

Wonders of Nature

with Gardens by the Bay

Origami Tulip

Materials:

- 1 sheet of coloured origami paper
- 1 sheet of green origami paper (for the stalk)
- Scissors

Did you know?

Tulips are the third most popular flowers in the world, after roses and chrysanthemums, with the Netherlands as the largest producer and exporter of these blooms. Like onions and garlic, tulips are bulbous plants, producing bulbs which are short stems with fleshy leaves. These serve as food storage organs for the plant during periods of dormancy.

Tulips continue to grow up to an inch a day even after being cut, unlike other flowers. The stem grows upwards while the flower responds and grows towards the light.









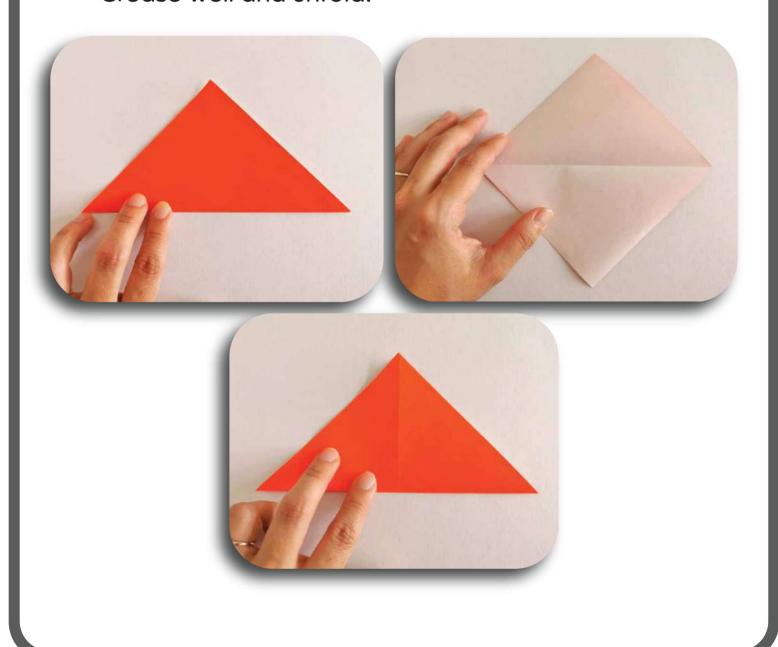


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Flower - Step 1

Fold the paper in half on each diagonal axis. Crease well and unfold.





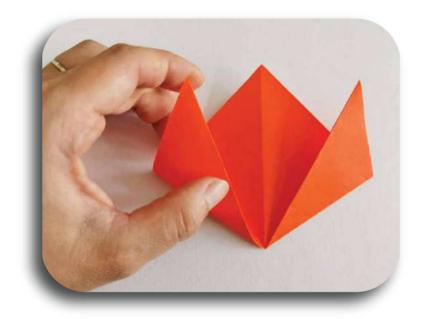
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Flower - Step 2

Fold both tips up to form the shape of a tulip.



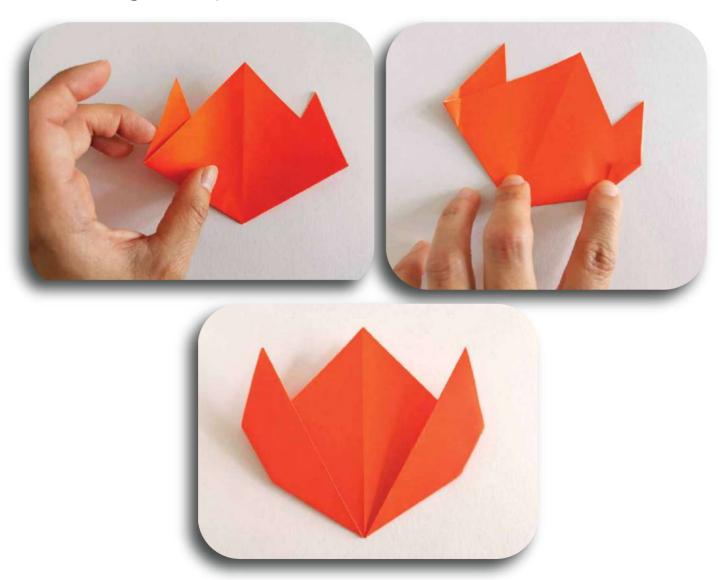


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Flower - Step 3

Flip the paper over and make a small triangle-shaped fold on both sides.





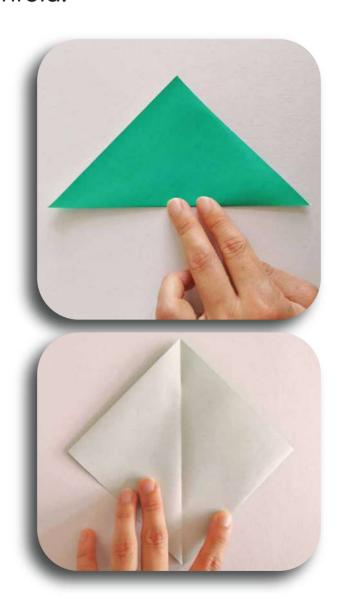
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Stalk - Step 1

Fold the paper in half on a diagonal axis. Crease well and unfold.



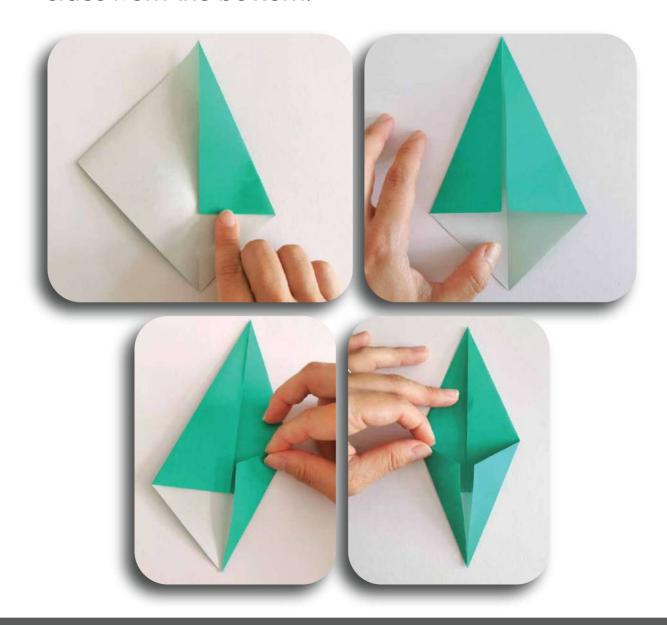


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Stalk - Step 2

Fold two sides in from the top towards the creased line in the middle. Repeat the same for the two sides from the bottom.



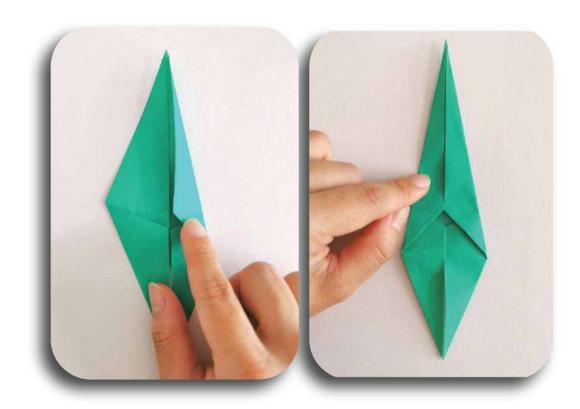


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Stalk - Step 3

Fold both sides in from the top again, towards the middle line.



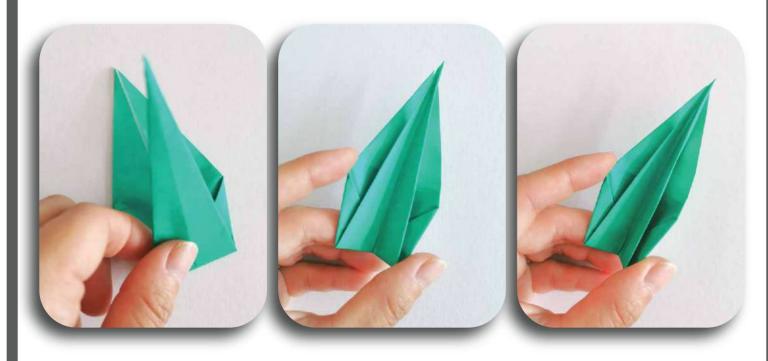


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Stalk - Step 4

Fold the bottom tip up and flatten it. Next, fold the paper in half.



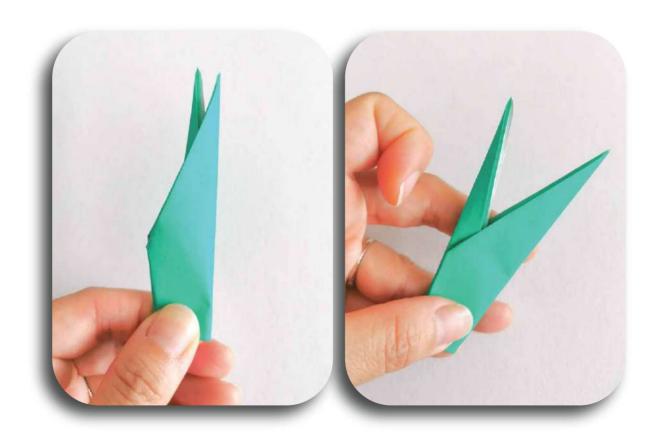


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Stalk - Step 5

Pull out the flap inside slightly to form the leaf.



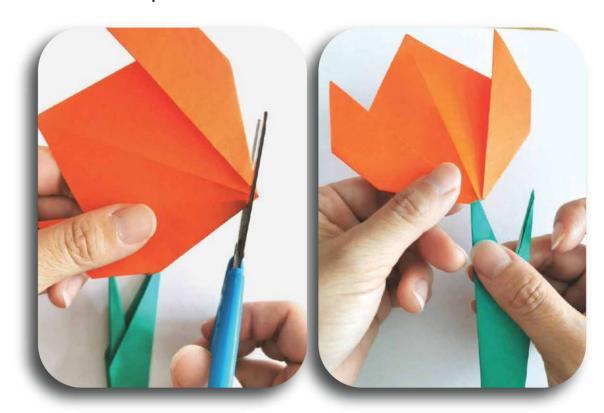


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Assembly

Make a small cut at the bottom of the tulip flower and insert the top of the flower stalk into the cut hole to complete the flower.





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Tada, you are done!



Check out how to make a pop-up greeting card with these origami tulips in the next pages!

Credit:



[Red Ted Art]. (2016, 16 February).
Easy Paper Tulip Origami Flower.
Retrieved from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFHGsHdY8w4



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Tulip Pop-Up Greeting Card

Materials:

- Origami tulips
- A5 colour art card (preferably at least 160 gsm)
- A5 colour paper (trimmed to a slightly smaller size)
 Tip: Choose a colour paper with a lighter shade for the inside of the card, to provide a contrasting background for the brightly coloured origami tulips. A patterned art card can be used for the front and back of the card.
- Glue / Double-sided tape
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil





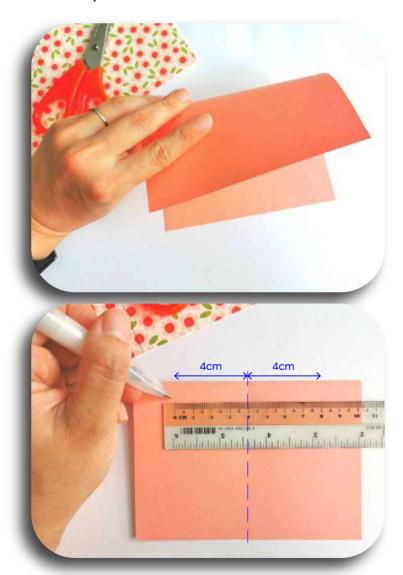
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Tulip Pop-Up Greeting Card

Step 1

Fold the smaller colour paper in half and mark out a midpoint with a pencil. Using a ruler, measure 4 cm on each side, from the midpoint.



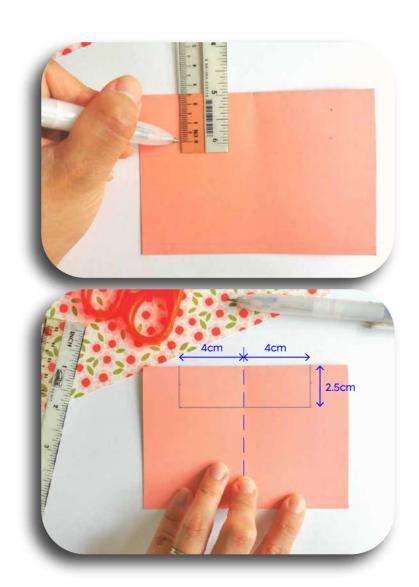


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Tulip Pop-Up Greeting Card Step 2

Next, mark out 2.5 cm on each side, from the top of the card. Join the markings together to form a rectangle.





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Step 3

Use a pair of scissors to score (or scratch) a line down the length of the rectangle that was drawn. Then, cut along the width on both sides.







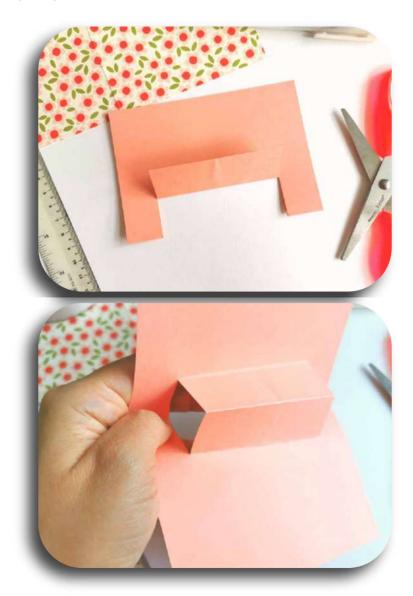
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Step 4

Fold the rectangle flap up and crease the paper along its length. Open the card and push the rectangle inwards to form a pop-up mechanism.





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Tulip Pop-Up Greeting Card Step 5

Position the origami tulips before applying glue or double-sided tape to the back of the stalks to secure them on the colour paper. When pasting the tulips, leave a gap of at least 0.5 cm from the base of the pop-up mechanism.

Tip: Start by pasting the first tulip in the middle of the pop-up mechanism.





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Tulip Pop-Up Greeting Card Step 6

Apply a thin layer of glue at the back of the colour paper, along its border. Position the colour paper on the inside of the art card and press it down.





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Step 7

Finally, fold the card in half and your pop-up greeting card is ready!

