



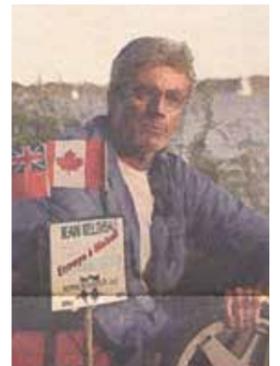
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Stolen guitar found 45 years later 📖

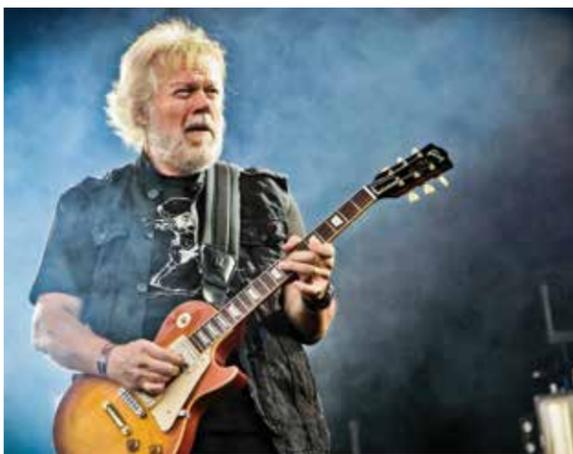
Randy Bachman is a Canadian musician. He sings, writes songs and plays the guitar.

He wrote many famous songs using his 1957 Gretsch guitar.

Bachman always kept his guitar safe when he stayed in hotel rooms. He would chain it around the toilet twice. He used two locks.

In 1976, his road manager put the guitar in a hotel room without locking it up. The guitar was stolen in five minutes.

“It was just terrible,” said Bachman. “I cried for literally all night... I loved this guitar so much.”



This is Randy Bachman.

The guitar was missing for 45 years.

The guitar was found in October.

It was found by William Long. He lives in White Rock, BC.

Long searched the internet. He used face recognition software to match the guitar. He found the lost guitar in a video of a Japanese musician named Takeshi.

Takeshi bought the guitar at a music shop in Tokyo. He said he would trade the guitar for one like it.

Bachman found the same kind of guitar. He plans to go to Japan to trade guitars when it is safe to travel.

Adapted from CBC News
Photo: randybachman.com

Oldest man in Canada 📖

Ja Hyung Lee is the oldest man in Canada. He is 111 years old.

Ja lives in a care home in Surrey, BC.

He says:

- exercise every day
- be around good people
- try not to stress
- smile

It was Ja’s birthday on September 23.

He had a big birthday party. His family and friends came.

There were Korean dancers. A choir sang. Someone played music.

Ja cut the birthday cake.

Adapted from CityNews Vancouver • Photo: Amenida Seniors Community/Rosa Park



This is the birthday party for Ja.

Turbans used to rescue hikers 📖

Two hikers were in Golden Ears Provincial Park on October 14. They slipped on a rock and fell into a pool near a fast-moving river.

RCMP called in search crews to rescue the men. When they got there, they had a big surprise.

A group of five Sikh hikers had saved the men.

The hikers came up with an idea.

The hikers used their jackets and their turbans to make a rope. The rope was about 10 metres long.

The men grabbed onto the rope. The hikers pulled them out.

“I’ve never seen or heard of that before,” says Rick Laing, manager of Ridge Meadows Search and Rescue.

Laing said the men were “extremely lucky.” He said at least one person a year slips and drowns. It can happen any time of the year.

He warns anyone hiking in the area to be careful.

Adapted from CBC News • Photo: Global News



The men used turbans and jackets to make a rope.



Scan to watch the hikers save the men.

Winter fun

Build a snowperson 📖

Build a snowperson this winter for outdoor family fun!



The girl is building a snowperson.

What you need:

- mittens or gloves
- snow, not too wet or too dry
- outdoor space
- buttons or stones, sticks, a carrot

What you do:

1. Make a large snowball.
2. Roll it on the ground to pick up more snow.
3. Pack snow around the bottom of your large snowball to stop it from rolling.
4. Make a medium snowball for the body.
5. Lift it onto the large snowball. Use more snow to stick the two snowballs together.
6. Make a small snowball for the head.
7. Lift the head onto the body. Use more snow to stick the head to the body.
8. Add eyes, a nose and a mouth to the face. Use buttons or stones and a carrot. You can even add stick arms, a hat and a scarf!

Submitted by Trish Weatherall
Photo: Unsplash/Polesie Toys

Make a paper snowflake 📖

Paper snowflakes are easy to make.

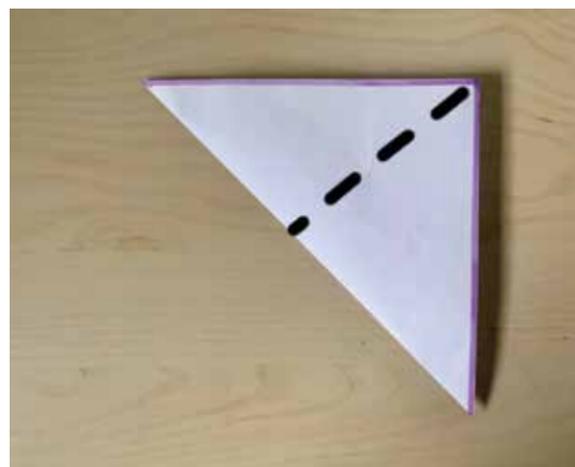
What you need:

- paper
- scissors

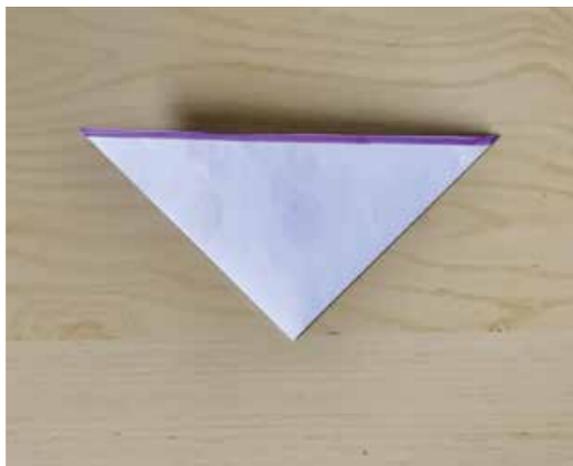
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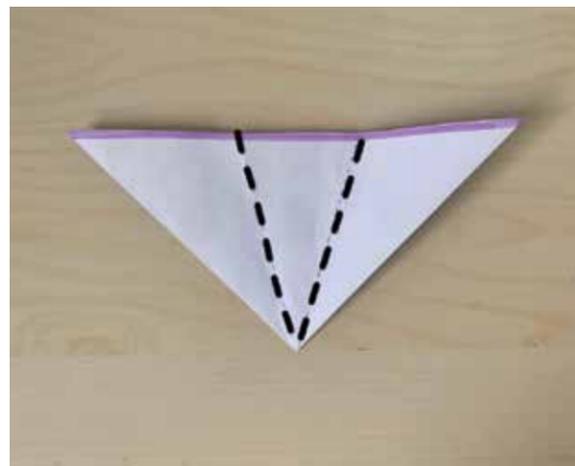
1. Cut the paper into a square.



2. Fold the paper into a triangle.



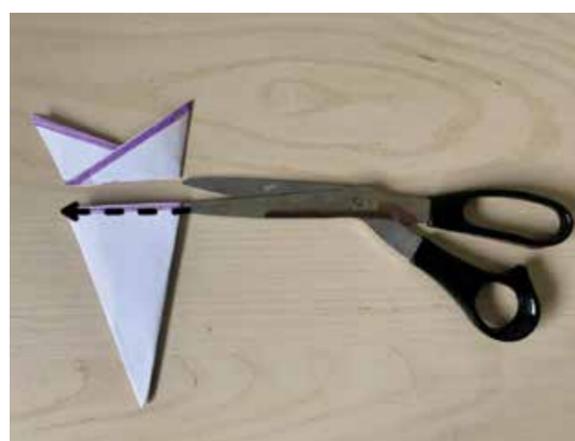
3. Fold it in half again.



4. Divide the triangle into three parts.



5. Fold the left part to the front. Fold the right part to the front.



6. Cut the top edge off.



7. Cut shapes along the edges.



8. Unfold the paper.

Adapted from firstpalette.com • Photos: Jade Chan, Dreamstime/Konstantin Yuganov

2022 Calendar

*Statutory Holidays

January

1 – New Year's Day*



Photo: Unsplash/Olena Sergienko

February

1 – Lunar New Year
14 – Valentine's Day
21 – Family Day*



Photo: Pexels/cottonbro

March

13 – Daylight saving time begins



Photo: Pexels/Pixabay

April

15 – Good Friday*
22 – Earth Day



Photo: Unsplash/Filip Urban

May

8 – Mother's Day
23 – Victoria Day*



Photo: Pexels/Giftpundits.com

June

19 – Father's Day
21 – National Indigenous People's Day



Photo: Pexels/Lgh_9

July

1 – Canada Day*



Photo: Wikimedia Commons/Wladyslaw

August

1 – BC Day*



Photo: Pexels/James Wheeler

September

5 – Labour Day*
30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*



Photo: Reconciliation Canada

October

10 – Thanksgiving*
31 – Halloween



Photo: Pexels/Toni Cuenca

November

6 – Daylight saving time ends
11 – Remembrance Day*



Photo: Pixabay/Didgeman

December

25 – Christmas Day*
31 – New Year's Eve



Photo: Wikimedia Commons/Juliescribbles

Happy Birthday to *The Westcoast Reader*!



The first issue of *The Westcoast Reader* was December 1981. We are printing one story from each decade to celebrate.

Thank you to all our readers past and present. Thank you to everyone who works and has worked on the paper.

We look forward to bringing you more news in the years to come.

December 1981

GALLUP POLL Husbands and housework

•• MONTREAL — Canadian men and women were asked what they thought about housework. 72% of Canadians believe that husbands should share the housework. Another 17% feel that husbands should help "if the wife works". 9% think that men should never touch the dishpan or the vacuum cleaner.

How did Canadians feel 5 years ago? Only 57% felt that husbands should share the housework. Opinions are changing, but women still do most of the housework. In 1976, 44% of husbands helped with chores around the house. Today, 47% do.

Vancouver Sun 19/10/81

December 1991

The NHL is 75 years old



will be 75 years old in 1992.

The NHL began in 1917. There were only four teams. They were all in Canada.

Now there are 22 NHL teams. They are in Canada and the United States.

Two more teams will join the NHL next season.

✓ The National Hockey League (NHL) is having a birthday. It

December 2001

Snowboarding is a popular winter sport

- ☞ An American made the first snowboard in 1965.
- ☞ Snowboarding was a new sport at the 1998 Olympic Games.
- ☞ Ross Rebagliati is from Whistler. He won the first Olympic gold medal for snowboarding.
- ☞ Snowboarding tricks have unusual names. For example:
 - chicken salad air
 - mashed potatoes
 - eggplant

Source: <http://expn.go.com:80/glossary/snb/>



December 2011

National news



Jean Beliveau takes a rest.

PHOTO — KILIAN FICHOU/AFRGETTY IMAGES

Walked the world

Jean Beliveau was not a happy man.

He needed a change.

On August 18, 2000, Jean tied his shoes and said good-bye.

It was his 45th birthday.

Jean decided to walk around the world for peace.

And he walked, for 11 years.

He travelled 75,000 kilometres and through 64 countries.

Jean slept in jails, in deserts, on mountains and under bridges.

He lived with 1,500 families.

People were very kind to him.

Each year, his wife, Luce, met him.

"I was lucky, I'm still lucky, to have Luce," Jean says.

In October, 2011, Jean came home to Canada.

He is now a happy man.

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