

Origami Flower

Who could resist this gorgeous, fluffy flower! Each petal is very simple to make, but you will need at least 8 and you may find that younger children lose interest too quickly! We have used a sticker for our flower centre, but a bright coloured button, pompom, or just a circle of card will work just as well.

Normal-sized origami paper makes quite a large flower - a stunning card or present for Mother's Day or a birthday.



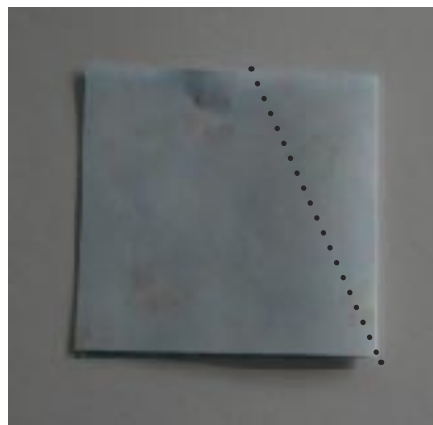
1. Fold your paper in half horizontally and cut into two. Repeat, so that you have four rectangles.



2. Fold another piece of origami paper in half. Carefully cut a thin strip off one short end and then one long end, leaving two smaller rectangles. Repeat, so that you have four smaller rectangles.



3. Place each rectangle face up on the table, then fold in half as shown.



4. Fold the top flap up and out along the dotted line....



5. so that your model looks like this.

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6. Flip over.



7. Fold the two outside edges in, as shown.



8. Fold the top points in too.



9. Make a crease in the centre, as shown, to hold the model together.



10. Flip over, and repeat for the other 7 rectangles.



11. Begin to assemble your flower by gluing the four larger rectangles together in the centre. Then glue the four smaller rectangles together in the same way.



12. Add a button, sticker or pom pom in the centre. You can use one of your discarded strips of paper to make a stem, and smaller rectangles of green paper to make little leaves, if you wish.

