

Origami Book Template

Cut 4 x 4 inch squares on solid lines.

Fold one square diagonally corner to corner. Open and turn over to other side.

Fold same square in half side to side. Open and fold in half top to bottom. The diagonal fold should now easily fold inward as you bring the two square, flat sides together forming a 2 x 2 square.

Fold more squares as above and glue flat sides together to form a book. Three large squares make a nice star when opened but you can connect as many as you wish. See additional instructions on next page from

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STAR-ORNAMENT BOOK

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This book uses 5 leaves of origami folded squares bound inside hard covers. A ribbon bound in allows one to tie the book closed or turn the book inside out and tie it for hanging. The determining factor on maximum size will be the size of the square paper available to you. The covers are measured based on the size of the folded pages.

Cut 4 squares of identical size, which will be TWICE the finished size in either direction. If you want the finished pages to be 2 inches square, you will begin with 4-inch squares.



Take one square in hand with inside of page facing up and fold side to side and crease sharply. Open.



Turn $\frac{1}{4}$ and repeat. Open and turn over so page is face down.



Fold on the diagonal and crease sharply. Repeat with all 5 squares.



Fold up all the squares as the folds now fall naturally.



Pick up one square and apply glue to one flat outside surface. Lay another square on it with the folds facing the same way and the edges aligned.

Repeat until all 5 squares are connected.



Find and mark center of ribbon. Apply glue to the outside of the top square on the diagonal from the folded point to the outside point. Lay a single layer of ribbon along glue line with center point at the folded edge. Turn whole unit over and glue ribbon to the other side in the same manner leaving some slack at the folded edge. Set aside.



Cut two cover boards to the same size as the FOLDED squares. Cut two cover papers $\frac{1}{4}$ inch larger than the cover boards each way (a two inch square cover board will have cover papers measuring $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches square). Apply glue to the back side of the cover paper.



Center cover board and glue down. Repeat with other cover paper and board.



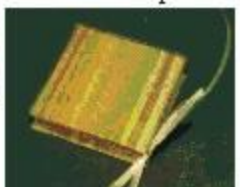
Apply glue to the 4 corners of the cover board and turn in each corner of the paper at a 45-degree angle and glue down. Repeat with other cover.



Apply glue to the inside edge of the extending cover paper. Pull it up and over and glue down. Repeat with all edges.



Slip a scrap paper inside the first leaf of the page set. Apply glue to the whole face. Remove scrap paper. Press inside of cover to page set. Turn over and repeat with other side.



Use ribbon to tie book closed.

If you wish to display book open, simply untie the ribbon, open till covers lie back to back and re-tie.

This little book looks lovely if you stamp the pages before folding. Also, if photos are trimmed to slightly less than the folded page size they can be glued in to make a mini photo album.