

Origami Paper Trees



Materials:

Scrap paper (I used a page from a magazine as well as green paper)

Scissors

Glue stick

Step 1:

Make a square

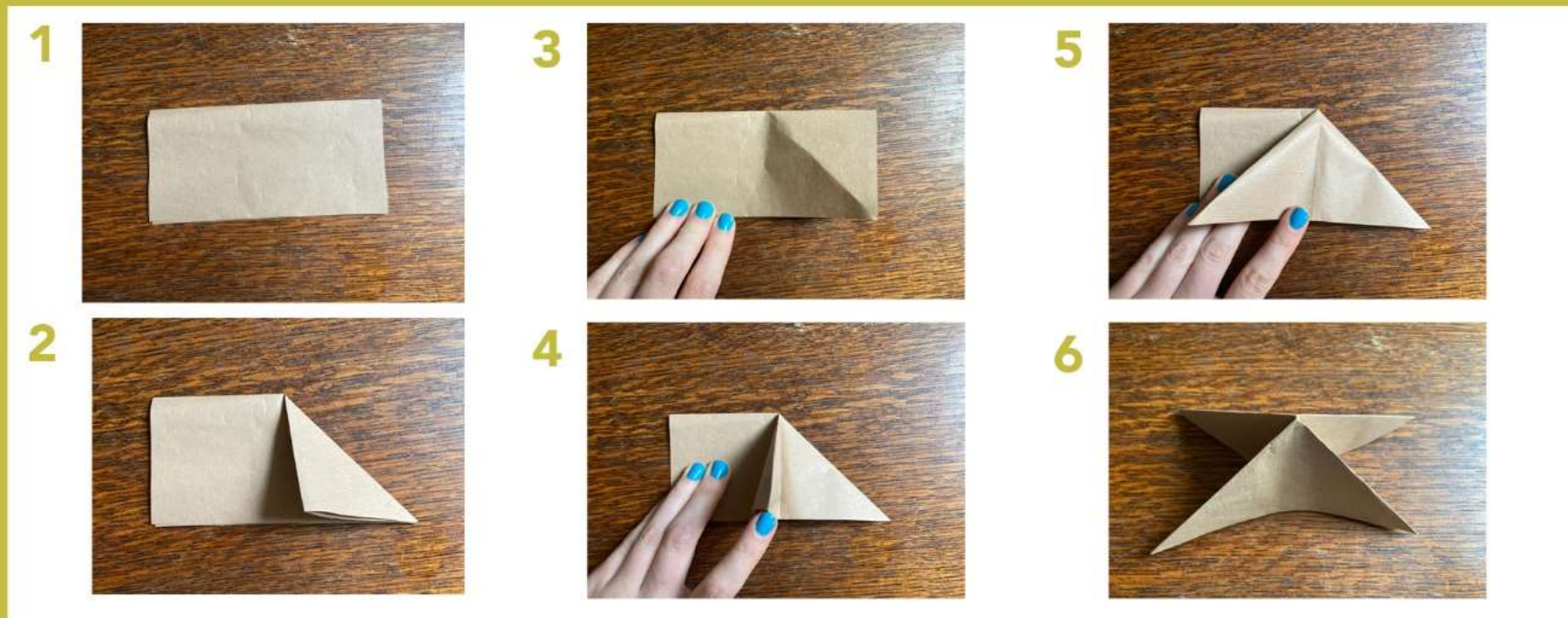
(Most origami things begin with a perfect square!)

1. Fold the rectangular piece of paper as shown in the top photo.
2. Draw along the vertical line as shown in the middle photo.
3. Cut along this line.
4. Now you have your square!



Step 2:

Start folding the tree

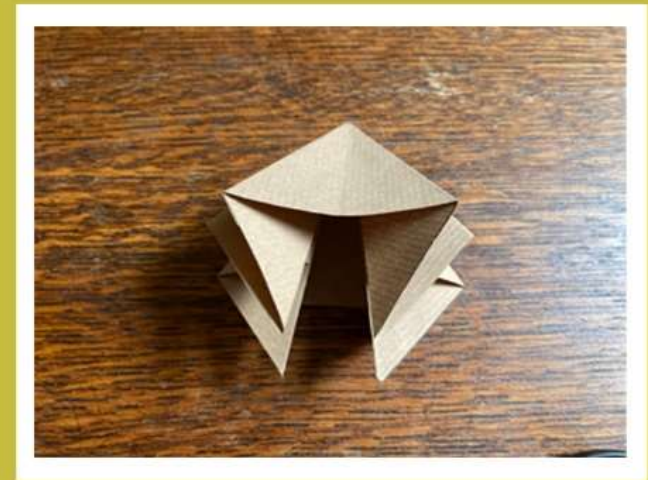


1. Fold the square in half
2. Fold one corner into the centre
3. Unfold the fold that you just did
4. Fold this in towards itself, this is called an 'inside reverse fold'.
5. Do the same thing on the other side
6. You should have something that looks like this!

Inside Reverse Fold:

If you are confused about the folding technique shown here, have a look online for videos of an 'inside reverse fold' and you will get a clear idea.

Step 3: Continue folding the tree

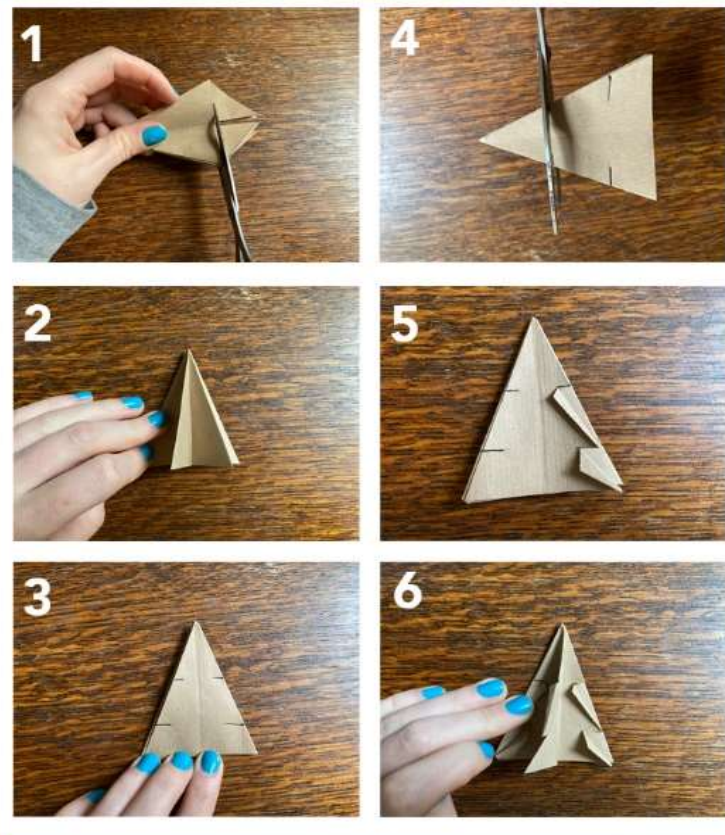


The above picture is what your folded tree should look like after the 6 steps.

1. Fold the side into the middle of the shape
2. Do the same thing on the other side
3. Turn the shape over and do the same thing
4. Unfold and do the inside reverse fold again
5. Do the same thing on the other side
6. Turn the shape over and repeat the fold on both sides

Step 4:

Cut and fold the branches



1. Snip off the bottom bits as shown
2. You will now have something that looks like this; Almost like a triangular book!
3. Draw lines as shown
4. Cut down the lines about half way in
5. Fold the branches as shown
6. Continue to do this on all of the 'pages'

Now you can try this with different papers! Once you have made a few you will start to remember how it's done and you won't need this guide! You can add a bit of glue in the middle to keep it together but you don't have to. Also you can skip cutting the branches for a different look.