

CRAFTKIT

Origami Teacup and
Saucer

Craft Kit #14

Instructions

MAKE THE TEA CUP

Step 1 – Place the decorative side of the origami paper face down on a firm, flat surface. Turn the paper so one corner points toward you and one away from you. Next, fold in half so that the paper now resembles a triangle.

Step 2 – Fold the left corner (A) of the triangle toward a point roughly 1/3 of the way between corners (B) and (C).

Step 3 – Fold the right corner (C) of the triangle toward a point roughly 1/3 of the way between corners (B) and (A). Your paper should resemble a five-sided polygon.

Step 4 – Fold one layer of paper from the top of the polygon toward you and crease on the horizontal fold you just created.

Step 5 – Now, turn the entire piece over and repeat Step 4 taking one layer of the top of the polygon and fold it down towards you.

Step 6 – Gently open the cup and turn upside down. Fold the two points inward to create a flat bottom for the cup.

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MAKE THE HANDLE

Step 7 – Lay one end of an origami strip over the end of the other one creating a right angle. Secure with tape.

Step 8 – Fold one strip tightly over the other. Next, fold the other strip across the fold you just made.

Step 9 – Continue Step 8 until you run out of paper and create an accordion handle.

Step 10 – Attach the handle to your cup. Use tape to secure.

MAKE THE SAUCER

Step 11 – Lay your paper with the colored side up and fold in half making a rectangle.

Step 12 – Fold your paper in half again making a narrower rectangle. Unfold once.

Step 13 – Fold one layer of your top two corners down to the crease you created in Step 12.

Step 14 – Fold the bottom two corners up to the same crease.

Step 15 – Fold one layer of the top half down to create an upside down trapezoid.

Step 16 – Flip it over and repeat Step 15.

Step 17 – Gently open the saucer.

Step 18 – Fold the points inward along the crease and press flat.

Step 19 – Turn it over and fold the bottom edge to the centerline.

Step 20 – Fold the top edge down to the centerline.

Step 21 – Unfold back to Step 17 and place your finished cup inside!

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Classroom Educational Component

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Art. Craft. Design.



Like Art, Tea has its periods and its schools. Its evolution may be roughly divided into three main stages: the Boiled Tea, the Whipped Tea, and the Steeped Tea. We moderns belong to the last school.

Kakuzo Okakura, *The Book of Tea*

After all, tea is the drink! Domestically and socially it is the beverage of the world.

Arthur Gray, *The Little Tea Book* (1903)



TEA IN HISTORY AND CULTURE

The East India Company was chartered in England in 1600 by merchants as a joint stock company, meaning the merchants shared the risks of enterprise. This ... finish later

The British tea trade with China began in the 1600s and continued through the mid-1800s. At one time, the demand for tea from China was so great that England's silver reserves were nearly depleted. In order to continue supplying England with tea, the East India Company found another commodity, opium, to trade with China instead. As many people in China succumbed to opium addiction, a series of conflicts known as the Opium Wars commenced. By the end of the 1800s, the health crisis and subsequent conflict had escalated to the point that China stopped trading with the West altogether.

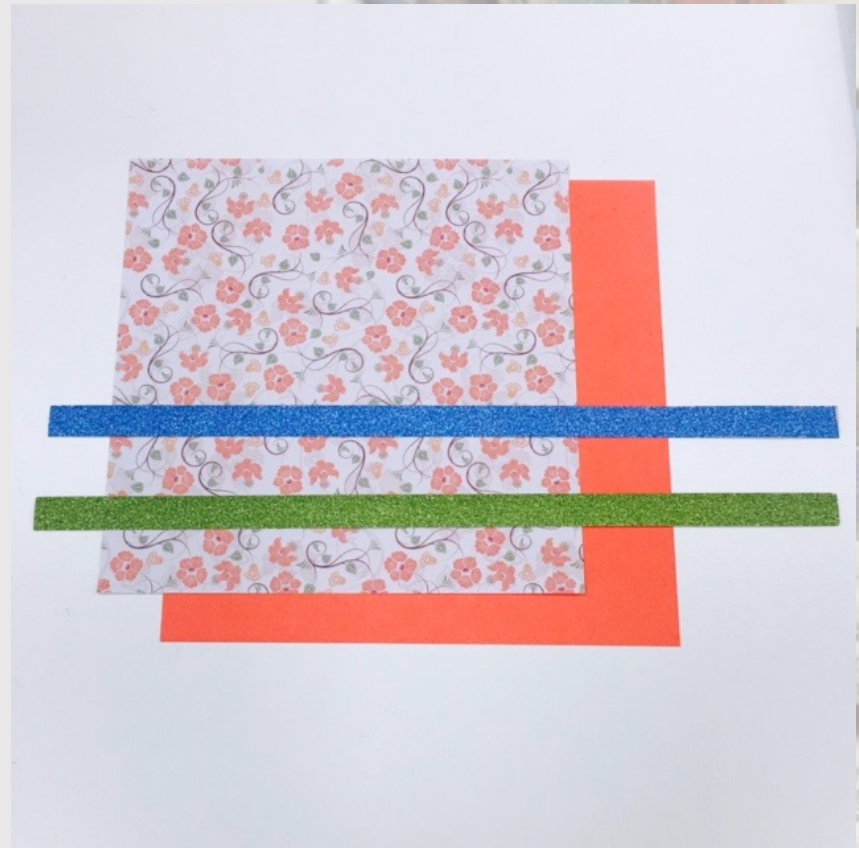


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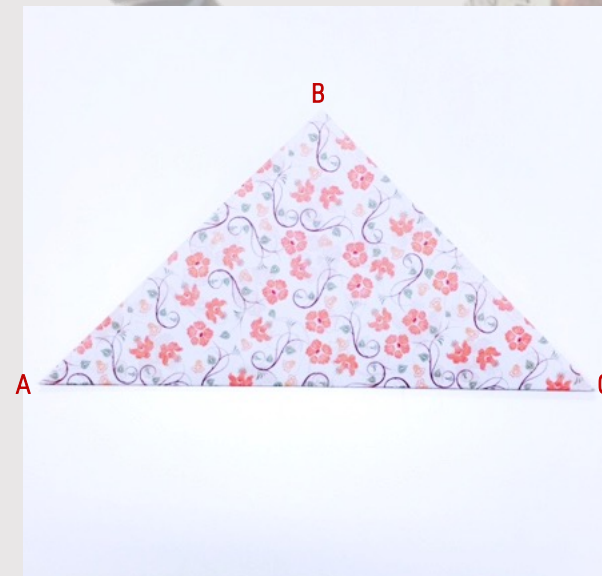
2 Sheets of Origami Paper

2 Strips of Origami Paper

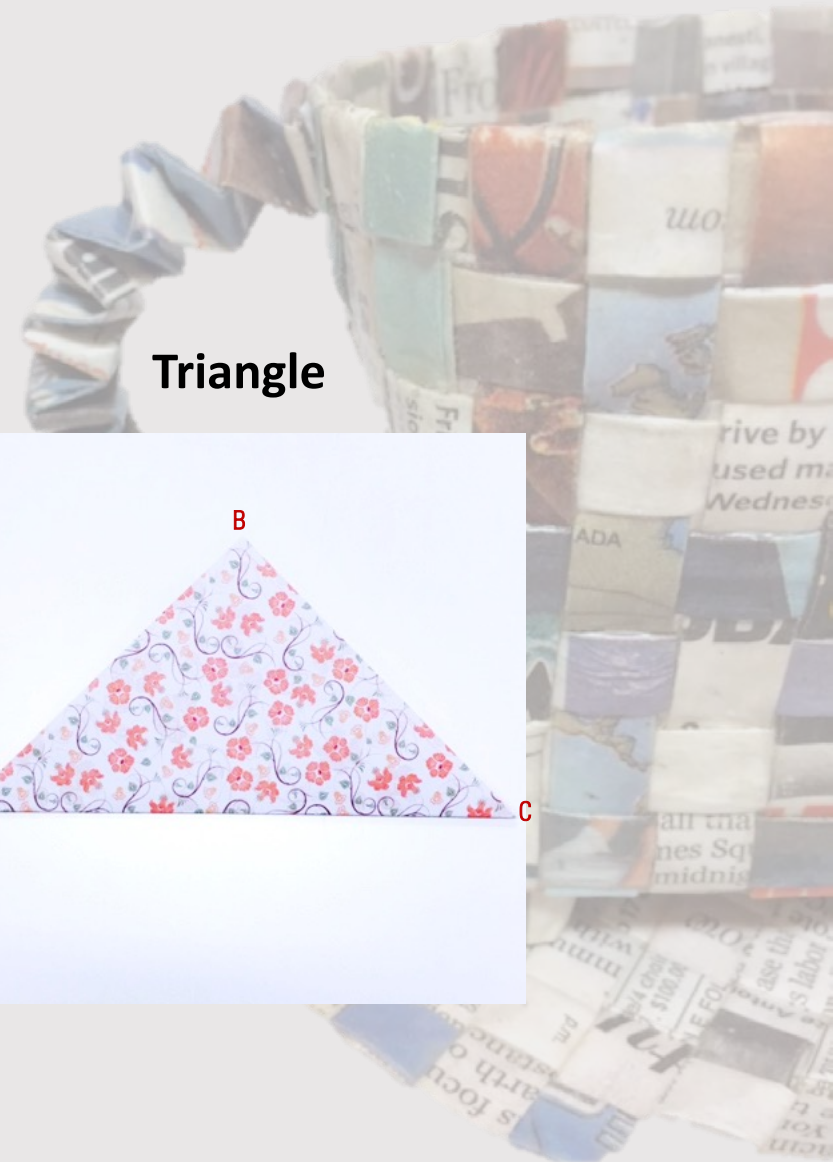


Origami Tea Cup

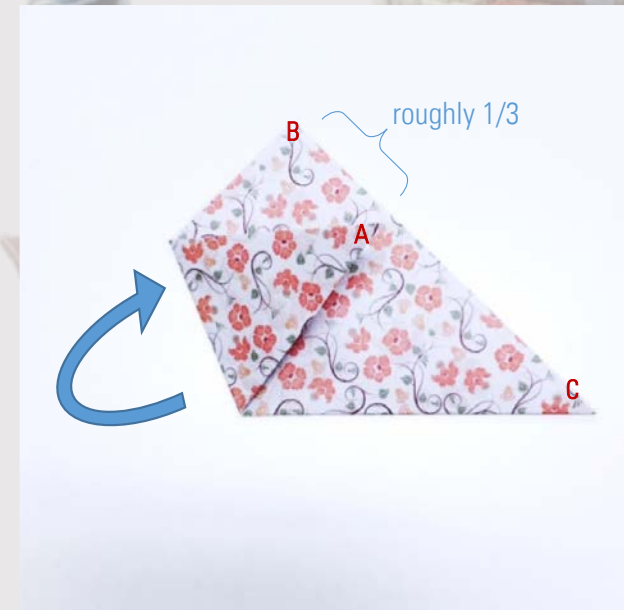
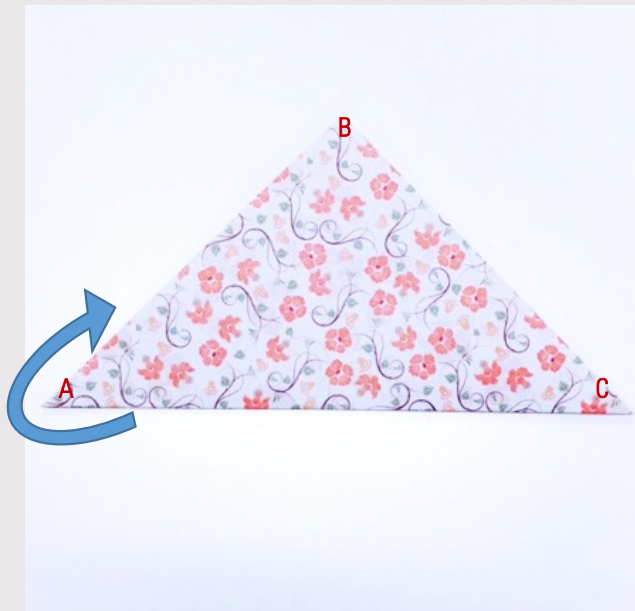
- Step 1 - Place the decorative side of the origami paper face down on a firm, flat surface. Turn the paper so that one corner points toward you and one away.
- Step 2 - Next, fold in half by bringing the corner pointing toward you to the corner pointing away.
- The result should look like a triangle. We'll label each angle A, B, and C for the next part.



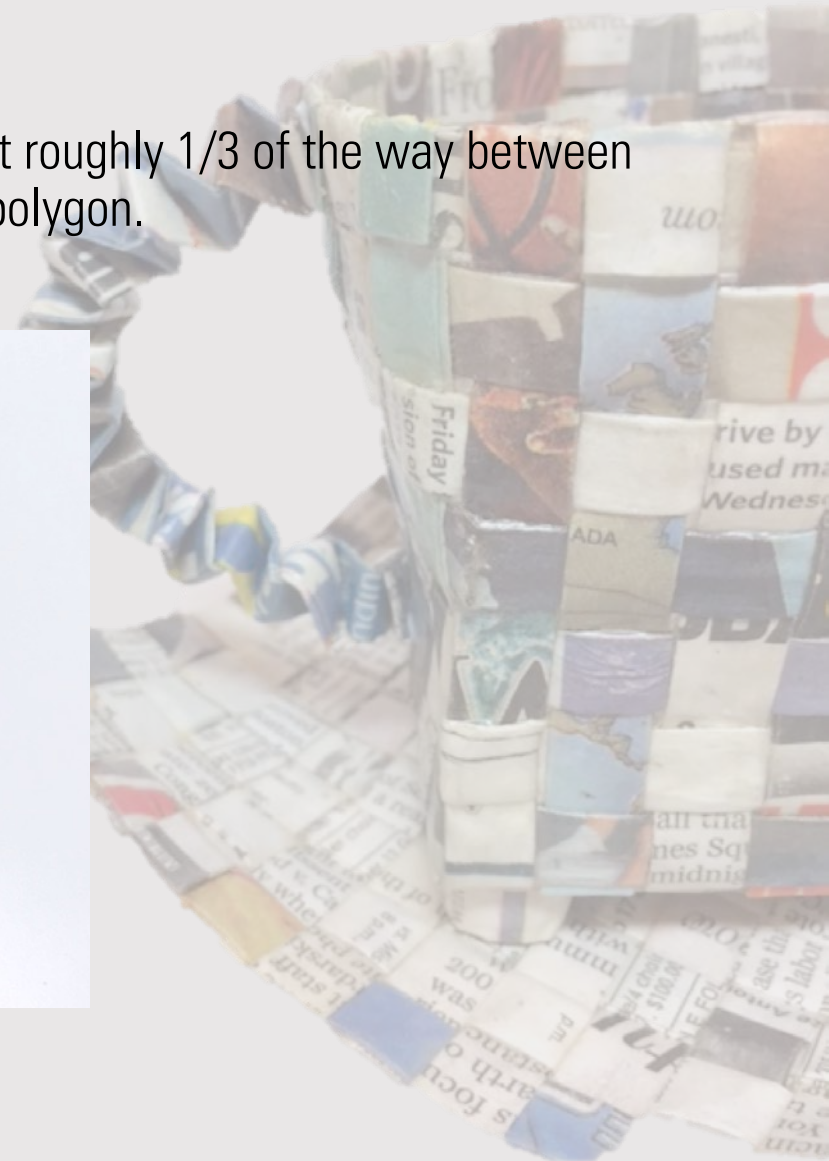
Triangle



Step 3 - Fold the left corner (A) of the triangle toward a point roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way between corners (B) and (C).



Step 4 - Fold the right corner (C) of the triangle toward a point roughly 1/3 of the way between corners (B) and (A). Your paper should resemble a five-sided polygon.



Step 5 – Fold the top of the polygon toward you and crease on the horizontal fold you just created.

Step 6 – Now, turn the entire piece over and repeat Step 5. Think of the shape you've now created as an upside down isosceles trapezoid.



Step 7 – Turn the trapezoid on its side and gently tease open by pulling the top sides in opposite directions. Crease lightly and turn upside down.



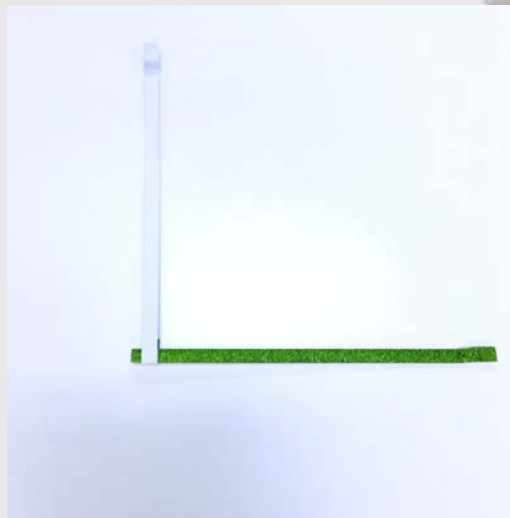
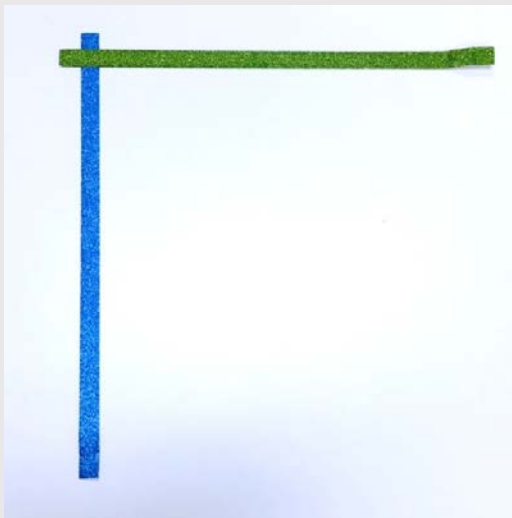
Step 8 - Fold each corner inward to create the bottom of the cup.



Your tea cup is ready for a handle!

Step 9 – Lay one origami strip over the other, creating a right angle. Secure with tape.

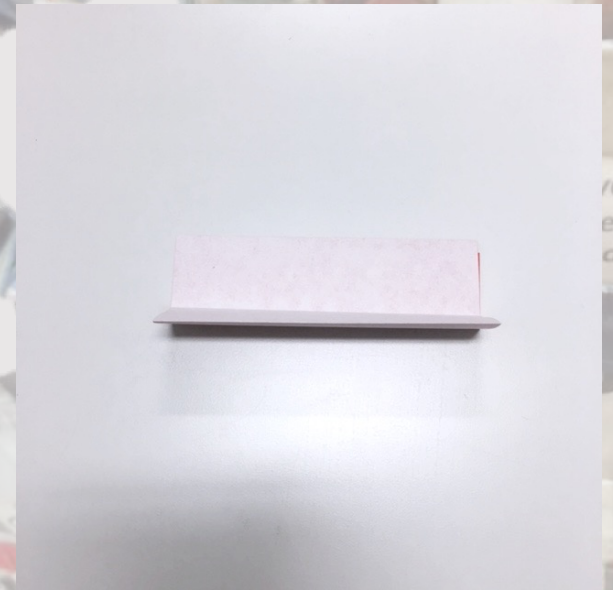
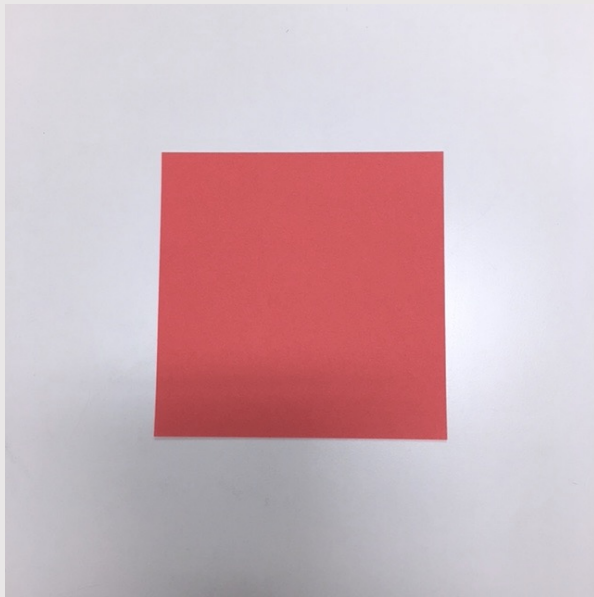
Step 10 - Fold one strip tightly over the other. Next, fold the other strip across the fold you just made. Repeat until you run out of paper.



Step 11 – Attach the handle to your cup. Use tape to secure



Step 12 – Fold the solid colored origami sheet in half to make a rectangle. Then, fold the sheet in half again to make a thinner rectangle. Unfold once.



Step 14 – Fold the top two corners of one side of the paper inward toward the line created by the second fold you just made.

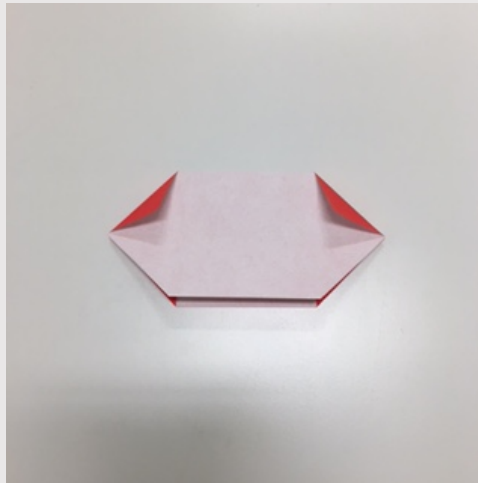


Step 15 – Fold the bottom corners toward the same center line.

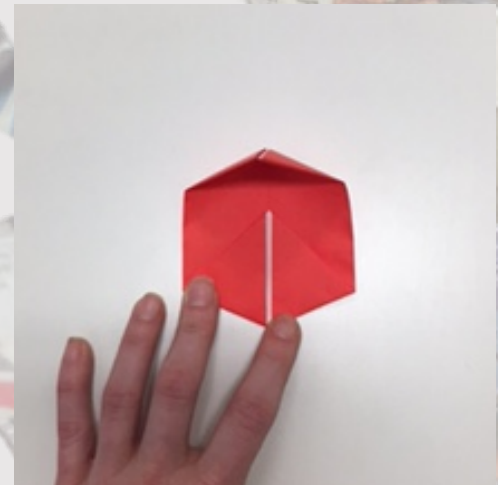
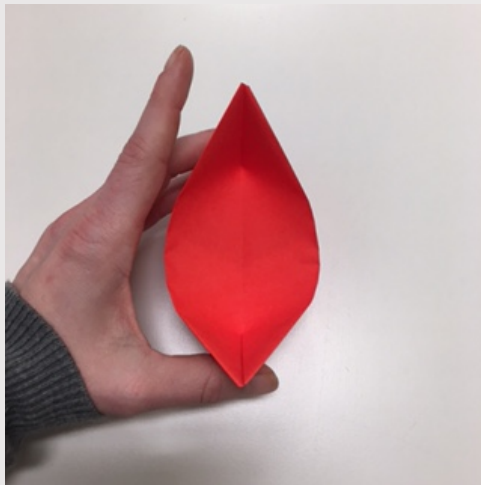


Step 16 – Fold the top half down to create an upside down trapezoid.

Step 17 – Turn the paper over and repeat Steps 14 and 16.



Step 18 – Gently pull the sides open and press flat.



Step 19 - Turn over, and fold each side toward the center line. Turn back over.



Step 20 – Open finished tea plate by pulling sides back out.



