

Origami Christmas Tree Bauble

These origami Christmas Tree baubles are based on the traditional origami “water bomb” model. You can make them in all sizes using origami paper, gift wrap cut into squares, scrapbooking paper or any special, glittery paper you can find. Children can embellish the baubles after folding with dabs of glitter glue, sequins or other craft supplies.



With your paper coloured-side down, fold in half diagonally both ways, opening out again each time.



Flip over, and fold in half horizontally and then vertically, again opening out again each time.



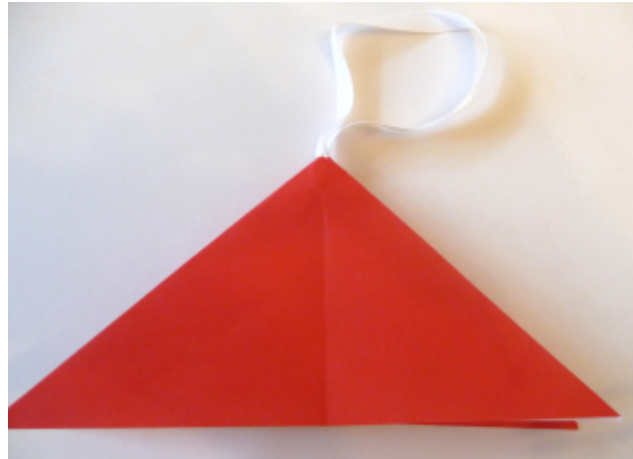
Using a pair of sharp scissors or a pencil, make a hole at the very centre of the paper.



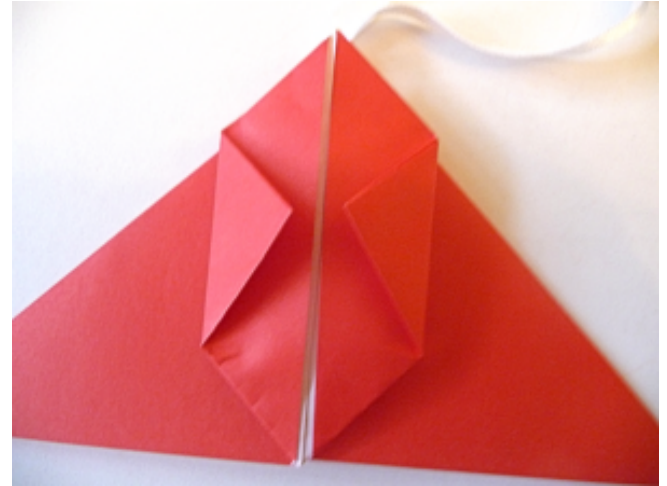
Push a loop of ribbon through the hole (you may find it easier to use a pencil to help you push the ends through). Tie securely on the underneath, leaving enough of a knot to hold the ribbon in place.



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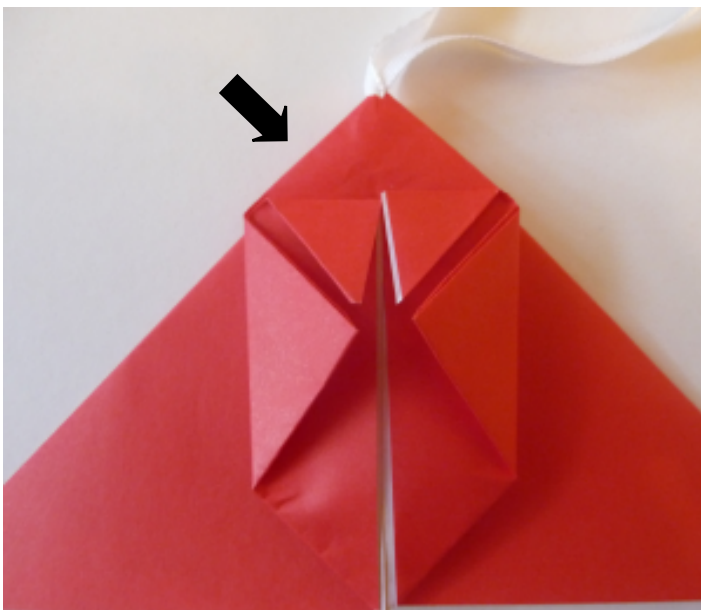


Turn over, and fold and pinch the model together along the creases you have made, as shown in the photos, to form a triangle.

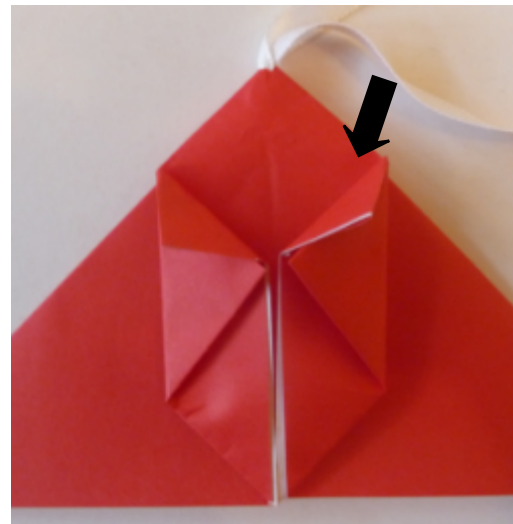


Lift the flaps up and fold to meet the top point, as shown.

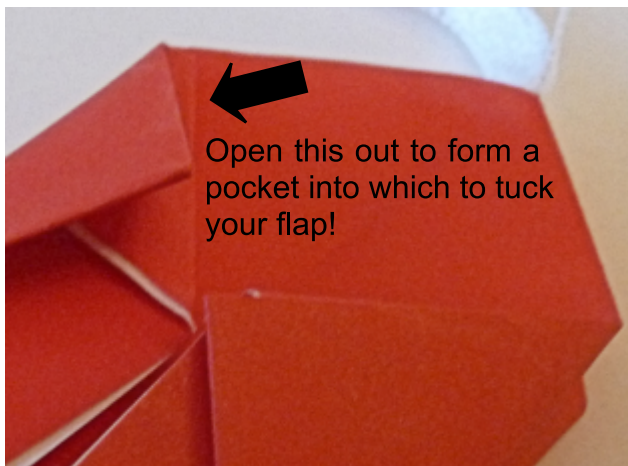
Bring the outside corners of the square you have just formed in to meet the middle crease.



Fold the top flaps down, and then crease them over and out as shown.

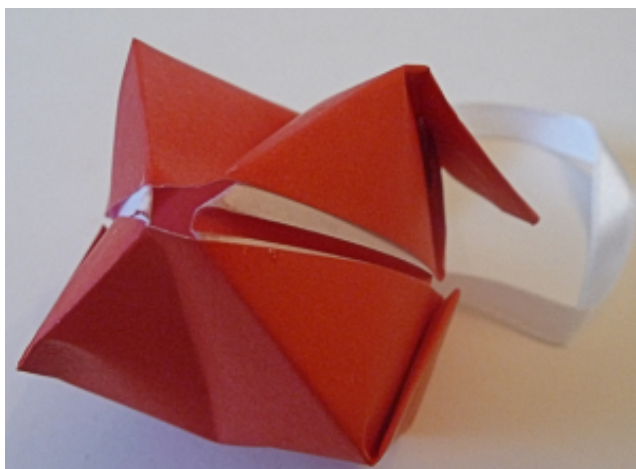


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Open this out to form a pocket into which to tuck your flap!

Now take those flaps you just folded, unfold them, and then fold them back inside the pocket over which you creased them a moment ago. Crease well to keep them secure. Repeat for both flaps, then flip over and do the same on the other side.



At the opposite end to the ribbon, you will find a gap in the paper. Start to blow gently through this hole, encouraging the model to open out with your fingers as you do so. It's a little tricky, so take your time! Soon you will have a Christmas tree bauble, ready to decorate and hang on the tree!

