Mother’s Day Origami Flower Craft FREEBIE

This origami flower craft makes a perfect gift for Moms. Older grade students will also enjoy making a more challenging craft. Link to video demo included.
Origami Flower Craft Directions:

1. Gather thin copy paper suitable for flower colors and green for the stem. Also some scotch tape and a thin marker. Print the flower pattern on floral colors and the leaf pattern page on green. Trim both the floral and green paper, so you have a square sheet left. Next show students the video, then fold an example, step by step on your doc camera or board.

2-4. Place the flower paper with dashed lines facing down. Fold both diagonal lines in, one at a time, forming a triangle, making sure to reopen the fold so the paper is flat before folding the second diagonal line. Flip the paper so the dashed lines now face up. Make a vertical fold in (reopen fold to flat again) then make a horizontal fold (aka hot dog fold). Reopen this fold then push in the ends of this horizontal line until you have the mountain fold you see in step five. Make sure to pause and check everyone has completed a fold before moving on. Ask those who get it right a way, to help others fold theirs and check if they have it correct. (Make sure you have made one before you attempt this with your students).

5-6. Next, you will place the mountain shape flat on your workspace pointed away from you. You will then fold up the bottom flaps of the mountain, on both sides until you have a diamond shaped square.

7-8. Then, you will fold the left and right sides of the diamond together, using the center line as your guide, and repeat on the other side. This will hide the flaps you just folded up. Then, lay the diamond shape flat again with the top of the previous mountain fold still pointing opposite you.

9-12. Now you will fold down the left and right corners of the diamond towards the center bottom in a way where you can tuck one corner into the other corner’s opening as pictured (it will look like an uneven upside down kite). Repeat on the other side. (You can opt to secure this better with a piece of tape too.)

12. Finally, pick up the shape and while holding the edges, blow into the small hole at the bottom until you have something that resembles a box (aka origami balloon).

13. Look for the flaps and peel them down into flower petals.

14. Next you will take the green square paper and roll into a cylinder stem from opposite diagonal corners. Use tape to secure the roll. (This differs from the video’s method of making a stem so see pic below right.)

15. Be sure to write a message for Mom on the leaves and attach them with tape as well.

16. Insert the stem you just created into the hole on the bottom of the origami flower you created.

Video Link demonstrating how to make origami tulips:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJVIhae7F65bGINfADhpXw1VJc_dpyoUJ

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Origami Flower Folding Pattern

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Step 1: Cut out the square on the outer solid lines. Step 2: Place this paper with dashed lines facing down. Fold both diagonal lines in, one at a time, forming a triangle, making sure to reopen the fold so the paper is flat before folding the second diagonal line. Step 3: Flip the paper so the dashed lines now face up. Make a vertical fold in (reopen fold to flat again) then make a horizontal fold (aka hot dog fold). Reopen this fold then push in the ends of this horizontal line until you have the mountain fold. Wait for further directions.
Origami Flower Leaves & Stem Pattern

Note: Cut off this section off at the solid line. Save square for stem. Cut out the leaves and write a message on them.

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