



Construct-a-
snowflake



What do all snowflakes
have in common?

What shape are snowflakes
based on?



All snowflakes are based on
regular hexagons



How many lines of symmetry do
snowflakes have?
6 lines of symmetry



What is the order of rotational symmetry of a snowflake?

A snowflake has rotational symmetry of order 6

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Start by drawing a circle

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Mark the centre faintly

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Draw in a faint radius (half the circle)

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With your compasses, draw an arc the same length as the radius

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And another ...

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And one more

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Join up the points to create the
hexagon

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Why does this method produce a regular hexagon?

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Draw in the 6 lines of symmetry

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Now design half a point of your snowflake

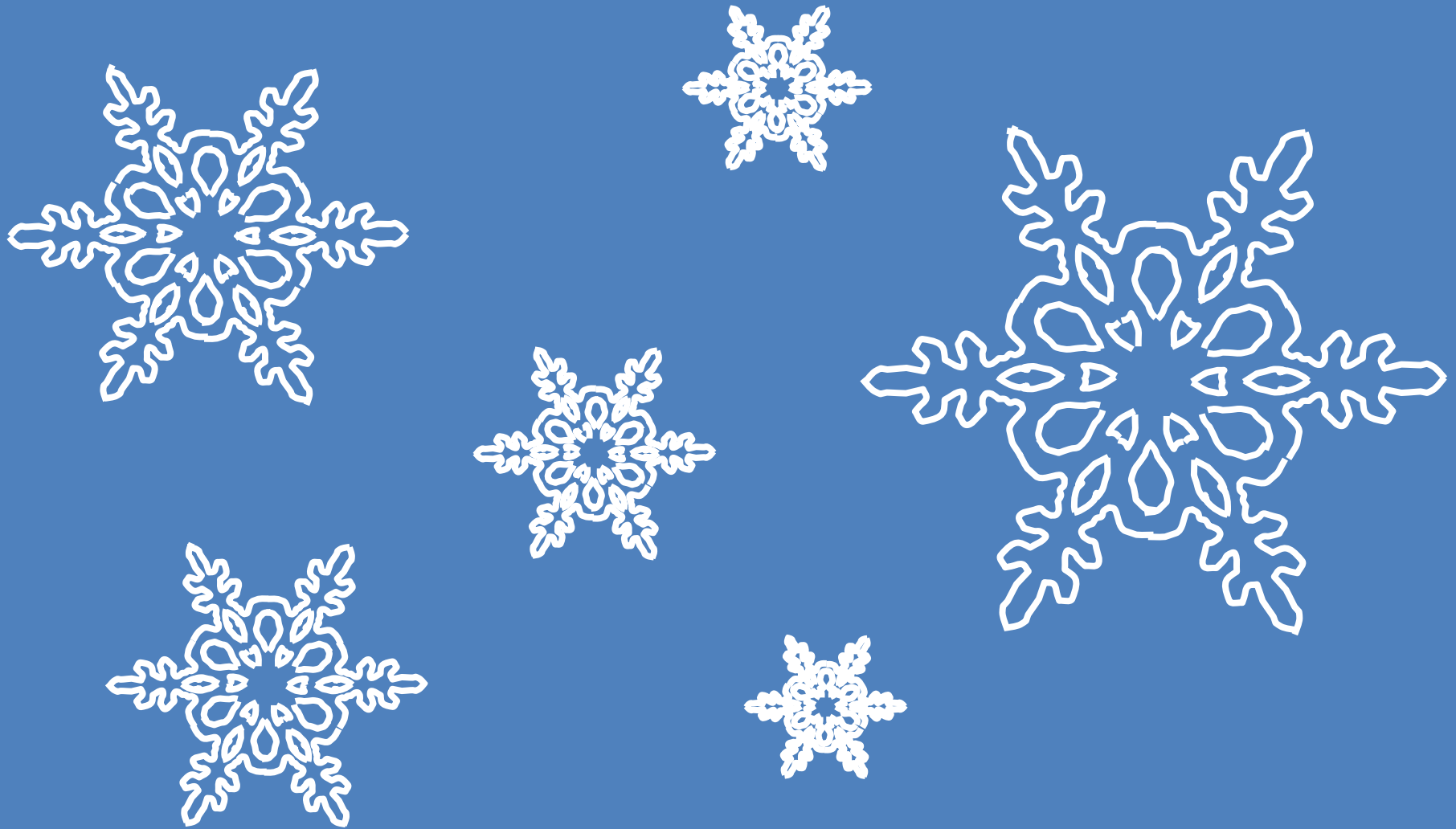
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And finally, carefully reflect it across
the mirror lines

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Your snowflake will look great against a brightly coloured background!