- Origami Paper
- Glue either <u>Elmer's School Glue</u> or a <u>Glue Stick</u>
- A Paintbrush (if you're using runny glue)

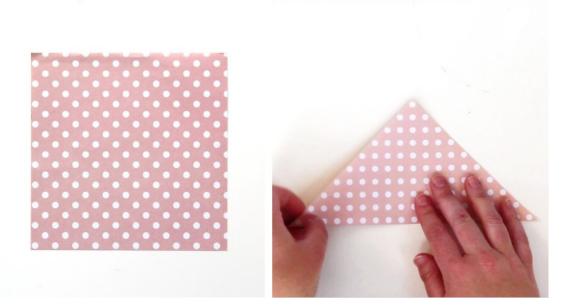
Although I recommend using origami paper for any paper folding project, here are a few alternatives that you probably already have on hand.

- Regular Printer Paper,
- Magazines,
- Maps,
- Colouring Book Pages,
- <u>Vellum</u>,
- Old Books,
- And Newspapers.

I even have some **printable origami paper** you can download and use for **FREE**. Simply download, print and cut into 7x7-inch squares. Click the image below to get yours.



Are you ready to make your own origami flowers? Let's start folding!

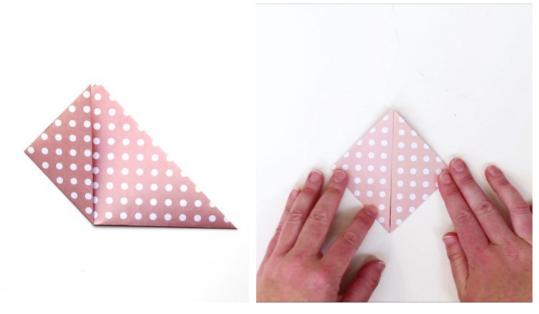


## How To Make Origami Kusudama Flowers:

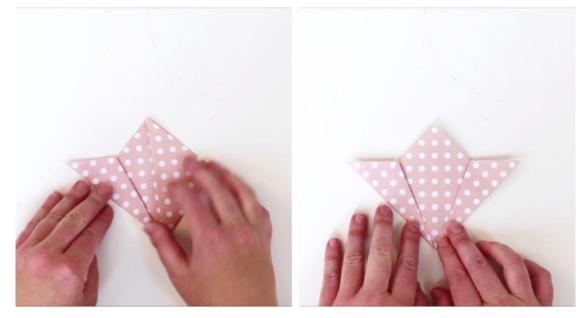
1. Choose your paper. You'll need five square pieces for each flower.

I used 6x6-inch pieces of origami paper that make a large finished flower measuring 5 inches across. You can experiment with different size papers to see what size flower you like.

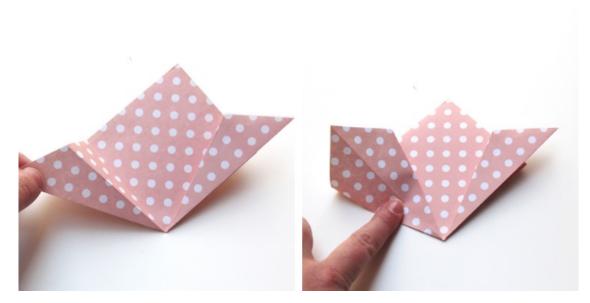
2. Take your square and fold it in half along the diagonal to make a triangle.



3. Fold both the bottom corners up to meet in the middle.

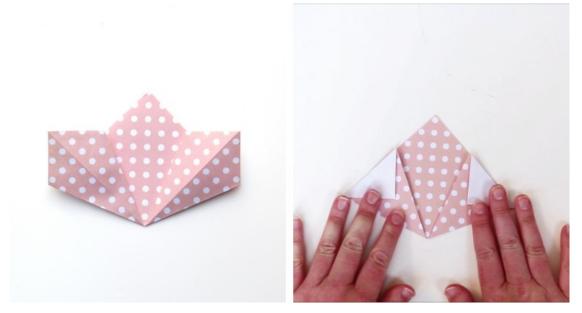


4. Fold both the points back so they line up with outside edge. This will make two pockets.

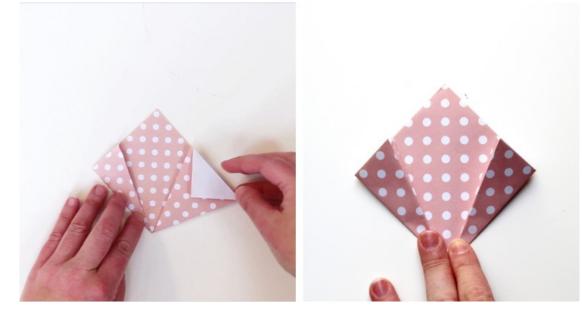


5. Pop open the pocket using a finger.

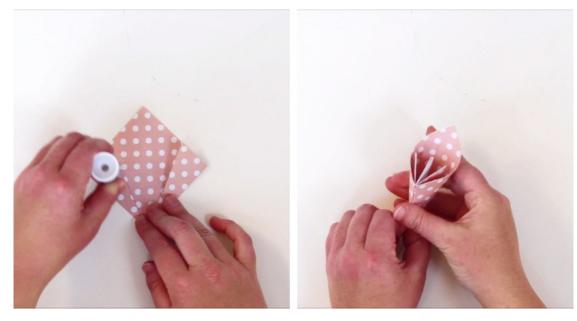
6. Flatten along the seam to make a kite shape and squash down.



- 7. Do the same on the other side.
- 8. Fold the top of each kite down to make two triangles. You want the top of the triangles to line up with the edge.



9. Take both the sides and fold them in half towards the center.



10. Apply glue to one of the flaps.

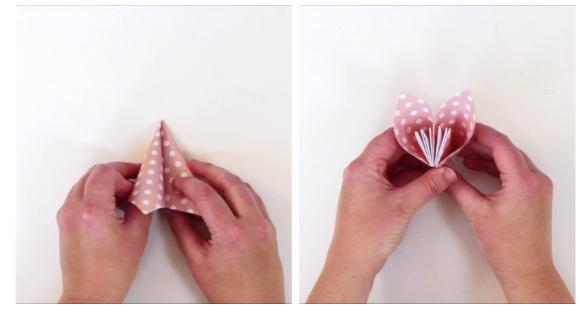
I find a glue stick works best here but if you're using runny PVA glue like <u>Elmer's School Glue</u> make sure to apply as thin a layer as possible using a paintbrush. Too much glue can make the paper buckle and give you a messy end result.

- 11. Bring the two sides together so that both the flaps meet.
- 12. Press together. You may need to hold in place for a minute while the glue sets.



- 13. You've now made one petal. You can use your fingers to gently neaten up the inner pieces.
- 14. Repeat the steps above until you have five petals.
- 15. Take a petal and glue along the join.

If you're using <u>Elmer's School Glue</u> I find it works best to apply the glue to the edge using a paintbrush. If you're using a glue stick like I did try to keep as near to the edge as possible



16. Join together to a second petal. Hold until the glue sets.



- 16. Keep adding petals until you joined five together.
- 17. Set aside to dry.

Need a bit more help? Keep scrolling for the video tutorial.







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