

Lesson 4: Art of Origami –

Japanese Paper Folding Art



Origami is the art of paper folding and usually is associated with Japanese culture. In Japan, the earliest reference to paper folding comes from the 17th century and was exquisitely used for decoration of gifts and cards. However, paper folding art flourished in Europe too and what is now known as the Japanese Origami is a fusion of traditional 'loose' Japanese techniques and 'strict' German techniques. The goal became to transform a flat sheet of paper into a 3D sculpture through folding without the use of cuts or glue or marking.

We will learn the basic origami folds like valley and mountain and will try the best-known origami models in the traditional Japanese art.

Materials:

- Origami Paper
- Coloured Card / Watercolour Paper
- Raffia String / Watercolours / Pencils and Pens