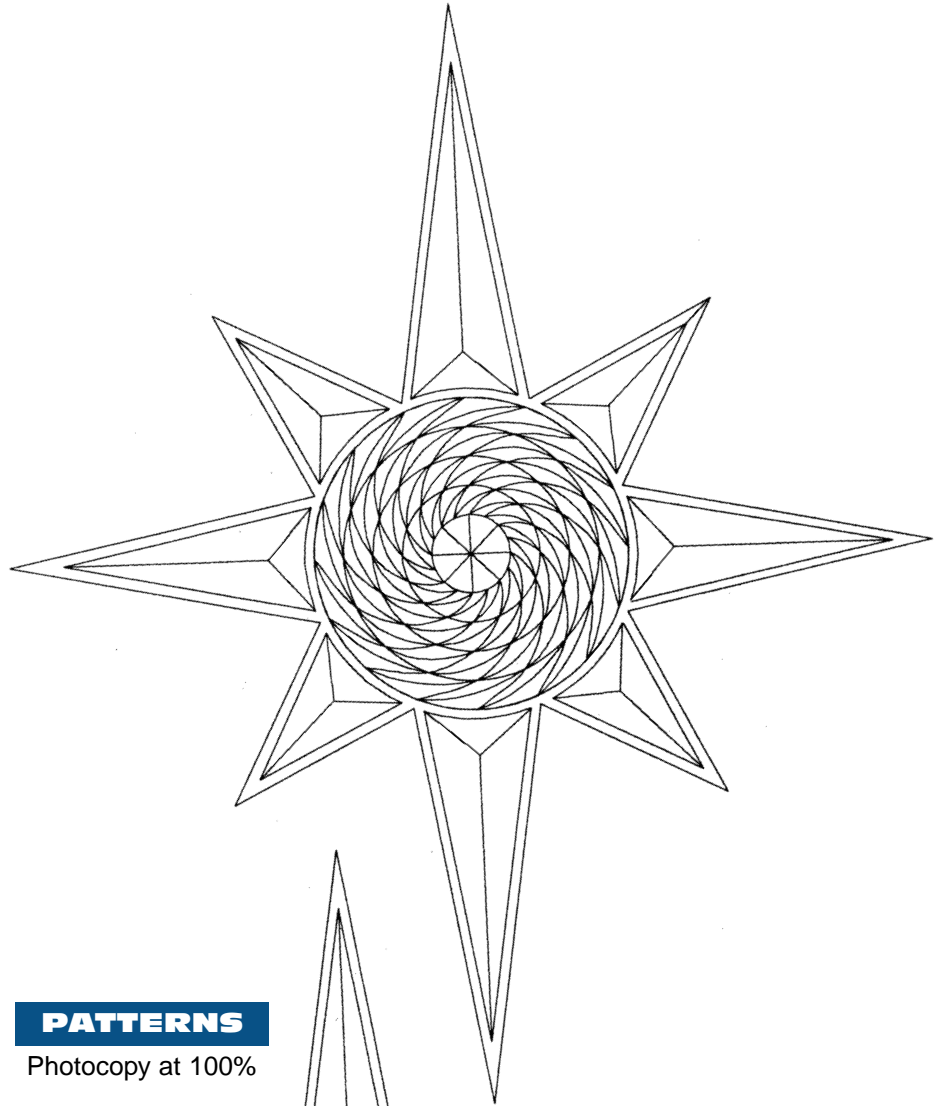
**Star of Bethlehem**

Four small stars surround the Star of Bethlehem. The blue color is popular with my customers. To prepare the wood for coloring, I first sand it with 400-grit paper. I then seal it with a spray lacquer. The last step is spraying the sealed surface with Krylon® paint. I do wait at least four days for the paint to cure before I apply the pattern with a rubber cement and cut through the cemented paper. After carving and shaping, the pattern is removed and the cement easily rubs off.



## Eight-Pointed Star

The eight-pointed star has an unusual geometric pattern in its center. Although the chips are small, a sharp knife and fine lines make this one easier to carve than it appears.



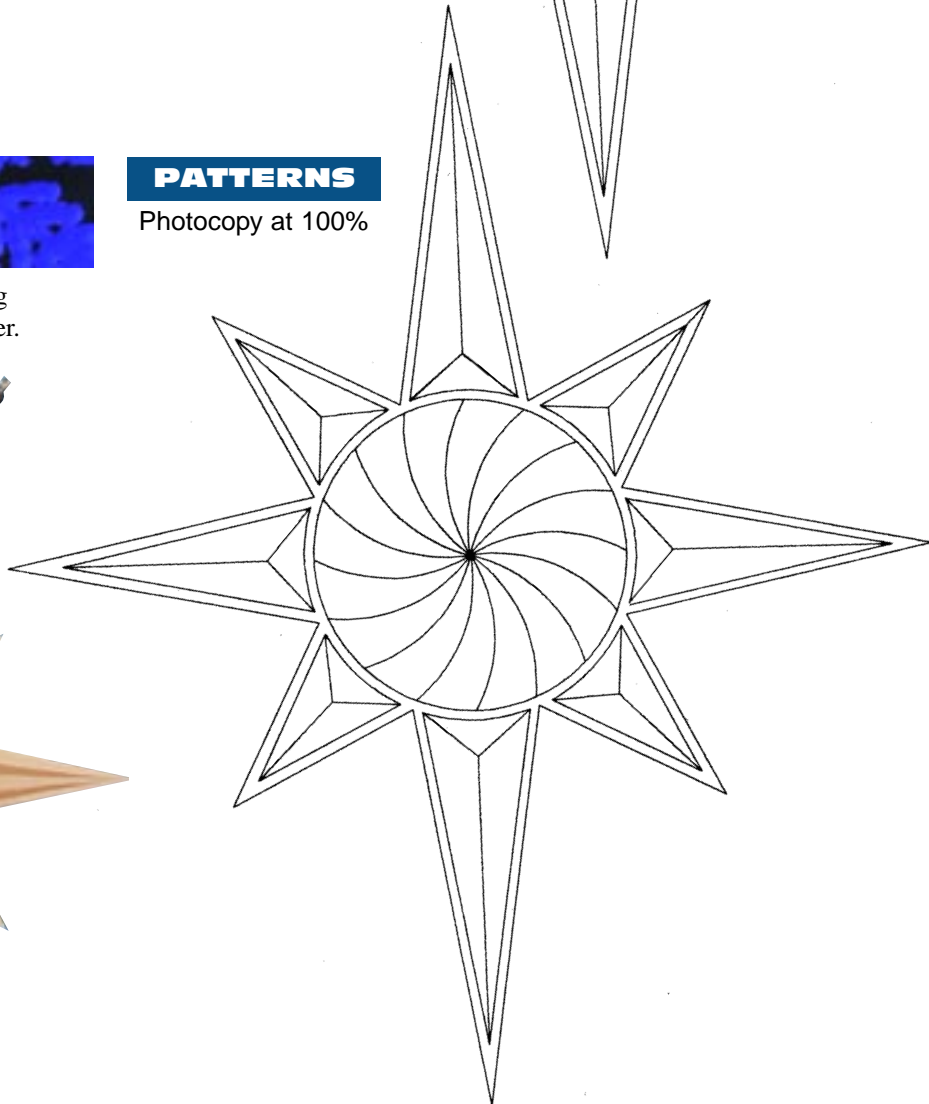
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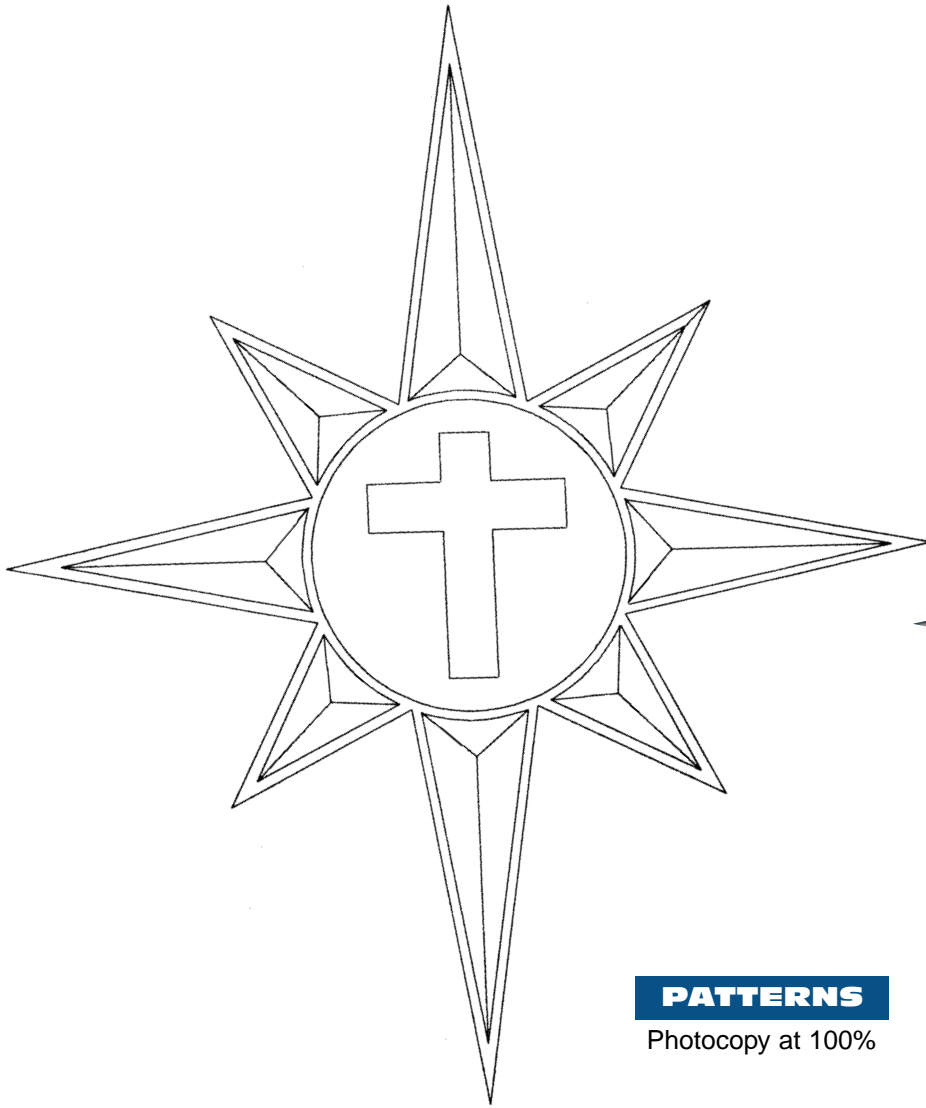
This eight-pointed star has a spiraling pattern—a classical design—in its center.



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**The Cross**

The cross stands out in low relief in the star.



**The Christmas Tree**

The Christmas tree and the red color make this a holiday winner. Note that the branches of the tree are cut using two-sided chips.

