

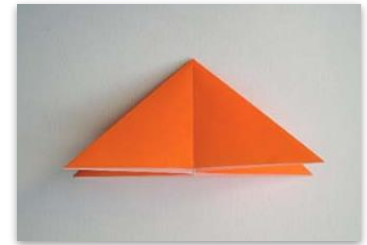
Origami Flowers Instructions – For video instructions visit <https://www.rclreads.org/origami-flowers/>

Water Balloon Base



Both the Lily and the Tulip start with the water balloon base. To make it fold your paper square on the diagonals so the color you want to use is on the outside. Then fold it on the perpendiculars, this time with the other color on the outside when you fold. Unfold the paper and the folds you have made should make the paper want to fold into the base.

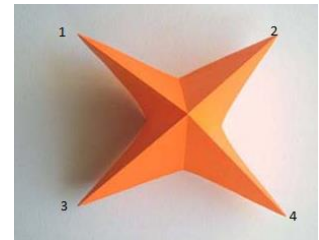
Allow the paper to collapse on its folds to make a triangle. This is the completed water balloon base.



Lily

Begin by folding a Water Balloon Base. Viewed from above, the base should have 4 corners/flaps. Each of these corners will become one petal of the lily. Start by laying your base flat and taking one corner and making a squash fold.

It will make a kite shape out of the corner. Repeat on all 4 corners. You will have to fold your first squashed corners to access them all.



Now fold the lower edges of the kites to line up with the center line. Fold down the top half. Unfold.



These new creases will help you to make the petal fold.

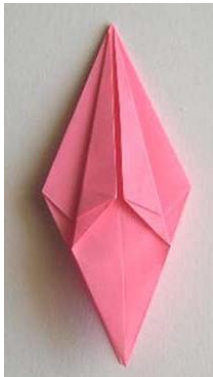
Do the petal fold carefully and hold down the rest of the base with your finger. The petal should fold flat



to make a smaller kite. Repeat on the 3 remaining corners. Fold the 4 top flaps of the kite downwards to make a tall diamond.



Fold the upper edges of the diamond into the centerline. These folds should be on the half that does not open up to the inside of the lily. Repeat on all four sides.



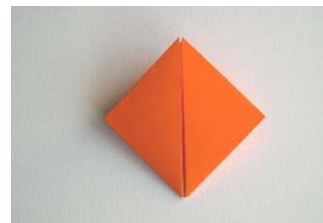
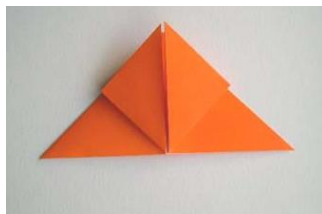
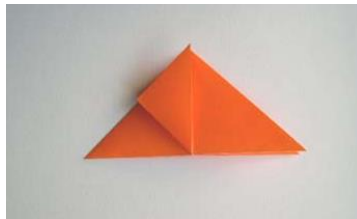
Now flip the lily upside down so the open portion is on top. The four flaps are the petals and you can fold them out now. You can either fold them straight out from the base for a more geometric flower, or you can use your pen and thumb to curl the petals back.



And your lily is complete! Uncap your pen and insert it into the bottom tip of the lily. Puncture the paper and push the pen through until the flower is at the end of the pen and tape it in place with the floral tape.

Tulip

As with the lily you will start with a water balloon base. Once you have the base, set it flat on your table and fold the bottom corners up to the top point. Flip over and repeat on the other side.



Move the right flap over to the left so instead of having a split down the middle of the form there is just a crease. Flip over and repeat on other side.



Now each side has folded in edges which make pockets and tips to slide together. Insert the tip into the pocket on one side and flip it over and repeat on the other side. This will make the form 3D, so it will not lay flat on the table anymore.



Now you're ready to inflate your tulip. Pinch over each of the overlapping sides. At the bottom of the form you should see a small opening, if you don't, gently pull it open from where you are already pinching the side. Blow into the hole to inflate. Be careful and avoid getting the paper too wet.



From the top you will see four pointed flaps. Gently pull those out to make the petals.



And your tulip is complete! The bottom opening can expand enough to put the tulip on a pen or pencil.

Easy Tulip

Begin with a square of origami paper and fold it on both diagonals. Unfold it so there is an "X" across the square. Refold one of the diagonal folds to make a triangle. Then take the right arm of the triangle and fold it up on the dotted line in the 2nd picture. Then fold the left arm over the right. Finish by folding down the front flap of the tip.



Now you can either fold up the bottom point a bit to finish the shape, or put a pen through the bottom point and tape it in place with the floral tape.