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Dover Kusudama Origami Book (Dover Books On Papercraft And Origami)



Synopsis

Discover kusudama, a traditional Japanese paper sphere formed by modular origami construction techniques. Kusudama, meaning "medicine ball," originally served as holders for incense or potpourri. Today they're used as decorations or gifts. This guide presents instructions for over 40 elaborate modular origami figures that range in shape from stars and flowers to kusudamas. Beginning and experienced folders of all ages will appreciate these unusual and eye-catching models.

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Customer Reviews

What I like about this book is the range of kusudama types. There are geometric and floral in a single book, whereas typically, origami books are about one or the other. One of the things that sets this apart from several of the modular origami books I've purchased recently by newer authors is that the diagrams are as thoughtful as the models themselves. The illustrations are simple and clear, even for the more complex constructions. (There is nearly nothing more frustrating than getting halfway through a module only to find that the instructions stop making sense.) I also like that while there are models in here that would be easy for beginner folders to understand, she has

models that would challenge more nimble folders. As a folder, the best part about this book to me is that a few of the models evolve off of a single module idea, showing the versatility of a single concept and how it can transform. This concept keeps me curious and trying new methods of construction, and in this way, it is mentally challenging beyond what's on the pages.

I am a huge fan of this book. In the short time I have had it I have made 5 different models from it. The instructions are clear. The difficulty ratings for each model are spot on. The photos are inspirational. My friends and family are really impressed with all the creations that I have made from this book.

This is a great book to have if you are a modular origami enthusiast. I had this book on pre-order since June 2013. It was definitely worth the wait. The diagrams and instructions are well-written.

I've bought this book about a year ago; it's time to share my experience. I make origami kusudama for relaxation and for home décor. That means for me that patterns should be as simple as possible, but the Kusudama itself should be nice and impressive. Ekaterina's models meet perfectly these both conditions. I can make the parts watching TV and I always hear "wow" from my guests. Models from this book are very easy to understand even for people, who never make any origami. When my teenage daughter wanted to make a special gift for her friend, I just gave her the book and she made a beautiful kusudama in one evening. Children under 10 definitely need an adult's supervision, especially on the connection stage, but they have fun making modules and be a part of the team. Most kusudamas in this book are very efficient with the paper. It's important, because the nice, quality paper is expensive, but important for the result and impression. I'm totally satisfied with my purchase and highly recommend this book for everyone, who would like to try this magic "transformation of the simple plane piece of paper into the Beautiful Geometric Ball."

Kusudama Origami by Ekaterina Lukashevais is an exquisite book on the art of paper folding. The constructions look a bit daunting to a new paper folder like myself but the illustration and directions are a superb help. They are clearly drawn with easy to follow directions. Most of the books along this line that I am familiar with, give directions to make animals. This is very different from those. I really like the diversity of this book that focuses on shapes and flowers designs. This book does more than just give directions; it also gives the reader a true picture of origami as an excellent form

of art. Furthermore, I found the following quote by Ekaterina Lukashevais to be enlightening as regard to the benefits of the actual process of paper folding. "Origami is also very relaxing. For me it's even a bit meditative. You fold, fold, and fold and all of your other problems move to the background." •Highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the art of Kusudama Origami. Copy provided by NetGalley for an honest review.

This book has some very neat designs, and I love paper folding. However, I think the images and instruction on connecting the pieces to make the larger units is appalling. Which is weird because the instructions on the paper folding are just fine. I have had to figure out the connections myself, requiring a lot of unnecessary time on my part. When I do finally figure them out, I am even more baffled by the book because the instructions aren't even close. It's really weird. Cool designs though.

This book contains many different models with clear folding instructions. I expected a higher difficulty level but it is actually quite easy and the models are beautiful. It is great quality for a low price!

This book is amazing! It's as if Ekaterina could read my mind and make all my origami dreams come true. There are a number of different and unique techniques employed in her designs that are fun and challenging for an advanced enthusiast. This is probably not a good beginning instructional book, but I think there is something for all levels as long as you are willing to learn and be patient. This book has been indispensable in creating incredibly impressive designs to give as gifts, and they really aren't all that difficult or time consuming. I usually learn and memorize things quickly and don't like to buy crafting books, but this one will live on my shelf forever.

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