



TE URU ORIGAMI ACTIVITY: *Make a Kusudama flower*

Take a trip to the land of relaxation using your digits and this simple guide for making a beautiful floral arrangement from paper. Perfect for when you can't make it to the florist or you need a bouquet for lockdown Mother's Day!

Suitable for people aged 8 to 100

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ABOUT ORIGAMI

The word origami is made up of two meanings 'to fold' and 'paper'. Paper was first invented in China around 105AD and was brought to Japan in the 6th century. Today, you can find a wonderful array of interesting paper easily available at your fingertips. Try making your origami squares from newspaper, giftwrap paper, magazines or sticky note paper, or design and decorate or paint your own special paper.

GET INSPIRED by origami masters Akira Yoshizawa, Jun Maekawa, or Jo Nakashima, and New Zealand's own celebrated origami master Jonathan Baxter and paper engineer Philip Fickling.

Akira Yoshizawa believed "that origami carries the message of peace" and "folding the lines must follow the laws of nature" https://kupdf.net/download/akira-yoshizawa-origami_59026df6dc0d606c49959ee2_pdf
<http://www.enryo.ro/carti/Origami%20Museum%20Animals.pdf>

Jun Maekawa

http://paper-life.ru/images/origami-book/genuine-origami/Genuine_Origami_-_Jun_Maekawa.pdf

Jo Nakashima

<https://jonakashima.com.br/category/diagrams/>

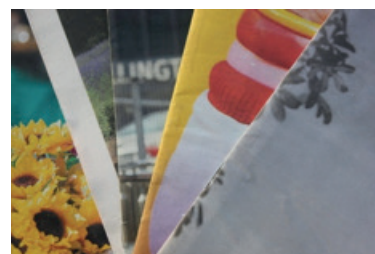
Jonathan Baxter (trained with Akira Yoshizawa)

Everything Origami (Book)

<http://www.wonko.info/365origami/?p=6238>

Philip Fickling

<http://phillipfickling.com/>



YOU WILL NEED:

- Pre-cut squares of paper
- 1 square of paper per petal, 5-6 squares of paper per flower (8x8cm or 10x10cm), a bouquet of five flowers would need 30 pieces of paper (Feel free to make larger squares of paper and different sized flowers)
- Glue stick or PVA
- Clothes pegs

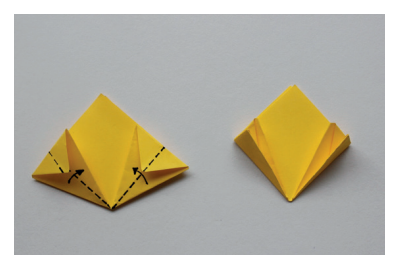
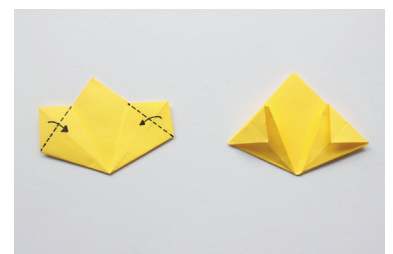
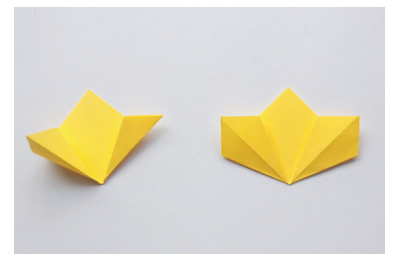
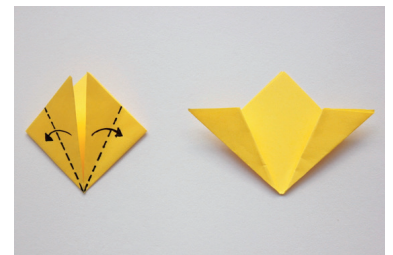
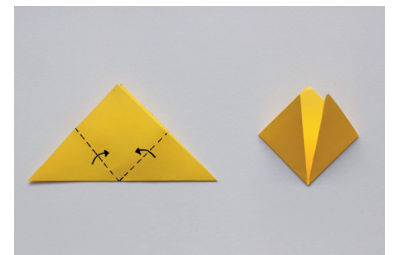
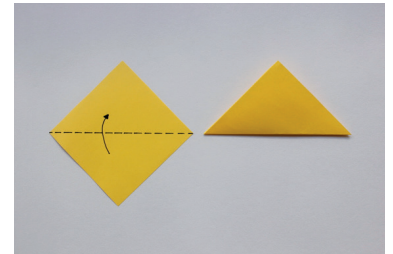
Optional to make a bouquet:

- Wire
- Chopstick or skewer

GUIDE

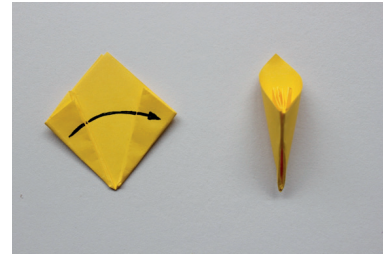
Activity takes approximately 1/2 an hour to 1 hour depending on how many flowers you make. **Warning: This activity is highly addictive!** Note: When making origami, remember to crease each fold really well by running your thumbnail along the edge at each stage.

- 1. BEGIN** with your square of origami paper. Fold it in half to form a triangle, with the patterned or coloured side facing out
- 2. FOLD** the left and right corners up to meet the top point to form a square
- 3. CAREFULLY** fold the front points out so each outer edge lines up with the edge of the square
- 4. UNFOLD** the last fold so the points meet up at the top again, then open each side up into a pocket. Flatten each pocket out along the crease lines you just made, to form an interesting kite shape
- 5. FOLD** the tip of each kite shape forward along the line of the edge of the paper, to form a triangle
- 6. FOLD** the lower edge of each side up along the existing crease



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8. **ADD** a thin layer of glue along the front flap, bend the petal so the flaps meet to create a petal shape. Use a peg to hold the flaps together while the glue dries



9. **MAKE** more petals by repeating steps 1-7



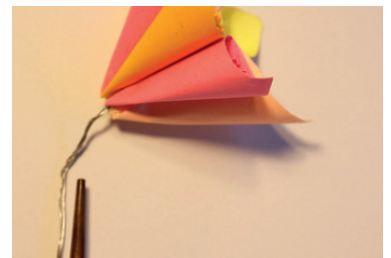
10. **CREATE** the flower: add a thin layer of glue to the side of your petal and add another petal until you have glued five or six petals and they meet at the center. Hold for a moment while the glue dries then set aside for an hour or so to fully dry. You can glue sets of 2 or 3 petals, dry, then add other petals to form the flower



11. **MAKE** a beautiful bouquet by threading wire through the middle of the flower. To secure, make a small hook shape to fold over the lip of the petal. Wind wire around a skewer or chopstick then place in a vase



12. **STAND BACK** and look at your creation. Well done!



13. **UPLOAD** your creation to social media (ask your parents) and be sure to tag us in: @teurugallery or #teuru

14. **SEND** us a photo: info@teuru.org.nz



Well done on completing your origami flower! Find a nice spot in your house to display your artwork, maybe on a windowsill so walkers outside will see it too. Or hide it until it's time to give it to somebody special 😊

We'll be uploading new activities regularly so be sure to keep an eye on our LEARN page for updates.

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