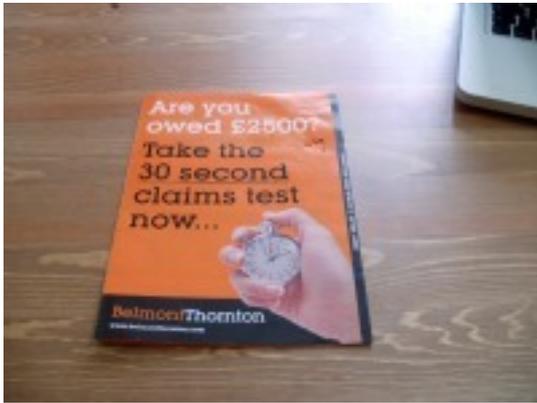




Origami Box With Lid Instructions



Start with a piece of junk mail or other piece of paper or thin card that you want to make into an origami box. If you are also making a lid you will need to have two pieces that go together so bare that in mind.



I have opened this leaflet out and chosen two pages I like the look of and separated them into two pieces.



We need to make a square to be able to start making our box and lid so fold the bottom left hand corner up to the top right hand edge and flatten it out completely.



Cut off the rectangle of paper that is now surplus.



Fold the paper diagonally so that the left hand corner meet the right hand corner.

Make sure this is the diagonal that hasn't been folded when squaring the paper off.



Fold it so the crease is nice and sharp



Unfold it and it should look like this.



Fold the paper in half as shown



Make sure the crease is nice and sharp again.



Unfold again



Fold in half again the opposite way and unfold.



Position paper as shown and fold the bottom corner so that it touches the middle of the paper. You can tell where the middle is because it's where all the folds cross.



This should look as shown.



Fold the left hand corner into the middle in the same way.



Fold the top corner into the middle.



Finally fold the right corner into the middle.



Fold the bottom edge so that it meets the centre line



Fold this into a sharp crease. If you are now making the lid see the instructions further on do not do this step yet.



Unfold this making sure the triangle at the center unfolds as well.



If you are making the lid follow the same instructions but instead of folding into the middle fold slightly short of the middle as shown. This is so that the lid is a little bit bigger than the box so that it fits comfortably.



Turn the paper around so that the fold you have just done is at the top. Fold the new bottom side up to the middle



Fold this into a sharp crease



Let this unfold making sure that the small triangle in the middle unfolds too.



Turn your paper 90degrees and fold the new bottom side into the middle (remember if you are making the lid fold it a little short of the centre.)



Let this unfold again making sure that the small triangle in the middle unfolds as well.



Turn the paper so that the last unfolded side is at the bottom. Fold the bottom side up to the middle and unfold.



It should look as shown.



Unfold the left and right hand sides as shown.



Fold the top and bottom sides up so that they are standing like box sides. This fold uses the folds we have just made.



They should look like this. Turn the box so that one of the unfolded points is facing away from you.



Position your fingers as shown and push on the diagonal folds. I am only showing one side for clarity but you will need to use both hands and fold both sides in at once.



Once the sides start to fold in pinch them together as shown.



Fold the point at the top over and down to form the side and bottom of the box



This should look as shown.



Turn the box around so the unfolded side is facing you. Do exactly the same with this side.



This is what the origami box should look like when folded.



Now make the lid in the same way except to follow the additional instructions to modify the middle section slightly.



This is the finished box turned upside down



Here is the origami box and lid. Visit our website for more ideas!