

# Oscar Grady Public Library

## Take & Make: Origami Kusudama Flower



The Kusudama Flower uses **square paper**. For this craft we have provided book pages cut to approximately 3 inches by 3 inches.

You will also need a **hot glue gun**, or other type of glue appropriate for paper. (If you use regular glue it may be necessary to use paper-clips to hold the flowers together while they dry.)

1. Fold the paper in half into a triangle.



2. Fold the left and right corners to the top of the triangle to form a diamond shape.

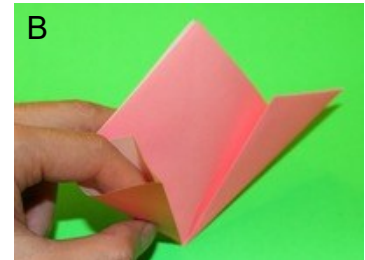


3. Take the flaps you just folded up and fold them outward to meet the left and right edges of the diamond.



4. This step involves a squash fold.

Unfold the left side and insert a finger into the pocket of that flap, then squash down along the folds.



5. Repeat step 4 on the right side to have two matching kite-shapes.



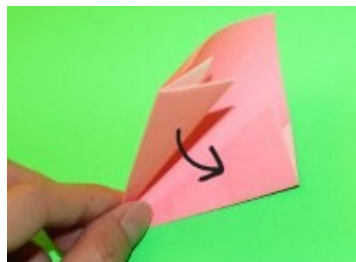
6. Fold the tops of the kites down on the left and right sides as pictured.



7. Fold the left and right triangles in half towards the center of the diamond.



8. Without creasing the paper, bring the left and right sides to face each other and glue them together. This is one completed petal.



9. Make a minimum of four more petals. Traditional Kusudama Flowers have 5 petals, but depending on your preference you could make yours with up to 8.



10. Glue your petals together. Place a thin line of glue along the edge of each petal (see green line in photo, left).



Look at the face of your flower as you glue each petal into place (photo, right), to ensure you are spacing the petals uniformly.

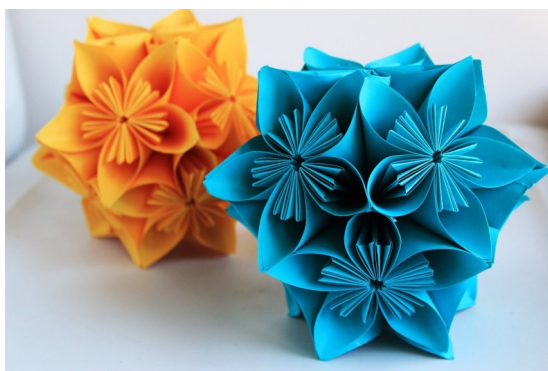


If you choose to hang your flower as is, glue your string or ribbon in-between petals as you glue them together.

Incorporate nature into your project by gluing your flowers to a twig or flower stalk.



Glue together multiple complete flowers to create a Kusudama ball.



Decorate or embellish with beads, sequins, pearls, ribbons or glitter.

