Dim x As Integer

Dim symbol As String

Dim max As Integer

Dim spaces As Integer

Dim hollow As Integer

Dim numberofsymbols As Integer

Console.WriteLine("Input symbol")

symbol = Console.ReadLine()

Do Until max Mod 2 = 1

Console.WriteLine("Enter the max number of symbols")

max = Console.ReadLine()

Loop

spaces = max - 1

spaces = spaces / 2

numberofsymbols = 1

Do Until numberofsymbols > max

For i = 1 To spaces

Console.Write(" ")

Next

Console.Write(symbol)

If numberofsymbols > 2 And numberofsymbols < max Then

hollow = numberofsymbols - 2

For x = 1 To hollow

Console.Write(" ")

Next

Console.Write(symbol)

ElseIf numberofsymbols = max Then

For x = 1 To numberofsymbols - 1

Console.Write(symbol)

Next

End If

Console.WriteLine()

spaces = spaces - 1

numberofsymbols = numberofsymbols + 2

Loop

Console.ReadKey()