



Origami Envelope Instructions



Start off with a piece of paper that you want to recycle.
This is the page of an RSPB magazine, it's A4 size and slightly glossy so it will make an excellent envelope



This is what the other side looks like.
This will be the inside of the envelope.



Start with this side showing and fold the left hand edge to the right hand edge.



The paper will now be folded in half, make sure the fold is nice and sharp



Take the top layer, right hand edge and fold it back to the left hand edge as shown.



Again fold it so the crease is nice and sharp



With the top layer again fold the left hand edge to the right hand edge of the top layer. This is right in the middle of the paper.



When folded and creased sharply it should look like this.



Unfold the last fold as shown.



With the top layer only fold the left hand side to the crease you just made. This is the middle of the top layer. Check the picture for details.



This should look like this when creased.



Without unfolding, fold the top layer of the left hand side over again to meet the middle fold.



This should look as shown.



Fold the right hand edge to meet the left hand edge of the top layer.



Let this unfold again once you have creased it.



Turn the paper through 90degrees as shown.
Take the bottom left hand corner and fold it up to the first fold of the top layer.



This should look like this.



Do the same on the right side.



Fold the entire left side over in line with the side of the corner fold you just made.
Check the picture to make sure you are folding the correct piece.



This should look as shown. Let it unfold after you have creased it.



This fold does not span the entire piece of paper it's just a small fold from the left hand side diagonally to the fold you have just made see arrows

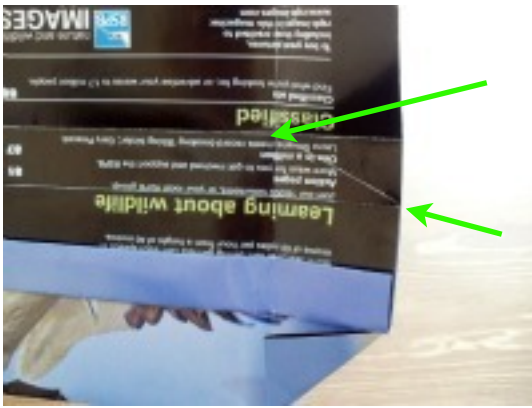
The fold is shown in between these two arrows. Make sure it's folded nice and sharply as it will help when you finish off the origami envelope later. Only fold the paper between these arrows do not carry on the fold to the rest of the paper



Fold the entire right side over just as you did with the left in line with the corner fold you have already made.



Let this unfold once you have creased it sharply.



Again fold the paper on the right side only in between these arrows. See above for more details.



Lift up the top layer and unfold it.



It should look as shown.



Unfold the bottom left hand corner flap



Place your finger between the top and bottom layers and open them out



As you open them press the bottom corner so that it folds as shown



Open out the bottom right corner fold.



Put your finger in between the top and bottom layers and fold the top layer towards the middle. As you do that squash the bottom corner so that it folds as shown.



Fold the middle top layer down again using the original fold line.



This should look as shown.



Fold the entire left side over again using the same fold line.



The bottom corner should unfold as you do it so that it sits straight as shown.



Tuck the bottom corner underneath the middle layer.



Fold it flat so that it has a sharp crease and looks as shown.



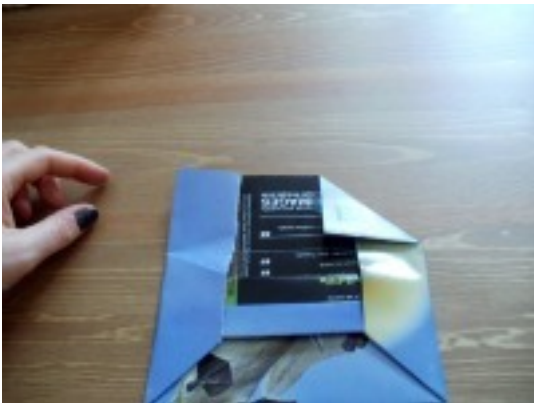
Fold the right side over again and let the bottom corner unfold as shown.



Tuck the right corner underneath in the same way as you did the left hand side.



Fold the right hand corner down to the crease indicated by the arrow.



This should look like the picture



Do the same on the left hand side



Let these two creases unfold.



Position your fingers as shown and push the flap of paper into the envelope.

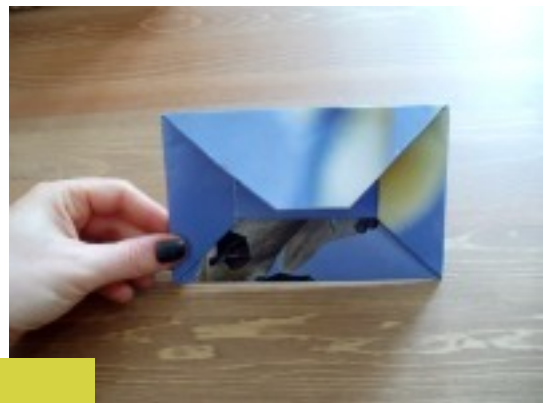


This should look as shown



Do the same with the other side.

That's it !! Tuck the flap of the envelope into the front flap to close it. Use it as a decorative envelope or even as a regular envelope with address and stamp labels.



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