Origami Tulip

This pretty tulip makes a super Mother’s Day card, either with or without the stem, and a pretty Spring decoration. A row of them in different colours looks very pretty and cheerful bordering a notice board, if you make them as a classroom project!

They are a little tricky to fold, so should not be attempted by complete beginners or very young children.

1. With your paper face down on the table, fold diagonally in half.
2. Bring the bottom right corner up and a little to the right of the top point.
3. Now bring the bottom left hand corner up in the same way, finishing a little to the left of the top corner.
4. Flip over.
5. Blunt the three points as shown, and flip back to the front. Your tulip is done! Turn over to make the stem..
6. Place your green square face down and then fold in half diagonally as shown.

7. Open out again.

8. Fold each of the sides in, carefully matching the edges along the centre crease.

9. Fold the sides in one more time, creasing very carefully.

10. Fold the bottom point of the model up so that it extends beyond the top point, as shown.

11. Now fold the whole thing in half vertically down the middle. It can be a little stiff to do!

12. Hold the model with your thumb and forefinger of one hand on the point marked “a” and the thumb and forefinger of the other hand on the point marked “b” ...

13. Now pull apart very gently to shape the stem slightly, then crease again to keep it in position.

Put your flower and stem together, and you are done!