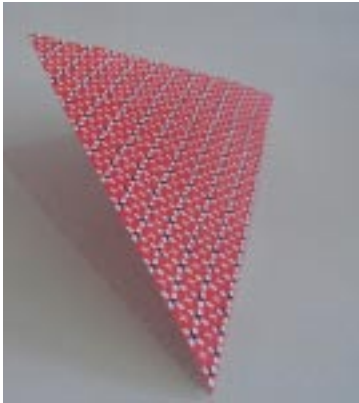


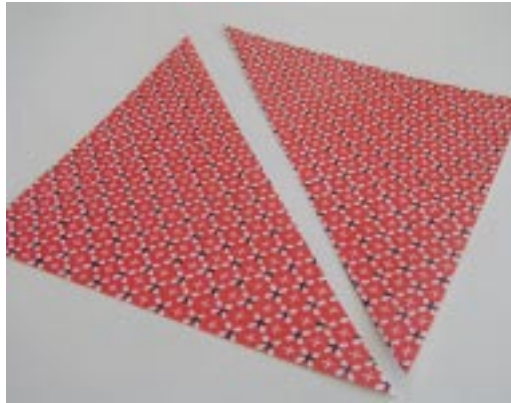
Origami Heart

An origami heart is fun to make - and it has many uses! Perfect for Valentine's Day, you can make one or more to decorate the front of a card - or tuck a little message inside and it becomes a card itself (see photo overleaf).

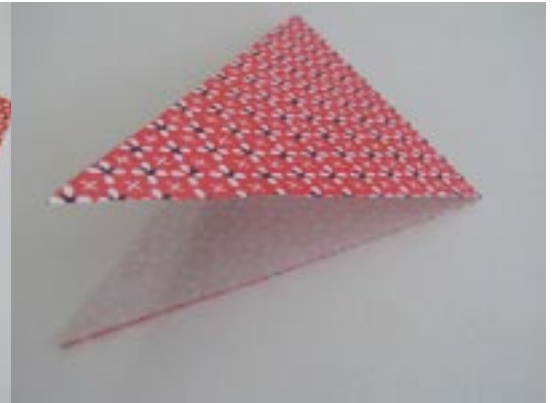
Some of the final folds on this model are made through a number of thicknesses of paper, which can make them a little tricky for the youngest kids. Scissors are required.



1. Start by folding your square in half diagonally, and creasing carefully. Unfold, and cut along the line.



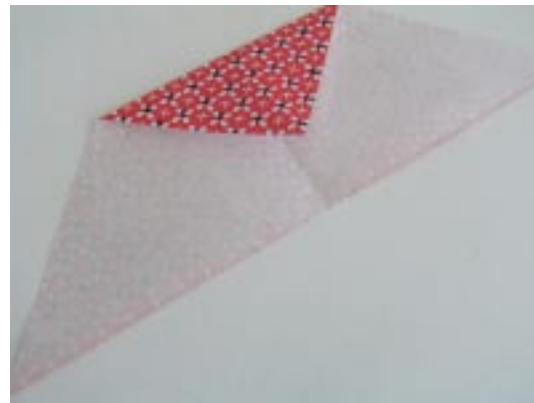
2. You should have two triangles like this, which you can use to make two hearts.



3. Place the triangle in front of you with the long side along the bottom, and fold one corner across to the other, as shown, to crease.

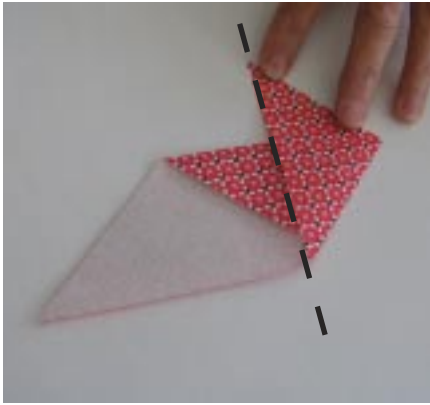


4. Open the triangle up again.



5. Now fold the top point down about 2/3, as shown.

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6. Take one of the bottom corners and fold it up, making sure that you line up the edge with the middle crease you have already made.



7. Do the same with the other corner. Crease well.



8. Flip over. Fold the top flaps down along the dotted lines shown above.



9. This is what it looks like. You are forming your heart shape.



10. Here is the basic heart shape, completed.



11. Round off the edges of your heart by making tiny folds at the top and outside corners, as shown.



12. You can see that the top four corners have been rounded off here.

Turn your finished heart over. Why not slip a little message into the heart before you deliver it?

