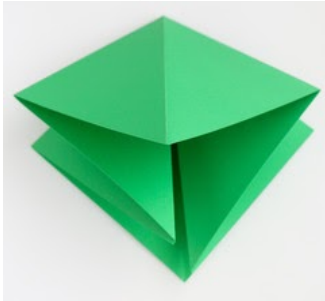


Origami Trees Tutorial



1. Use a square piece of paper. Fold paper square corner to corner, producing a triangle. Next, fold that triangle in half to create a smaller triangle. Open the paper back up and fold in half to create a rectangle and then fold the rectangle in half to create a square. Unfold to reveal the crease lines.



2. Hold the paper with a corner at the top. Tuck the right and left side corners down towards the center line, and then fold outward the remaining right and left corners to be flat. This will create a diamond shape.



3. Fold in the left and right side flaps to the center line, then turn the paper over and fold those sides as well. This will form a kite shape.



4. Taking one side at a time, open the fold and fold the edge inward towards the center of the kite. Repeat with all four flaps.



5. Use your scissors to cut off the bottom triangle of the kite shape as shown. You will want an even flat bottom of the tree.



6. At this point you can spread out the flaps slightly to create a straight-edged tree. For the folded edge tree, continue on to step 7.



7. Using scissors, cut horizontal lines into each of the 6 flaps.

The more cuts you make, the more “branches” your tree will have. Cut approximately halfway in towards the center of each flap.

8. Fold the cut lines down to create small right-angle triangles. Repeat around all 6 sides of the tree.

