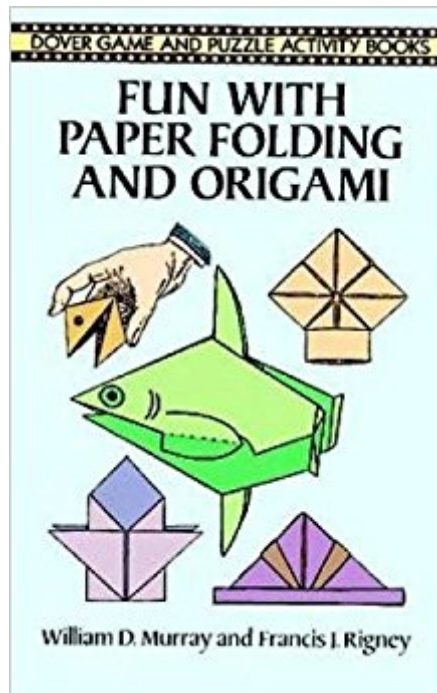




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# Fun With Paper Folding And Origami (Dover Children's Activity Books)



## Synopsis

Long recommended by leading paper folding experts, this book is the perfect introduction to the ancient Japanese art of origami and other paper folding. It contains a crystal-clear text and more than 275 diagrams showing each stage in the paper folding process. You'll find instructions for making over forty different pieces: decorated place mats, drinking cups, bonbon boxes you can use, sailboats, roosters, battleships, Chinese towers, birds that stand upright, frogs that move their legs, airplanes, cradles, Japanese lanterns, sunfish, talking goose heads, and thirty other ingenious, useful and unusual objects. The authors have taken special pains to anticipate and eliminate typical beginners' difficulties, and the book is particularly helpful in demonstrating how to move easily and surely from simple to complex figures. Newly reprinted in this inexpensive format, it is the perfect easy-to-follow guide for children or anyone who wants to learn the basic techniques and enjoy the creative satisfaction of paper folding.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book was exactly what I anticipated, a very basic origami/paper folding book for the absolute beginner. The instructions are very clear, the pictures are very helpful, and great for visual learners. The designs are simple, but very good for learning some basic techniques to build upon as the

reader later advances and moves on to more complex designs in more advanced origami books. Along with this book, I had purchased "School Specialty Folia Origami School Pack - 6 Inch Square Sheets - 500 Sheets - Assorted Colors" which has been great for many of this book's projects. I like how very basic and simplistic the designs are, the projects are very easy to understand and follow, which makes this a good starter book for most any beginner interested in the art of paper folding and origami.

I do origami with 6th graders. I have used the storytelling for a group and I always find something I can show my students. It has a wide variety of things. I bought this book many years ago. It does not have colored pictures but so many things I remember. I just bought 2 more books to share with my class.

This is a good addition to any origami library. It is explanatory and has good illustrations and ideas.

Great beginner book

This little book was a big disappointment. I bought these as beginner books for my nephews. NO origami paper was included, so finding paper to start a form was a frustration. Probably wouldn't buy any other books in this series.

I started folding paper before origami became popular in this country. This was my first book, so maybe I'm a little nostalgic, but it remains one of my favorites. Many origami books only provide pictures, with very little explanation. If you're good at figuring out what the pictures mean, that's fine. However, if you need a written explanation of what to do in addition to the pictures, this is the book for you. It also has a story in the back that you tell using one piece of paper and about 15 progressive shapes (taught earlier in the book), most of them very simple. That and the flapping bird are still my two favorites. (I can't recall if the bird is in this book, as I already knew that one, but I think it is.) I have entertained and taught hundreds of people, children and adults alike, with just the bird and the story objects. The objects in this book are not as simple as the really, really basic books that involve only a few folds and come with some paper--and are typically a lot more expensive. These objects have more steps, but for the most part they are not difficult folds and the objects are more interesting. It also has more objects than most books you can get for this price. The objects aren't flashy or complex, but they're fun and great for beginners. FYI, a few things in the book also

involve cutting, so this isn't entirely origami for the purist, but it's close. This is a great little book for a very reasonable price; probably one of the better really inexpensive origami books you'll find. It doesn't come with paper, but you can use typing paper, notepads, junk mail, old homework, pretty much whatever if you can get it reasonably square. Makes a very inexpensive, enjoyable, and portable hobby in these tough economic times. No batteries and no electricity required! The book is also small enough to easily take along (car trips, plane trips, waiting in the doctor's office, etc.). Trying to decide whether origami is age-appropriate for your child? I started folding when I was about seven. However, I've found that many children don't have the eye/hand coordination and ability to visualize spatial relationships from drawings to enjoy it enough to continue until about 3rd or 4th grade. Have your child fold a square piece of paper in half diagonally each way (so the folds create an x from the corners) and also from side to side (folds create a plus from the sides). If he or she doesn't match the corners pretty accurately and doesn't make a good crease, it may be too soon. Unlike when I started folding, the store shelves abound with origami books. I'm sure there are lots of good, new ones, but I love this book!

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