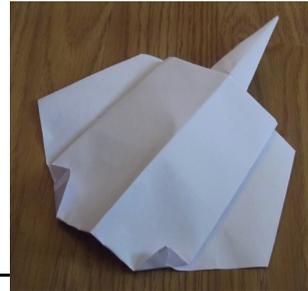
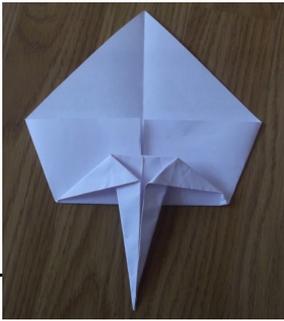


STINGRAY ORIGAMI

Origami is the art of paper folding, which can be a great way to create your own model animals. This stingray is really fun to make and all you need is paper! Why not give it a try?

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Square piece of coloured sugar or origami paper (6i x 6 inches)



Instructions

1. If using origami paper, start with the coloured side up. Fold paper in half diagonally. Fold it back again, making sure that you have left a crease in the paper.
2. Fold the top half over so that the edge meets the crease. Do the same with the bottom half so that they both meet along the crease in the centre. This should create a kite shape.
3. The bottom of the kite needs to be folded over so that the bottom corner meets the top corner. Make a crease before folding half of this newly formed triangle back again, create a zigzag appearance. This will be the stingray's tail.
4. Next you need to take the edge of the left side of the tail, and fold it upwards and inwards towards the middle. This will cause the paper at the top to spread towards the middle fold. Flatten then repeat the fold on the right side of the tail.
5. The triangle shapes at the right and left of the stingray will form the fins. Fold one fin inwards slightly, fold and move it slightly back again, creating a pleated appearance. Do the same with the other fin.
6. Fold the pointed end opposite the tail inwards. Turn the stingray over and you will find that it is the right way up!
7. Now fold both corners of the head inwards towards the top of the body to form the eyes. Then, fold the body slightly to give it a three dimensional appearance.