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Activity Idea

ORIGAMI

Recommended for Ages 5 and up

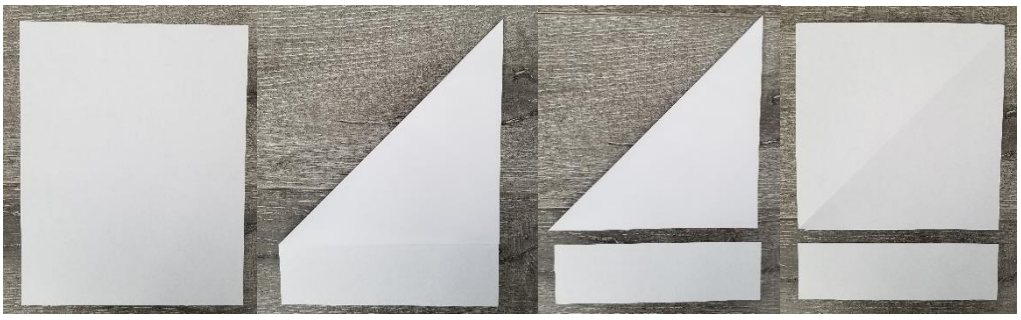
Learn to create simple origami shapes! All that is required for any origami project is a square piece of paper and origami instructions. Some basic origami folds are included. Instructions for more origami, and for more difficult origami projects, can be found online or in many books and eBooks available through the Library.

You will need the following materials:

- Square paper
  - If using plain paper, decorate your design before or after!
- Origami instructions
- Scissors (if making origami paper from rectangular paper)

How to Make Origami Paper

Origami paper can be made using regular 8.5” x 11” paper. This process also works for any rectangle shaped paper.



1. Take the left corner and fold it down to the right side. Make sure the right corner is creased at the very tip.
2. Cut alongside the triangle to remove the leftover rectangle
3. Unfold and you have a square ready for origami!

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ORIGAMI DOG

Recommended for Ages 5 – 8

Instructions

1. Open your perfect square and fold it in half to create a triangle.

2. Now we are going to create the ears. Let's take the top corners and fold them down.

3. Let's work on the mouth. The bottom corner of the triangle will have two layers. Take one layer of the bottom corner and fold it up about ½ of an inch. Fold it up again to make a second fold on top of the first one.

4. Now it time to add your eyes and nose. You can do this with crayons or markers. Be creative and add some designs or spots to your doggy.

More to Explore

LA County Library Virtual Programs – https://tinyurl.com/y2awa4gu
Make something new from the safety of your home by following along to the library's Maker Monday YouTube playlist, full of DIY, STEAM, and tech-focused programs, including origami!

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ORIGAMI CUP

Recommended for Ages 5 – 8

Instructions

1. Open your perfect square and fold it in half to create a triangle.

2. Take the top corner down to the bottom fold it and unfold.

3. Now let's fold the bottom left hand corner to the opposite side. Now take the right side and fold it to the opposite side.

4. Fold down the top front flap down. Turn it over and fold the back flap down.

5. Now you can open your cup!

More to Explore

Origami for Children - lacountylibrary.overdrive.com/media/1647489

This eBook contains 35 different origami designs including animals, party decorations, and cars.

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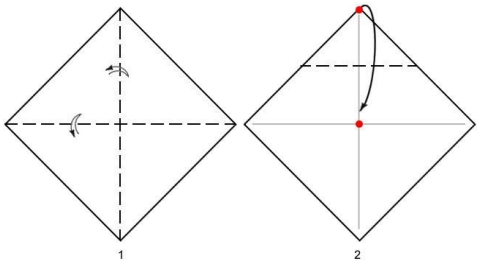
ORIGAMI HEART

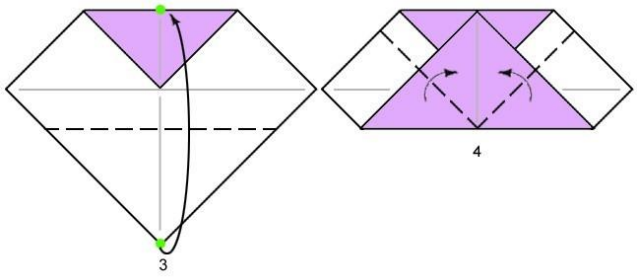
Recommended for Ages 7 and up

Instructions (adapted from Origami Resource Center)

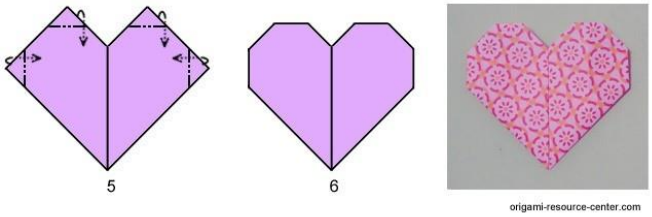
1. Start with a square sheet of paper with the white side facing up. Fold and unfold along the diagonal in both directions.
2. Fold down the top corner of the paper to the center of the paper.



3. Fold up the bottom corner of the paper to the top of the model.
4. Fold up the bottom-left and bottom-right sides of the model so the edges meet in the middle. This gives you a heart shape.



5. Fold back (mountain fold) the corners of the paper to get a more rounded heart shape.



More to Explore

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda – lacountylibrary.overdrive.com/media/659113

Listen to this hilarious audiobook for laugh-out-loud stories of a middle school boy who loves to make origami, including a Yoda finger puppet!