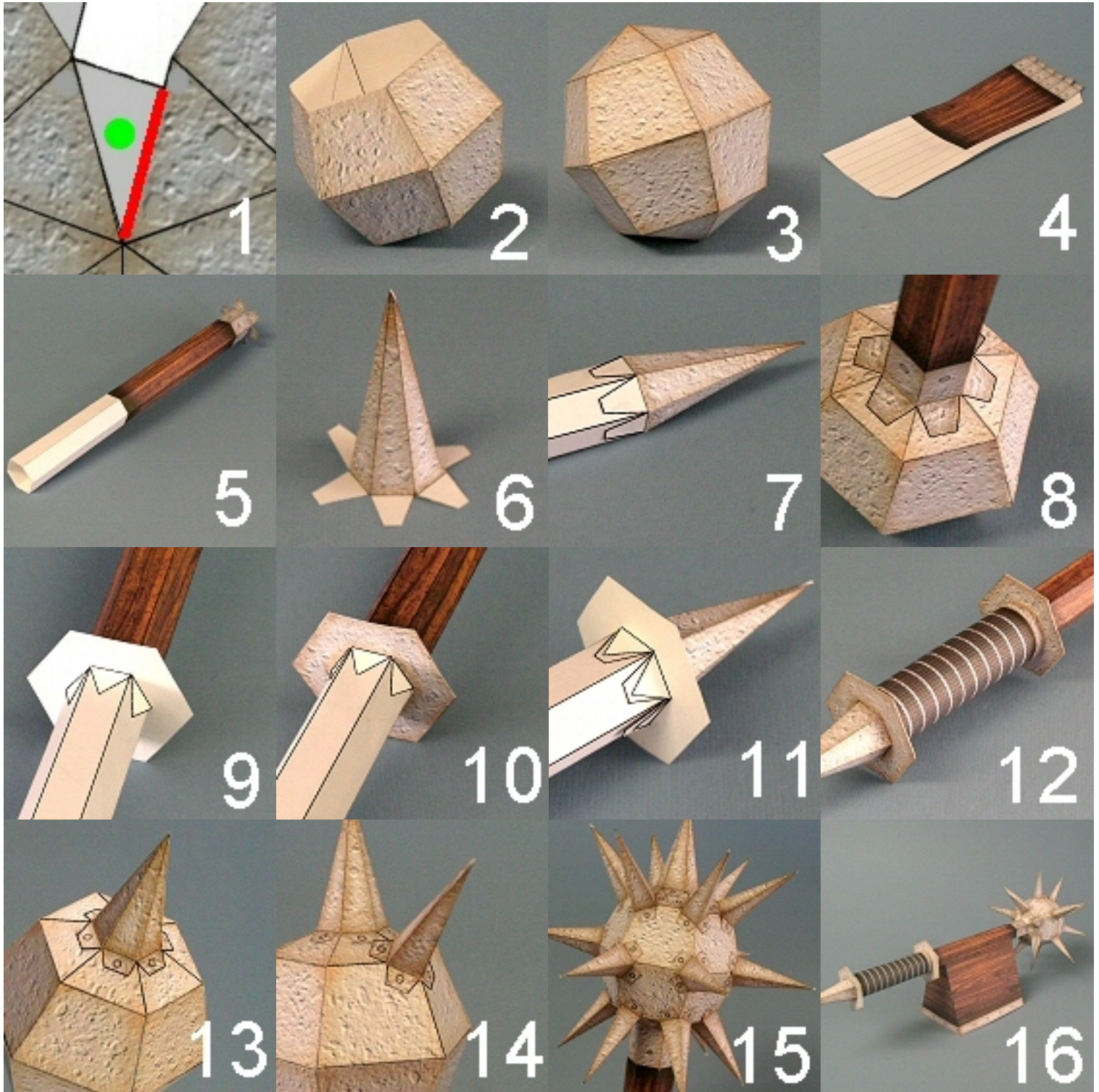


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WHAT YOU'LL NEED: Scissors, Elmer's glue (or a glue stick), a ruler or other straight-edge, a small utility knife, and something to score with (see below).

FOLDING TIP: I strongly recommend 'scoring' the fold lines before folding. This means making a small crease or groove without tearing the paper. You can use an old ink pen, a knitting needle, the end of a paper clip, or any similar metal object (I use a pointy little tool from a manicure kit). Scoring will help you fold much more quickly and precisely, and makes small tabs and panels easier to deal with.

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ASSEMBLY: Begin by cutting out SPHERE A on Parts Page 1. Five of the tabs with yellow dots, and also the tab with a green dot, are connected on two edges. Cut along the shorter connected edge of each of these tabs, as indicated in Figure 1.

Fold all of the tabs DOWNWARD and then fold DOWNWARD between each panel.

Glue the tab with a green dot to the unprinted side of the adjacent panel. Repeat this process for the tabs with yellow dots, and then for the tabs with red dots. The part should now resemble Figure 2.

Cut out SPHERE B on Parts Page 2. Separate the tabs in the same manner as before. Then fold and assemble in the same manner as before. Place SPHERE B over the top of SPHERE A (like placing a lid on a box) as shown in Figure 3. Glue the two pieces together (pressing gently and using plenty of glue).

Cut out HANDLE A on Parts Page 1. Don't fold anywhere on this piece yet.

Cut out HANDLE B on Parts Page 4. Place HANDLE B over the dark gray panels on HANDLE A, as shown in Figure 4, lining the two pieces up as precisely as possible along the top edge of the dark gray panels. Then glue the two pieces together.

The handle now has six top panels and six blank bottom panels. Use the ruler to score fold lines between these panels, connecting the upper and lower fold lines by creasing through the wood area. Fold DOWNWARD between all six sides, and then fold the long gray side tab DOWNWARD.

Fold the six upper metal tabs UPWARD. Then glue the long gray tab to the unprinted side of the opposite panel, forming a handle like the one shown in Figure 5.

Cut out the BOTTOM SPIKE on Parts Page 2. Fold the dark gray tab DOWNWARD, fold DOWNWARD between all six side panels, and then fold the six light gray tabs UPWARD. Glue the dark gray tab to the unprinted side of the opposite panel, forming a spike like the one shown in Figure 6.

Line up the lower edge of the BOTTOM SPIKE metal panels with the bottom edge of the handle, as shown in Figure 7. Glue the light gray spike tabs to the handle (pressing gently and using plenty of glue).

Next, we'll add the sphere to the handle. The bottom of the sphere has triangular panels (you can use either end for the bottom). Place the six metal HANDLE tabs over the bottom of the sphere. Be sure the fold lines in the handle line up with the fold lines on the sphere, as shown in Figure 8. Glue the handle tabs to the sphere (again pressing gently and using plenty of glue).

Cut out the UPPER GUARD on Parts Page 1. Use the utility knife to cut along the six black center lines (to separate the six tabs from each other). Then fold all six tabs DOWNWARD. Slide the UPPER GUARD onto the handle with the printed side of the guard facing TOWARD the sphere. Line the guard up with the bottom edge of the wood, and glue the guard tabs to the handle as shown in Figure 9.

Cut out the UPPER GUARD LINER on Parts Page 1. Use the utility knife to remove the white area in the center. Slide the UPPER GUARD LINER onto the handle with the printed side facing AWAY from the sphere. Glue the UPPER GUARD liner to the UPPER GUARD as shown in Figure 10. Trim the outer edge as needed.

Now cut out the LOWER GUARD and LOWER GUARD LINER on Parts Page 2. We'll add these to the handle in a similar manner as before, but with the following difference: Slide the LOWER GUARD LINER onto the handle first, with the printed side facing TOWARD the sphere. Then slide the LOWER GUARD onto the handle, with the printed side facing AWAY from the sphere.

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Line up the LOWER GUARD with the end of the handle as shown in Figure 11. Glue the guard tabs to the BOTTOM SPIKE tabs. Then slide the LOWER GUARD LINER down onto the LOWER GUARD, glue them together, and trim as needed.

Cut out the HANDLE WRAP on Parts Page 5. Glue one edge of the HANDLE WRAP to the handle, wrap the handle tightly, and then glue down the remaining edge of the HANDLE WRAP as shown in Figure 12.

Now all the Morning Star needs is spikes... LOTS of spikes. Begin by cutting out the TOP SPIKE on Parts Page 2. We'll assemble it in the same manner as the bottom spike. Fold the light gray tab DOWNWARD, fold DOWNWARD between all six side panels, and then fold the six riveted tabs UPWARD. Glue the gray tab to the unprinted side of the opposite panel to form a spike.

Place the TOP SPIKE in position on top of the sphere as shown in Figure 13. Line up the fold lines on the spike and the sphere, and then glue the spike's riveted tabs to the sphere.

Now cut out the remaining eighteen spikes on Parts Pages 4 and 5. Assemble them in the same manner as the previous spikes. The sphere will have three rows of spikes. Beginning with the upper row, glue a spike to the sphere as shown in Figure 14, again lining up the fold lines. (It's OK if the tabs overlap other tabs, this is meant to be a rather crude weapon.) Next, add five more spikes to the top row, six to the center row, and six to the bottom row. The sphere should now resemble Figure 15.

Congratulations, your Morning Star is complete! However, it's nice to have somewhere to display the weapon when it's not in use, so let's make a display stand...

Cut out BASE A on Parts Page 6. Fold the gray tab DOWNWARD and then fold DOWNWARD between the two wood panels. Cut out and fold BASE B in the same manner. Glue the tab with a green dot (on BASE A) to the edge of the rectangular wood panel on BASE B (indicated with a green triangle). Then glue the remaining blank gray tab to the unprinted side of the opposite wood panel. You should now have a stand like the one shown in Figure 16. Place your Morning Star onto it's new stand and enjoy.

A final note: As the proud owner of a horrifying medieval weapon, it is your responsibility to be careful not to hurt anyone with it. Even paper spikes can cause accidental damage. Like hitting someone in the eye, for instance. Have you considered how absolutely GROSS that would be? YUCK! So please be careful.

