

Instructions for a Christmas Origami

This model was first created by Origami artist Minako Ishibashi. It's really fun to do. I did a moms' workshop not long ago and all the moms enjoyed it. Even my daughter, who is not quite 9, is capable of doing it. She is featured here as my helper so it's her hands you will be following, LOL.

You can glue little pine cones or other Christmastime objects on your wreath if you want. You may also want to reinforce the back with some strips of cardboard. I usually use cereal boxes for this purpose. I suggest you use real origami paper which you can get from Dover or some other craft shops; but if not, you can use 8" squares of wrapping paper to get the two tone effect.

Some things to remember while doing origami:

1. work on a flat surface
2. have good lighting
3. crease well as each crease and fold are important

For this model you need:

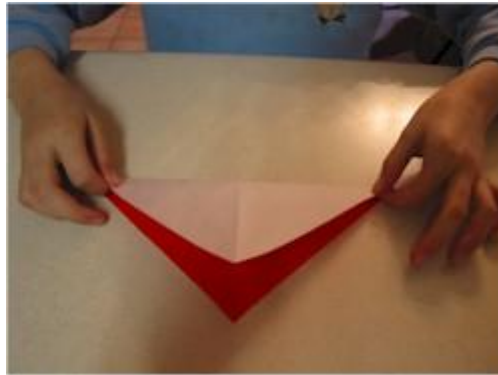
- sheets of paper of your choice of paper - make sure it is white on one side and colored on the other
- stick glue

Each sheet will form a simple unit. Glue all the completed units to get the Christmas wreath.

Step-by-Step Instructions for Christmas Wreath



1. Fold and unfold the square in half from side to side, with the colored side on top.



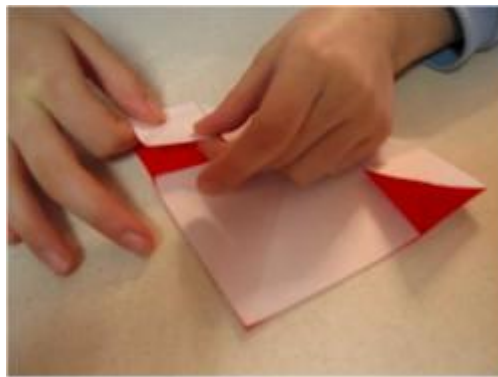
2. Fold it in half from top to bottom.



3. Fold the side points to meet the middle of the top.



4. Squash the right-hand point and press it down to make a diamond.



5. Do likewise for the left-hand point.



6. Now fold the right-hand half of the top down to meet the middle fold-line. Press flat.



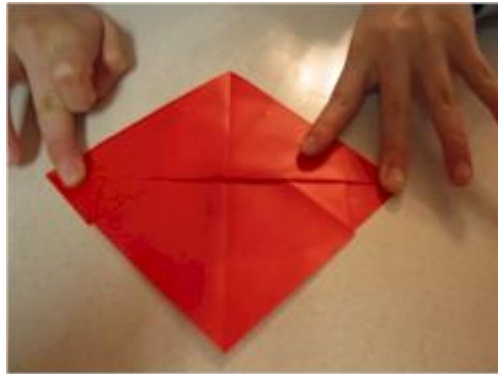
7. Repeat step 6 with the left-hand half of the top.



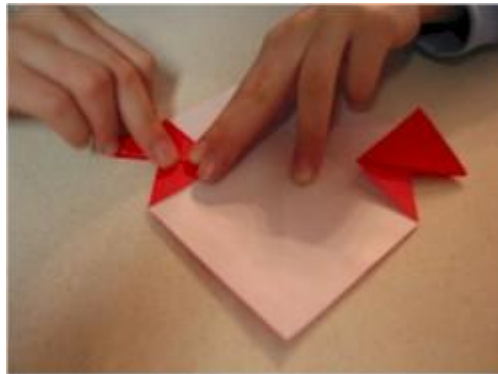
8. Now unfold what you did for steps 6 and 7 (remember, each crease is important)



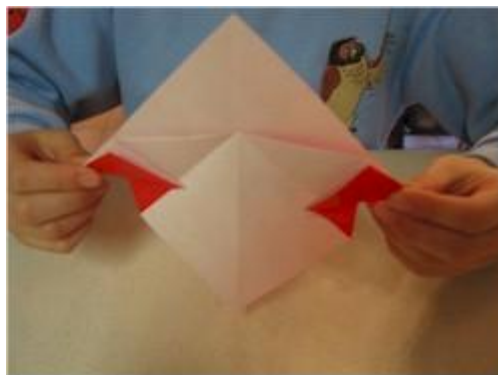
9. Turn the paper over.



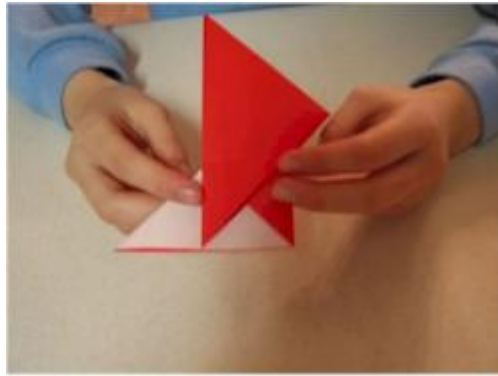
10. From between the two side points fold up the top layer of the paper. This should be the finished result.



11. Turn the paper over and fold up the two single points

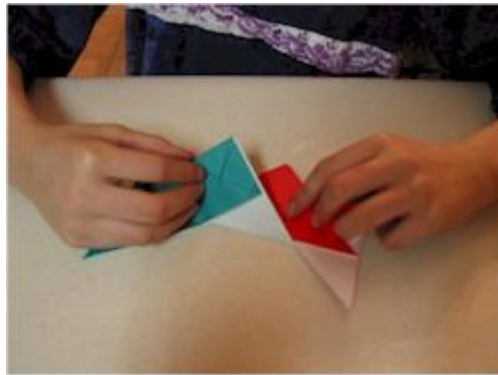


12. Now bring the side points together at the same time moving the bottom point upwards.

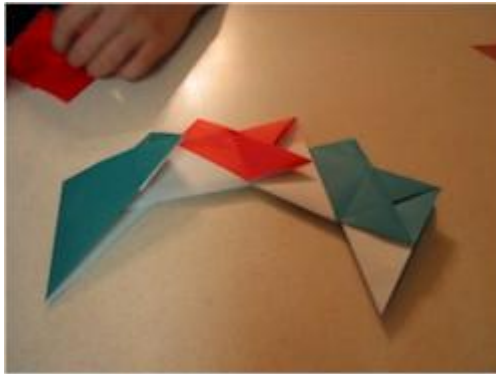


13. Press the paper flat into this shape.
Hurray, you've finished one unit

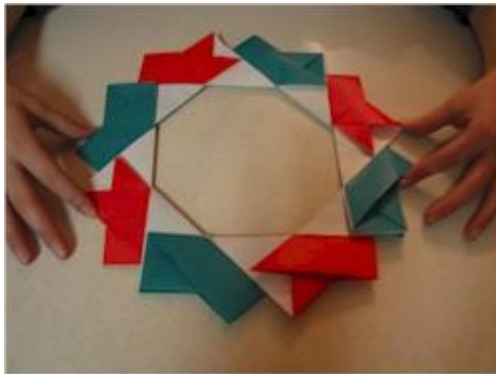
Now repeat all the steps with the remaining seven squares.



To assemble, tuck one unit inside another and glue them together.



Keep on tucking and gluing units together carefully...



until you have built up the Christmas wreath.

*There you have it! The Christmas wreath.
Enjoy, and do let me know if you have made one. :)*