



# AARDVARK AUTOMOTIVE

Aardvark Automotive Newsletter

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## Welcome WINTER ►►►

Let's enjoy hot chocolate, maybe a sleighride, definitely home-baked cookies, and cozy blankets by the fireside...

Thank you for checking out our Winter Newsletter! In this issue, we're going to tell you how the MINI came to be, offer some advice for making your New Year's Resolution stick, explain the difference between your engine air filter and

**COLD DAYS**  
warm  
hearts

There's *snowbody*  
I'd rather spend the  
holidays with than you!



Hi everyone!

We can hardly believe 2018 is upon us! Time does fly, doesn't it?

Here's wishing you and your loved ones a season of gladness, a season of cheer, and to top it all off—a wonderful year! Merry everything and a happy always.

- Robert & Lynda Arch-



Be sure to check our website current specials!

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Mini Cooper Countryman

## You Auto Know ▶▶▶

### About MINI

MINIs may seem like a fairly recent automotive phenomena on American roads, but, in fact, the MINIs we know and love today are the culmination of over 50 years of motoring, hundreds of innovations and checkered flags, and an International Car of the Century award. It all started in 1957...

### It's a gas, gas, gas...

After World War II, the Suez Crisis sent fuel prices soaring in England, leading many people to wonder if the large, gas-guzzling vehicles popular in the 1950s made sense in the modern era. In response, the Morris Company set about designing a small, fuel-efficient, affordable car. The challenge of fitting so much function into a *mini* package inspired a couple of historic innovations, including pushing the wheels all the way out to the corners and turning the engine sideways.

### Impressive style and performance from the start

The MINI has successfully combined quirky style and exceptional performance from the start. In 1961, the Classic Mini Cooper 997 was introduced, becoming the brand's first race car and winning the Monte Carlo rally from 1964 to 1967.

However, MINIs didn't come to American until 1999 because of emissions regulations. But it didn't take long for the brand to become extremely popular—for many of the same small/big reasons.

## Make It A Habit

### And accomplish your New Year's Resolutions!

Did you know it takes at least 21 days to form a habit? It's true—study's have found that if you stick to something for at least 21 days, you're more likely to stick with it forever. So, here are some tips for putting this tidbit to good use and accomplishing your New



#### Year's Resolutions in 2018!

1. Decide exactly what you want to do, and be as specific as possible. Write it down and post it where you can see it every day.
2. Schedule a time for your activity, and block out 21 consecutive days on your calendar. Do not let anything get in the way of your schedule! (If something does, it's best to start over with another 21 days.)
3. Once you reach your 21 days, congratulate yourself! But don't stop—schedule another 21 days, and keep going. Be consistent and dedicated in your efforts.

## Engine Air Filter vs. Cabin Air Filter

Here's the difference

Engine air filter and cabin air filter are two automotive terms often used interchangeably even though they're two entirely different components.

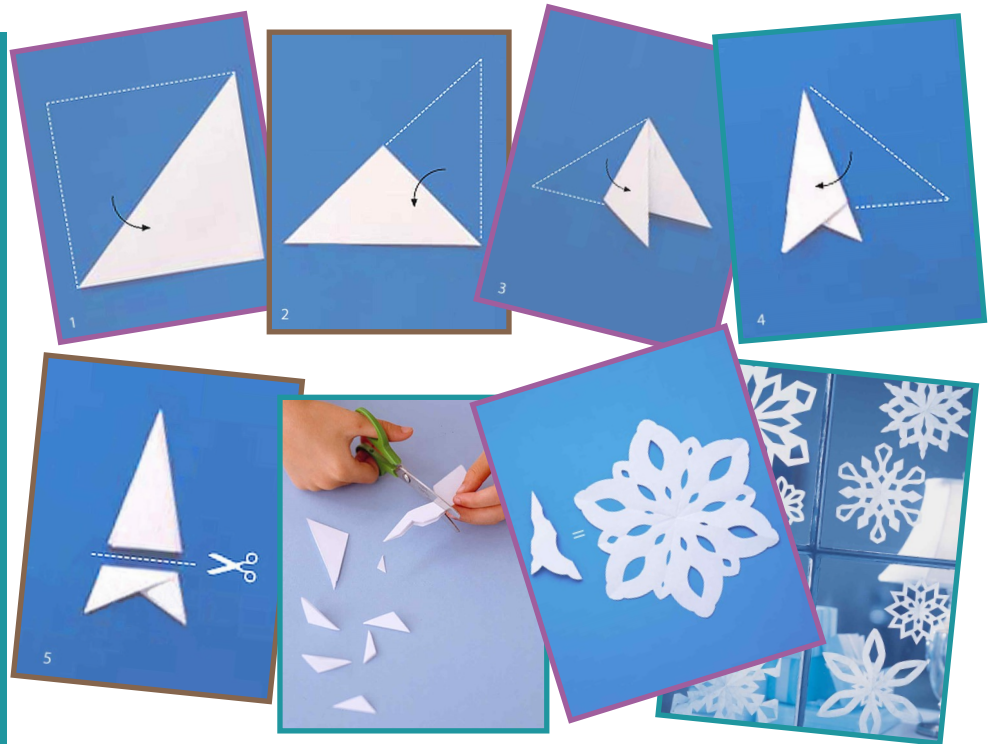
### Engine Air Filter

Car engines require clean air much the same way we do. Engine air filters essentially help your engine "breathe," and prevent contaminants from making their way into engine parts, such as bearings, cylinders, and pistons. Not only can this cause premature wear, but it also reduces fuel economy and leads to increased emissions.

### Cabin Air Filter

The cabin air filter keeps contaminants out of the cabin, preventing you and your passengers from breathing in all sorts of pollutants and dust. With a dirty cabin air filter, particles ranging from mold spores to insects can also enter your car's HVAC system, and cause heating and cooling issues.

*The thing engine and cabin air filters have in common? They both need to be changed eve-*



Learn How to Make Perfect Paper Snowflakes

## Winter Project ▶▶▶

### Step-by-Step Paper Snowflakes

Decorate your home this season—and keep the kiddos occupied—by making beautiful paper snowflakes. Here's a step-by-step guide to folding and cutting your snowflakes, and feel free to add glitter for some extra sparkle!

1. Start with a square piece of paper. Fold the paper in half diagonally to make a triangle.
2. Now, fold the triangle in half so the pointy corners meet.
3. Fold your triangle into thirds
4. Fold into the shape as shown. You may need to adjust these folds a little to get the sides to match up, so don't crease the paper until the folds are just right.
5. Cut across the bottom of your paper so it is straight.
6. Cut the folded paper with variations of straight and curvy lines. Get creative with your snowflake designs by experimenting with different sizes and shapes of cutouts.
7. Gently unfold the paper to see your unique snowflake. Use poster putty to attach to windowpanes, or make a wreath of snowflakes by sticking them one at a time to a wall with poster putty. You can also hang them from your Christmas tree, or string them together to make a garland.

## From Our Blog

### Winter Car Care Advice: It's not cool (or necessary) to warm up your engine before driving

As temperatures are falling in Amarillo this winter (it has been dipping below freezing at nighttime recently), you may be tempted to warm up your car in the early hours of the morning before you head to work—perhaps for your own comfort, or because you've heard letting the engine idle for a minute or two prolongs its life. We're here to tell you there is no truth to the age-old practice of letting your car warm up on cold mornings. In fact, engine warming is NOT beneficial for your vehicle. (Sorry toes!)

#### *The Reason Warming Up Your Engine Is Unnecessary & Potentially Harmful*

Here's what happens inside an internal combustion engine as it idles: when you start your car, the pistons compress air and vaporized fuel inside the engine cylinders. Then, the spark plugs ignite this mixture, creating a miniature explosion that supplies power to your vehicle's drivetrain. However, when the engine is cold, the gas may not evaporate completely as it combines with the air. In modern cars with an electronic fuel injection...

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