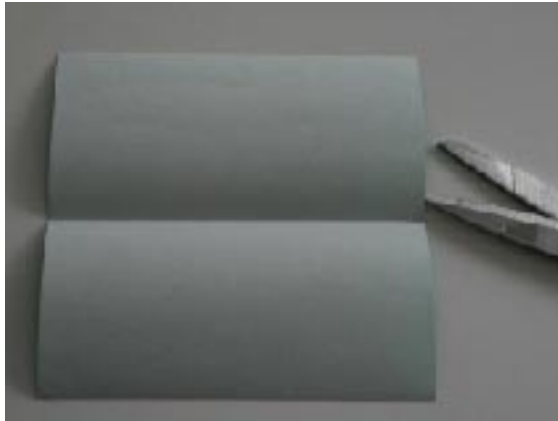


Origami Shamrock

This shamrock can be made with 3 or 4 leaves. Each leaf uses half a square of origami paper and is very quick and easy to fold, so the shamrock comes together easily. You will also need a thin strip of green paper or card for the stalk.

Use the shamrock to decorate a St Patrick's Day card, or, in its "4 leaf clover" version, a Good Luck card.



1. Fold your paper in half horizontally and cut along the fold. Repeat, so that you have 3 or 4 halves to work with.



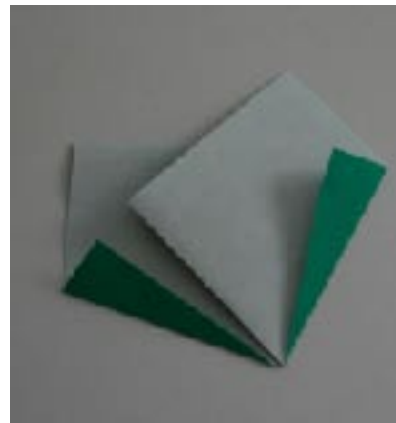
2. Take one of the rectangles and place it face-up on the table. Fold in half as shown. Then fold the top flap out again, along the dotted line....



3. so that your model looks like this.



4. Flip over. Fold the edges in along the dotted lines ...



5. and your model will look like this.

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6. Turn the top points in.



7. Finally, make a small diagonal crease at the centre of the heart shape. This crease strengthens the model and holds it together.



8. Flip over again.



9. Join 3 or 4 leaves together with glue and add a small strip of green paper or card for a stem.