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Everlasting Flower

Create an everlasting paper flower as a meaningful Mother's Day gift! Use different papers like magazines, newspaper or decorative paper to give your flower a unique look. Take inspiration from the work below to construct a flower or flower bouquet that will last forever.



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Paper, wire, glass jar and stones
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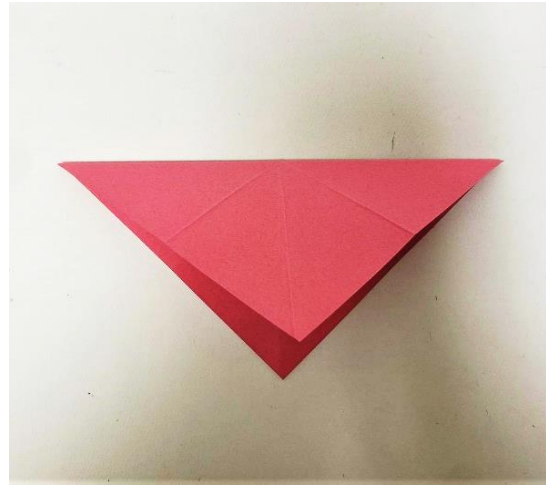
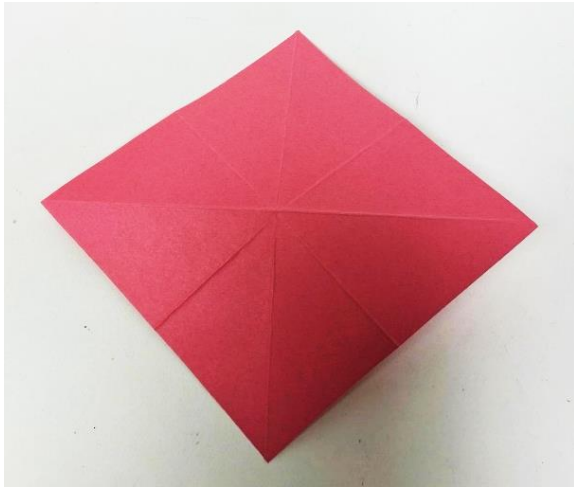
Supplies

- Paper (cut into a square)
- Scissors
- Pipe cleaner
- Paper clip
- Double-sided tape or sticky dots



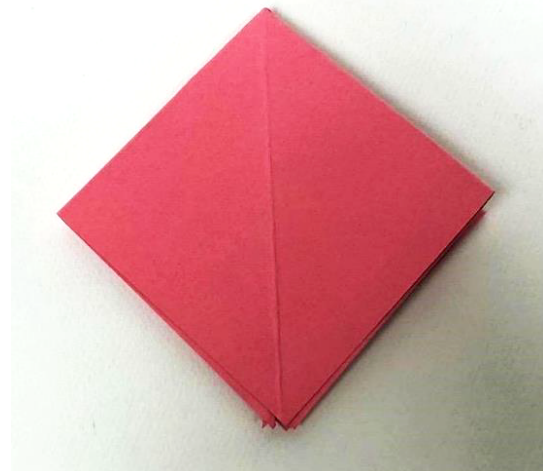
Instructions

1. Begin by taking your square piece of paper and folding it evenly in half both ways creating an X with the folding lines. Then fold the square in half from corner to corner, creating folds to make a star across the piece.
2. Fold your square in half from corner to corner.

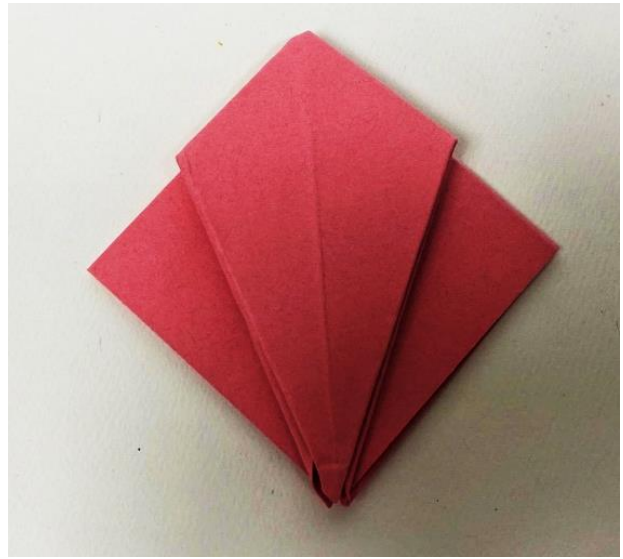


3. Lift the top of the fold up and press the sides of the corners in using the pre-folded lines you created in Step 1.

4. Give the folding a strong press down, making sure all the folds are tight and neat.



5. Take the sides of the diamond shape and fold them inward towards the centerfold, then unfold them, lift the top of the diamond up and fold them inward just as you did with Step 3.



6. Repeat Step 5 with the other side of the diamond shape. Your paper flower shape should look like this.



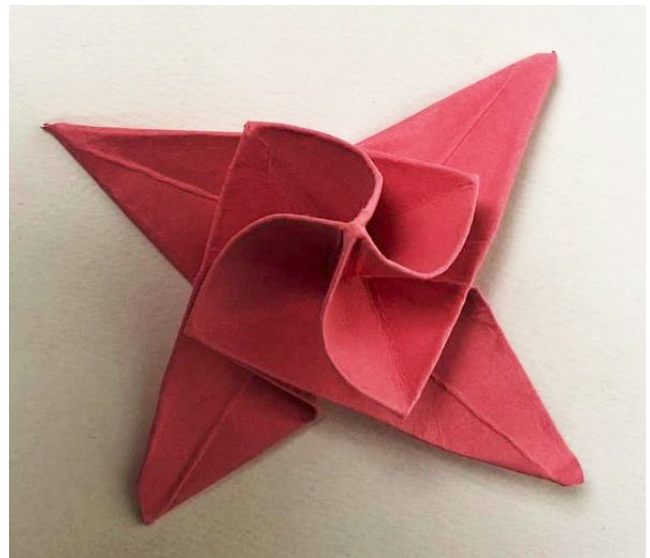


7. Take the first layer and flip it up and to the side, creating a diagonal fold. Unfold it, then take right corner and flip open like a book to the left. Repeat this step with each of the sides to create the creases.

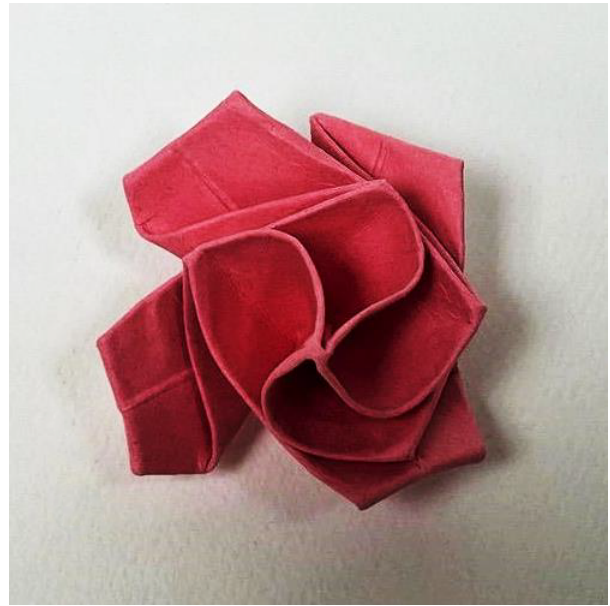
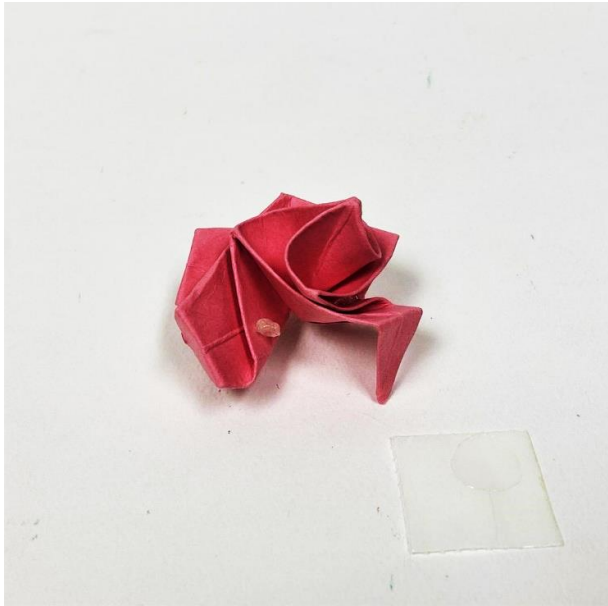
8. Next, use your fingers to divide the four sections on the top of the diamond shape and flatten it on the table using the creases as a guide.



9. Pick up the fold using the four sections with your fingers again and place the opposite end into your palm. Press and twist the paper fold in your palm creating a swirling shape.



10. Fold back the points of the flower and use either tape or a glue dot to allow the fold to hold in place.



11. Use the paper clip to create a hole in the underneath part of the flower and stick a pipe cleaner through the hole. Voilà! You have created an everlasting flower.

