Length of time it will take: 20 minutes for the first one, 5 minutes after that



Origami favours box

These origami gift boxes are incredibly satisfying to make and could make beautiful favour boxes for your Crafternoon or gift boxes for Christmas.





Crafty shopping list

- Squares of coloured paper, we used 20cm x 20cm (origami paper or printer paper style as long as it's thin enough to fold easily!)
- A pencil and ruler
- Scissors
- Ribbon and anything else to decorate

Earth-friendly tip: try reusing old wrapping paper, newspaper or magazines for these boxes. As long as you start with a square, you can create brilliant effects from paper you have at home.





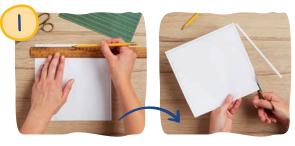


How to make

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To make a box with a lid you need the lid to be slightly bigger than the box. Start with two square pieces of paper the same size, but on the one you want to be the base of the box, using a ruler, trim 5mm off each side to make a slightly smaller square.



Place the side of the paper you want to show against the table. Fold your first square in half and open up. Fold it in half the other way and open up so you have a plus sign across your paper.



Fold each corner into the centre of the paper. Be careful not to overlap the edges.



Fold the bottom edge of the square up into the middle, being careful to line up the edges on each side.



Turn the paper round 180 degrees and do the same on the opposite side, folding up into the middle.



Open up back to a square and repeat on the other two sides, folding them into the middle.



Unfold again and this time open up the two sides to create a hexagon shape.





In the top right corner of your shape you will have a small square with a diagonal line through it. Pinch this diagonal line and as you do pull it upwards so it brings the two sides next to it up to make the walls of the box. Do the same on the opposite corner.



To hold the wall in place, fold down the section still sticking up. These folds already exist so it should sit down in place easily.



Turn the box round and repeat on the other side to make the final wall.



Repeat steps 2-10 on your second piece of paper.



This is a trickier step to describe, take a look at our step-by-step video online to see it in action mind.org.uk/templates



Decorate your boxes with ribbon, holly, or sequins. They're perfect for favours at your Crafternoon or your Christmas table.

