

ORIGAMI HEARTS

Show guests how much you care with these heartfelt decorations for any occasion. With these instructions for origami hearts, special, hand-made decorations are just a series of folds away.

MATERIALS

Colored paper*

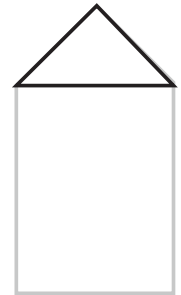
*Create origami hearts in different sizes. For small hearts, use strips of 1.5" x 3.5" paper, 2" x 5" paper for medium hearts and 6" x 2.5" paper for large hearts. For better results, use thinner paper such as scrapbook or colored computer paper. Avoid cardstock.

INSTRUCTIONS

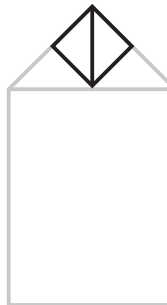
1. Fold the right top corner down to the left, matching edges. Unfold and repeat step 1 for left top corner to create an 'x' with the creases.



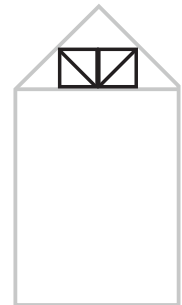
2. Fold the 'x' in half horizontally. Tuck the crease inside on both ends to create a triangle.



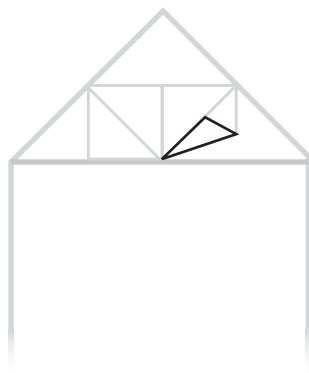
3. Fold the bottom right corner up and align with top point. Repeat with bottom left corner. Two sides should create a diamond shape.



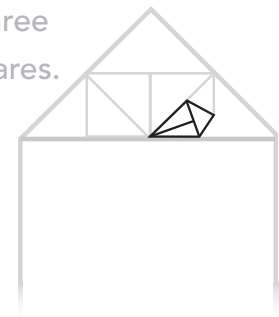
4. Open pocket of the left triangle and press down, lining the side of triangle up with the bottom horizontal line to fold into a square. Repeat with right triangle.



5. Take the bottom right corner of one square and fold the edge up horizontally to align with diagonal crease.

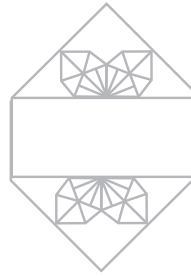


6. Open pocket and fold down to create small triangle. Repeat steps 4 to 6 on remaining three corners of both squares.

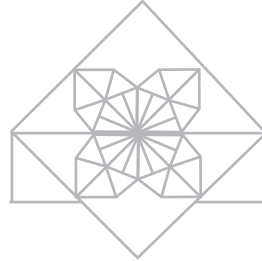


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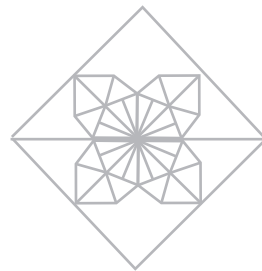
7. Repeat steps 1 to 6 on opposite end of paper.



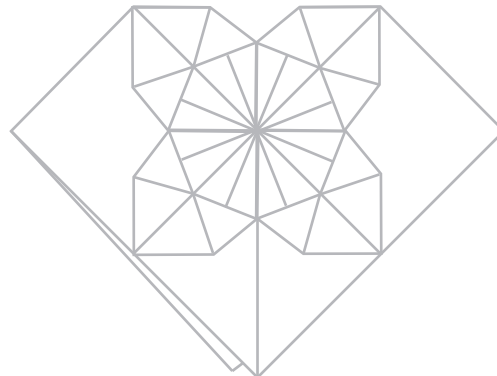
8. Fold the ends backwards along the horizontal edge. Then, bend the paper to align and connect the edges of the two ends.



9. Take the two corners of the folded rectangle and fold each corner so the short edge of the rectangle aligns with the horizontal edge you made in step 8 and tuck this flap flush to the rest of the paper.



10. Fold the back of the square in half along the diagonal, leaving the front flaps, and align the tips of the paper.



Tip: To use as a place card, write the guest's name on the back of the origami heart. Attach a clothespin to the back flap of the heart to create a stand to place on plates or on top of place settings.

Tip: Create a collection of smaller hearts to use as confetti or table decorations.



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