

CRAFTY CREATIONS

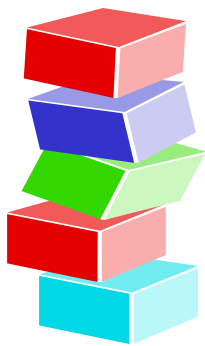
With Alyssa & Tremain

Combining Children's Literature with Fun & Easy Crafts

"Inflatable Origami Cubes" Activity Sheet

You're back in school and it's time to learn, but let's have some fun with this unique paper folding project that actually inflates.

Inflatable Origami Cubes



What do we mean when we say inflatable cubes? Simply put, this will be a paper craft that once completed, you can blow into it, like a balloon, and it will inflate before your very eyes. This will all be done using Origami techniques. Origami is the Japanese art of folding paper, and although this craft will take some time to get used to, in no time you'll become a pro. Plus all it requires is a sheet of paper and you can do it anywhere. Surprise your friends with this fun and easy origami project.

Making Your Inflatable Cube

Materials Needed

- Paper
- Scissors (Optional)

Easy to Follow Steps

There are many folding steps for this origami project that cannot be easily written down. So please follow along as Alyssa will go slowly, and take you through the process step by step on our video.

Personalizing Your Cubes With a Little Creativity

This craft only requires a sheet of paper; however, with a little creativity, you can make your origami crafts even better. To create different looks for your Inflatable Cube, or any other craft, try using different colors of paper, or paper with different patterns printed on them. To show off a little more of who you are, try grabbing some colors, markers, stickers, and other art supplies and decorate a sheet of paper in whatever way you choose. Then when you get ready to make your origami craft, the final product will be even more unique.



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Suggested Children's Books on Origami

- #1 
"Easy Origami"
By: Mary Meinking
Call Number: J 736.98 MEI
- #2 
"Yoko's Paper Cranes"
By: Rosemary Wells
Call Number: E WELLS
- #3 
"Monster Origami"
By: Duy Nguyen
Call Number: J 736.98 NGU
- #4 
"Pink Paper Swans"
By: Virginia Kroll
Call Number: E KROLL

The Facts About Origami

As stated before, Origami is the traditional Japanese art of paper folding. Many people do this to create great objects, animals, and more using folds and creases so you never have to use gluing or scissors. Plus you can create great things using simple sheets of paper. The paper crane (shown below) is one of the most recognizable of origami patterns. This art of paper folding has become popular everywhere, and the Abilene Public Library has offered many programs in the past featuring making origami crafts for every occasion. By either following a pattern or using your imagination, you can create many exciting things using nothing more than a sheet of paper.



Your Crafty Creation Hosts

Alyssa is a **Children's Librarian** at the South Branch location and co-creator of Crafty Creations. With her creative ideas in children's crafts and activities, she is the brains behind every creative activity featured in each episode.

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Tremain is the **Manager** of the South Branch location and co-creator of Crafty Creations. This show is but one of many he is doing to branch out into the Internet and provide a face for the library online. This show will provide a new service to families combining literature with arts and crafts.

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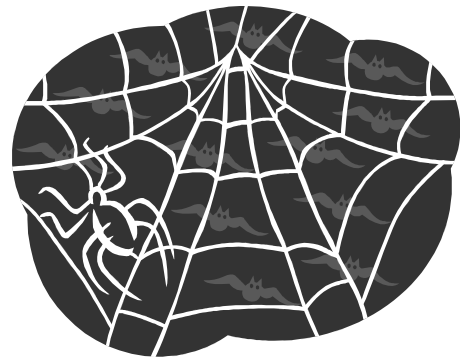
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