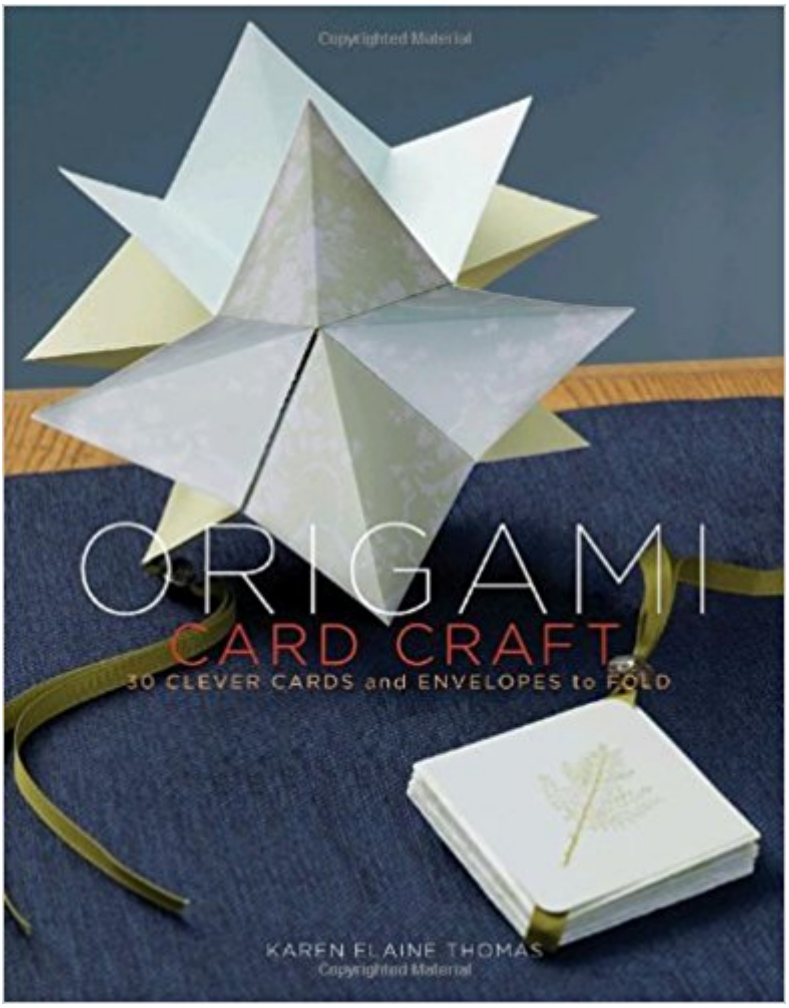
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Origami Card Craft: 30 Clever Cards And Envelopes To Fold



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Synopsis

In the time it takes to pick out a card at the store, you can fold a beautiful, handmade card specifically designed for your special someone. With Origami Card Craft, you can impress your friends with origami-inspired cards, boxes, and envelopes that pop up, fan out, and even hold hidden messages. Wow your sweetie with the Fold-Out Heart card or give a thank you to be remembered with the Pinwheel card. Here youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll also learn to make five different envelopes to store and protect your creations. With over 25 years of experience in origami and paper crafting, author Karen Elaine Thomas shows you how easy it is to create unique cards out of folded paper, and gives you the skills necessary to read any origami pattern, in any language. With a few basic techniques under your belt and the endless opportunities that paper offers, thereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s no limit to the dazzling cards you can create simply and quickly.

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I recently purchased a few intricately folded handmade cards/mini-books. They're perfect when a card is not quite enough, but a gift is perhaps too much. I am so intrigued with and inspired by them, I want to try to make some myself. This book offers instructions for two dozen cards (including the folds of the cards/mini-books I purchased), two boxes, and five envelopes. The folds include fold-out heart, fortune teller, little pocket, cut and fold, love knot, secret slipcase, money holder, pinwheel, woven belt, folded frame, signature, star, pop-up box with fan-out card, kiss, crane, accordion, secret message, Jacob's ladder, postcard holder, dos-a-dos, from the heart, Tato puzzle, pop-out, and simple fold. The book lists materials needed for each project, written instructions, clear origami diagrams, and assembly directions. This book is exactly what I was seeking.

I've only tried a few of these so far, and they've been successful, but the few I've learned are so useful, that they are worth the price of the book alone. And I have found inspiration for other projects as well looking through the pages. I stopped doing origami for a long time, because after all the figuring and folding, I rarely had any use for the objects created - not to mention the ROOM to keep and display them. But these things are useful as well as elegant. I may never buy another greeting card (which is a good thing, because greeting cards have become quite boring of late.) I can now combine collage, calligraphy, & illustration with paper folding. I know I am going to love it.

Nice pictures. Poor instructions. It is a pretty book, good quality printing. I like that I have it as something to flip through for inspiration but the instructions have typos, and skip over small steps that ought to have been added for clarity. Illustrations are inconsistent about showing opposite sides of the paper. This is an incongruous book in that the folds are simple enough for a child but the instructions are incomplete and therefore only good enough for someone like me who has a lot of experience with origami. Also,a lot of these projects are not 'proper' origami in that they use glue and cuts. Glad I have it but glad I bought it used.

Not at all what I thought or what I wanted it to be. I did not realize it was folding I learned in grade school. I plan to pass it on to my 9yr old Niece.

I have always loved origami. I first saw this book at a library and did not have time to use it much, so I ended up purchasing it. I was amazed at how many unique and clever card ideas for anniversaries, birthdays, Christmas could be made, that people will not toss aside as just another

cheap greeting card. I look forward to making the little booklet card that fits inside a paper sleeve, that can be used as a book or a tiny photo album. I also liked the amount of colorful photos and detailed instructions that were easy to follow. Now I am just trying to build up my collection of various types of paper to make these unique cards with. It was definitely worth the purchase price.

I have been interested in paper crafts for 20 years. Karen Thomas is one of my favorite paper artists. This book, "Origami Card Craft" is of the same great quality and practicality as everything else that she has published or demonstrated on TV. As is typical of Karen Thomas, this book offers fun, easy to understand and useful creations. I own every book that she has published and refer to her ideas for every occasion needing a clever creation. For example, Karen’s publications offer unusual formats for birthday greetings, origami Christmas tree decorations, origami mini wedding/photo albums and clever paper craft treasures for gifts..... JUST TO MENTION A FEW. Ardeth Brown, Portland, Oregon

Some of the directions are a bit difficult to follow.With some practice, have so far figured out the ones I wanted.

I chose this book to make interesting card and scrapbook pages as well as a new craft to "play" with. The first use was for reserved seating notifications for our daughter’s wedding. Guests were quite taken with the folded letter. Then I took the book and some paper to the nursing facility where my mom lives. She used to sew and quilt a lot so I thought I would try some techniques with her. Even though she has dementia, we accomplished two projects and will do more. She is very proud of her work and shows it to everyone. She says it helps keep her hands and mind active. So we are now planning new ways to use our projects when she and I make them - gifts of note cards, fun designs, etc.

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