

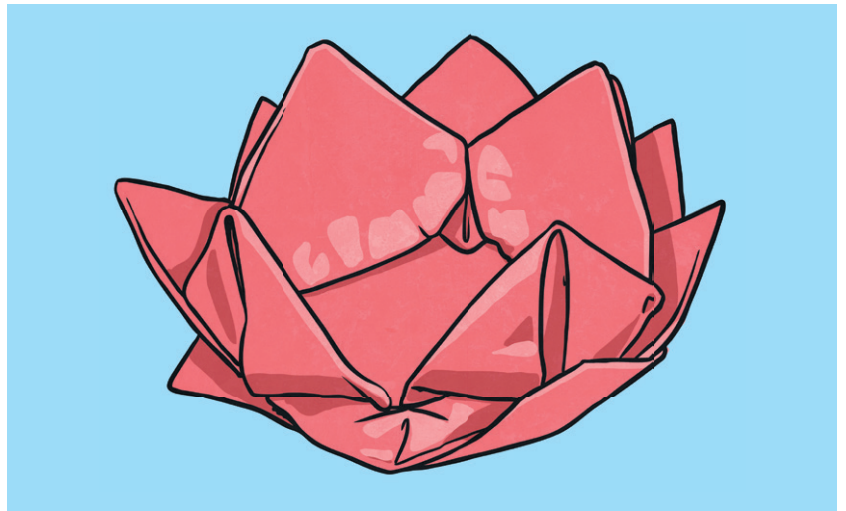
How to Make an Origami Lotus Flower

You will need:

A piece of paper
(25cm x 25cm)

Tip:

The bigger the piece of paper, the bigger the lotus flower will be, making it easier to work with.



Instructions

1. First, fold the piece of paper in half by lifting the top right hand corner and matching it up with the bottom left hand corner. Flatten down to make a crease.
2. Next, unfold and repeat this instruction in the opposite direction (top left hand corner to match up with the bottom right hand corner). When you unfold your paper, you should see a fold in the shape of a cross.
3. After that, fold each corner of your square into the centre point of the paper (where the two fold lines intersect) and flatten down. Once finished, you should now have a smaller square.
4. Next, fold each corner into the centre again to make an even smaller square.
5. Repeat each corner fold again for a third time.
6. Now turn over the square and fold each square corner into the centre as you have done before.
7. Then, take each pointed corner of the square and fold it inwards (about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the corner). You should then see an irregular octagon.
8. Next, turn your lotus flower over and pull up your first petals. Do this by gently taking each of the corner folds you made, pulling them up and pushing them back over themselves the opposite way, underneath the flower. Keep repeating this until you have done this to every flap on each layer of this side of the flower.
9. Finally, turn your flower over and there you have it! Why not see if your flower will float in water? You could also make an even bigger lotus flower by changing the original paper size.