

TUTORIAL 3.

ORIGAMI BOWL

SUPPLIES

- 1 sheet of decorative paper cut at a ratio of 2:3, e.g. 4" X 6"

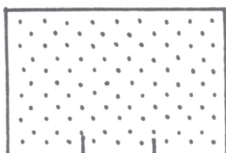
TOOLS

- Bone folder (optional)



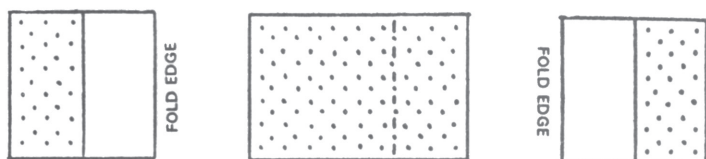
STEP 1

- Begin with a sheet of decorative paper cut at a ratio of 2:3 (e.g. 4" X 6").
- On the right side of your paper make two small pencil marks along the longest edge, dividing your paper into thirds.



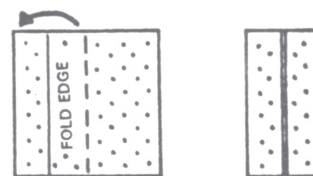
STEP 2

- Bring one short edge of your paper over to meet the pencil mark farthest from it. Crease. Open that fold and repeat from the opposite side. Fold the opposite edge back over (you will have three layers of paper).



STEP 3

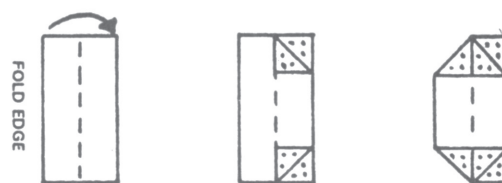
- Bring the cut edge of the recently folded section back out to the folded edge. Crease.
- Repeat with the opposite side.



NOTE: YOU WILL HAVE A RECTANGULAR UNIT WITH TWO FOLDED EDGES MEETING IN THE MIDDLE WHILE THE OUTER LONG EDGES HAVE A CUT EDGE LAYING ON TOP OF A FOLD.

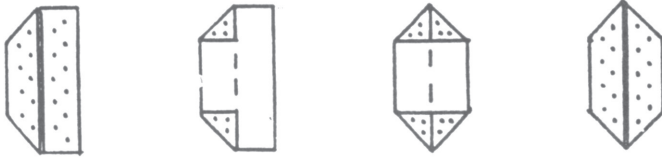
STEP 4

- Open one long cut edge to meet the opposite cut edge.
- Bring the two cut corners down to meet the center fold line. Crease.
- Do the same with the two folded corners on the same side (Depending on the weight of your paper, these will be a bit stiffer to fold.)



STEP 5

- Return the cut edge to the outer folded edge leaving all four folded corners tucked inside.
- Repeat with the opposite side.



STEP 6

- Finally, grasp the center of each of the inside folds.
- Gently pull up and out being careful not to pull too hard and cause the layers at the points to separate. Keep pulling these folds until they nearly lie flat.
- "Squash" and crease the unit, making two new points.



STEP 7

- From the outside, gently squeeze the two points of this unit allowing it to pop into a bowl shape. You may help this step along by prodding and pulling where necessary.
- You will always end up with some printed and some plain facets. Experiment with beginning on the "right" or "wrong" side of your paper to achieve different looks. This is also a great project for papers printed on both sides.



TOP VIEW



SIDE VIEW



HELPFUL HINTS

- * Try to use papers with a text weight of 20# to 32#. It is possible to use some card weight stock after a little practice.
- * To make these bowls suitable for food, paint the inside with the melted paraffin. Small bowls may be dipped in paraffin.
- * Very small bowls make great truffle or candy cups.
- * Experiment with large sheets of colored drawing papers to make bowls large enough to hold cakes or cookies. (You may want to cut a piece of cardboard to reinforce the bottom.)
- * Use a large origami bowl instead of a basket when giving a gift of toiletries, coffee and tea samplers, etc.
- * These bowls will store flat, so make some ahead and keep an assortment of sizes on hand.

