

# Poinsettia Directions

Note: This project is "tricky" and should only be attempted by Kindergarten students with plenty of help, such as with the help of some older "Book Buddy" students, aged third grade and up. I have not yet met a Kindergartener who could complete this project on his or her own!

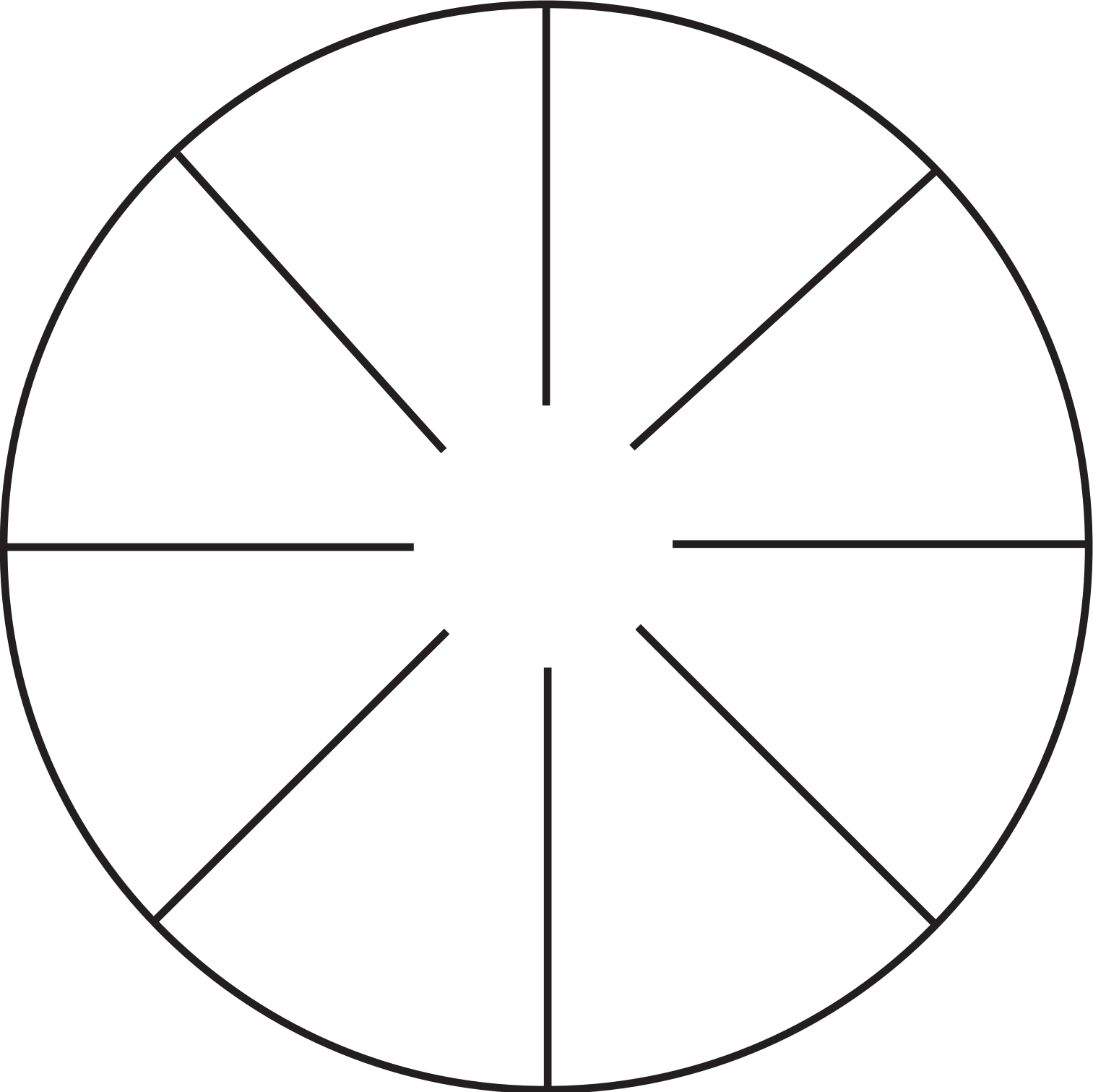
**Poinsettia Flower:** Duplicate on red construction paper. Have the children cut the flower out on the lines. Then have a helper wrap each section around the child's finger and put a dot of glue on the corners so that it sticks. (We have our Book Buddies do this project with the children so that each child has a helper.) Each section should form one point on the flower when glued together. Ask the child to count 20 while holding each point to give each one time to dry. When all of the points are finished being glued together, have the child turn over the poinsettia.

**Poinsettia Leaves and Berries:** Duplicate the leaves onto green construction paper. Cut out the leaves and add them to the back. After the leaves are added, it is "safe" for the children to write their names on the back. (If they write their names any sooner, their writing tends to get covered up by the leaves.) Give each child a hole puncher and have them punch out some "berries" out of some scraps of bright yellow construction paper and glue them on.



(The back of the poinsettia is shown above.) To form each point, put your finger on the petal and wrap it around your finger, securing it with glue.

Poinsettia Flower



# Poinsettia Leaves

