

Chinese Paper Folding (Origami)

Origami is the art of paper folding that originated in medieval China. The work of 20th century Japanese paper artist Akira Yoshizawa widely popularized the Japanese word "origami"; however, in China and other Chinese-speaking areas, the art is referred to by the Chinese name “zhezhi”. Traditional Chinese paper folding concentrates mainly on objects like boats or hats rather than the animals and flowers of Japanese origami.

In general, these designs begin with a square sheet of paper whose sides may be of different colors, prints, or patterns. It is common to fold using a flat surface, but some folders like doing it in the air with no tools, especially when displaying the folding. As these papers are floppy to start with, they are often back coated or resized with methylcellulose or wheat paste before folding. Also, these papers are extremely thin and compressible, allowing for thin, narrowed limbs as in the case of insect models.



History of Origami:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Origami>

Watch tutorial on how to make different objects:

Pig (beginner level)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0umePNPk0>

Jumping Frog (intermediate level)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dxXulhKt3c>

F-5 Airplane (advance level)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U33e-UDp7qI>

Origami for Kids

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/337840409521075573/>