CRAFTING WITH ORIGAMI

This craft activity is the ancient Japanese art of Origami. Origami is the art of folding paper to shape into an object, place, or thing. Ori meaning "folding", and kami meaning "paper". Origami is the traditional Japanese art of paperfolding which started around the 17th century and was popularized outside of Japan in the mid-1900s. There are various types of origami such as Action Origami, where the pieces can move around to make different shapes to large sculptures made of different pieces of paper.

MATERIALS:
- A piece of paper
- Printable instructions

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Follow the guides bellow step by step.
2. Along with this lesson plan are different levels of difficulty to see if you can make them!
3. Origami is hard to start out but taking time to practice and finally getting the shape you want is always rewarding. Origami can always make a great present idea for your friends and family.

MODIFICATIONS/ VARIATIONS:
Try researching other origami for a more challenging craft.

1. Start with a rectangular piece of paper, with its sides up. Fold the paper in half and open.
2. Now fold the top down to the bottom edge. Crease well.
3. Fold the top corners down to the centre line.
4. Fold the bottom edge (uppermost layer only) up to the base of the triangles.
5. Fold this part up once again, and crease well.
6. Turn model over and repeat step 4 & 5 on the other side.
7. Open out the hat to shape it, Your hat is now finished!
1. Start with your paper white side up. Fold as half then open.

2. Fold the top corner down to the bottom corner.

3. Fold the two top corners down to the points shown.

4. Fold the uppermost layer of the bottom corner up a little way.

5. Fold this layer up again, from the top of the triangle as shown.

6. Add eyes and a nose to the dog's face. If you like, you can even add a tongue!

To make your dog talk, hold the mouth by the ears and move back and forwards shown by the arrows.

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3. Start with a square piece of paper. Glue one side as folded in half and open. Then fold it in half on the opposite side.

2. Turn the paper over to the white side. Fold the paper in half corner to corner, and then fold again in the other direction.

1. Using the creases you have made, bring the top corners of the paper down to the bottom corners. Flatten model.

4. Fold top triangular flaps into the centre and unfold.

6. Fold top of model down and tuck in well and unfold.

5. Open the opposite flap of the model bringing it upwards and pressing the sides of the model towards the same time. Flatten down, making well.

7. Turn model over and repeat Steps 4-6 on the other side.

8. Fold top flaps into the centre.

9. Repeat on other side.

10. Fold both legs of model up, crease very well, then unfold.

11. Inside reverse fold the "legs" along the creases you just made.

12. Inside reverse fold one side to make a head, then fold down the wings.

13. Finished Crane