



Origami Fold-Out Card



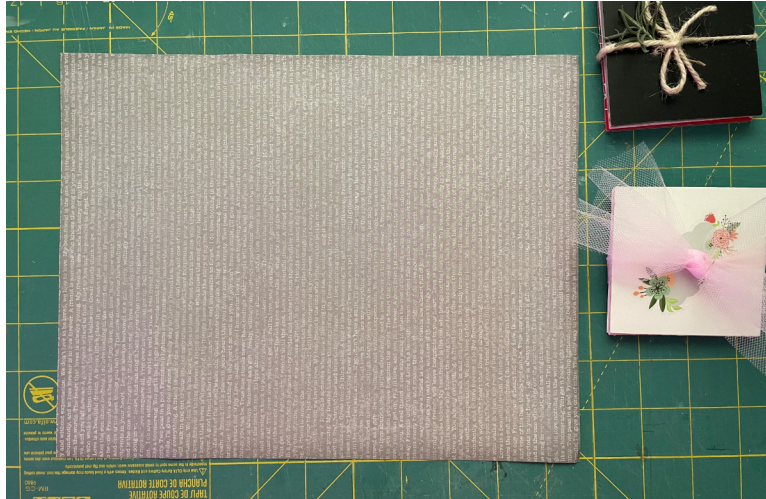
This is a mainstay in my arsenal of handmade gifts. Once you get used to how the folds go, you can make all sorts of projects with it.

I've used them as greeting cards, invitations, brag books, and even mini journals. The samples I show here are decorated only on one side but you can choose to use the back as well for notes or even more photos.

All you need for this project are:

- Paper or cardstock (try not to use very heavy cardstock), 3 per card
- Glue stick or double-sided adhesive tape
- Cardboard for covers (optional)
- Bone folder or anything to help with creases
- Stickers, photos, collage items
- Ribbon, twine, or cord
- Scissors/cutter
- Metal ruler

Folding the Paper



The sheets you use have to be squares. In the video, I used 6 x 6 inch squares. If you don't have ready-made squares, here's how to make them.



Fold the paper you have as shown in the photo, making sure your sides are even and the point ends at the corner. Cut off the excess (the part marked with the red lines). Remember you need 3 squares in all for each card you want to make.



Open up the square you just made. You also made your first fold. This is a mountain fold. Fold it the other way as well to make a valley fold. Folding both ways makes it easier to manipulate the paper later.



Your next fold will be right in the middle of the paper. Be sure to match the edges and corners.



Repeat the fold the other way so that you now have three folds. Make sure to do both mountain and valley folds for all of them.



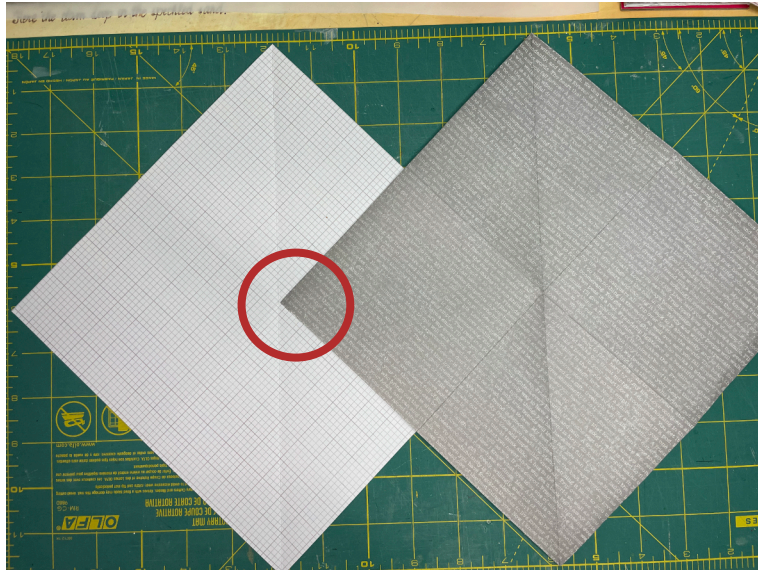
Your square will now have two opposite squares with a fold and two that are smooth.



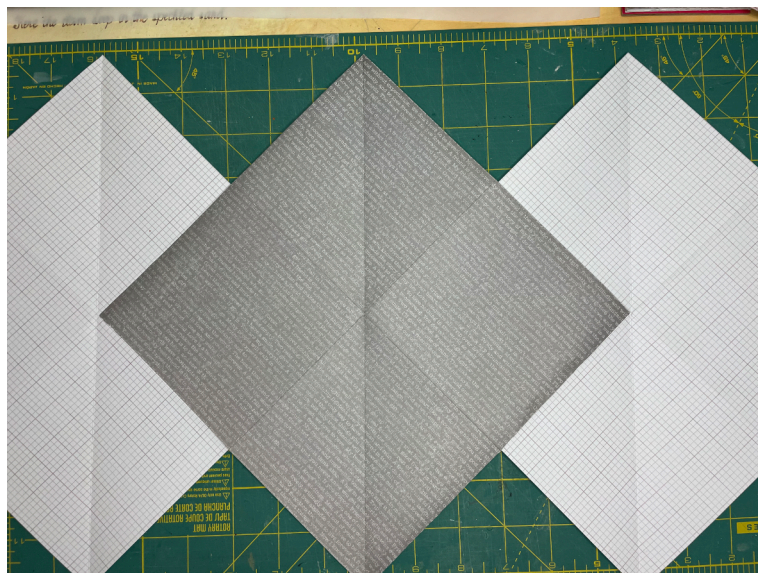
Fold the paper so that the parts with the diagonal folds end up inside (in between) the smooth ones. When folded, you'll still have a square.



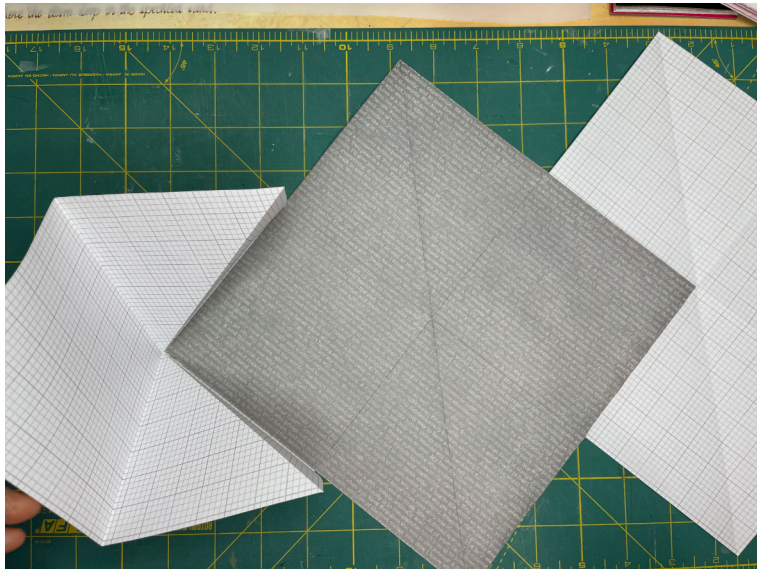
Press down on the edges of the folded piece. You will repeat all the steps with the other two square sheets of paper that you've prepared.



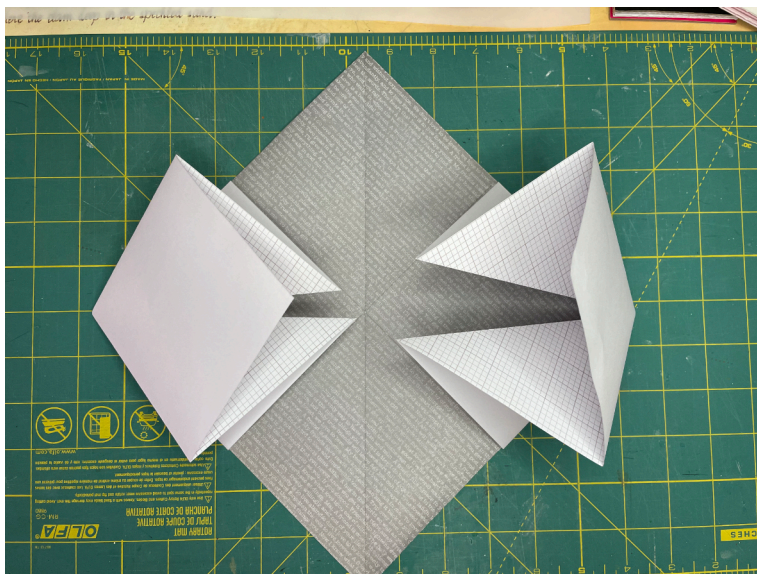
The sheets will now have to be glued together. Match up the smooth corners of two of your squares. The corner of the top piece should touch the center of the bottom piece.



Do the same with the third piece so that you now have something that looks like the photo above.



Fold the left piece the way you did earlier, with the diagonal folds easing into that left square. Do the same with the opposite side.



At this point, your folded piece should look like this.

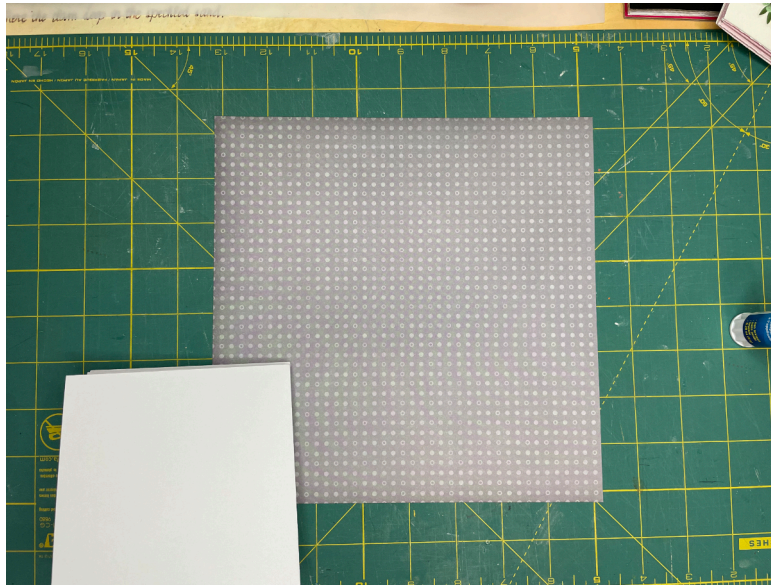


Adjust the fold of the center square so that the central fold (the diagonal fold which is now vertical) becomes a valley fold



And now you end up with a square again!

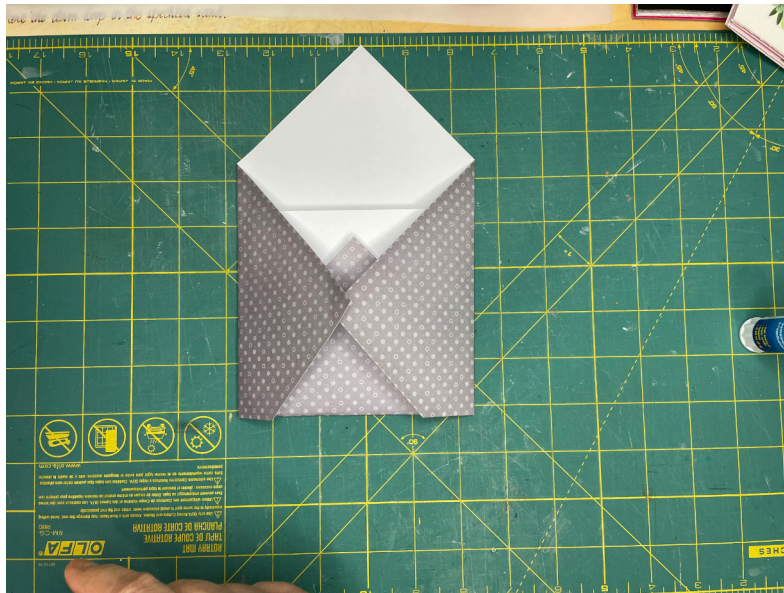
In the video, I cut out squares of cardboard to make covers for the folded card. If you like, you can omit the covers and make an envelope instead. Here's how you can make one from another square.



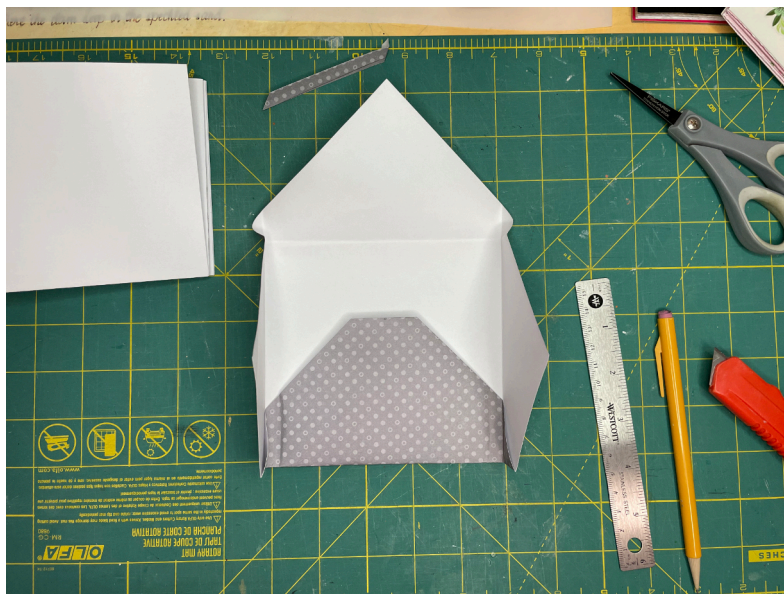
Lay your folded card in the center of the square and fold up the bottom end.



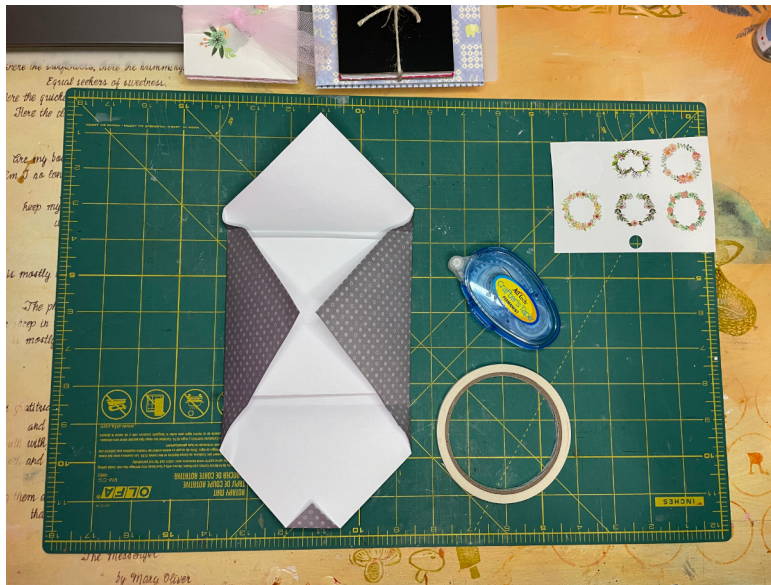
I don't bother to do measurements, really. I just make sure the card is vertically centered. Then I fold in the sides, leaving a bit of room in case I decide to fill the card with bulky items.



Fold down the pointed part of the bottom flap so it doesn't stick out.



Use double-sided adhesive tape or glue tape to assemble the envelope.



This is how it looks like fully assembled. I have stickers to use for sealing it when the card is ready. You can also use ribbons or twine.





This is an example of what you can do for the inside of the card. You can use bits of collage paper, used stamps, pressed flowers, and there are spaces where sentiments can be written as well.

