Origami Reina

The most famous object in the Asian Art Museum's collection and among the most celebrated ancient Chinese bronzes in the world, this is the only bronze work in the form of a rhinoceros known to have been made during the Shang dynasty (approx. 1600–1050 BCE). The museum affectionately refers to this object as Reina, which means princess or queen in Spanish. Learn more about Reina here.

Fold an origami Reina using these instructions.

DURATION

30 minutes

MATERIALS

Origami paper, or 8.5" x 11" paper cut into a square. In the instructions, dark green represents the front side and light green represents the back. Your paper may look different.

BASIC FOLDS

Valley fold

Fold in direction of arrow

Push out

Unfold

Flip over

Mountain fold

Fold behind

Push in

Fold, then unfold

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PROCEDURE

1. Fold in half, lengthwise. Unfold.
2. Fold each side to the center line.

2. Unfold triangle. Fold up bottom layer at small arrow. Push out top layer to open.
3. Flatten.
3. Repeat on other side.
1. Fold top of left triangle to fold line.

2. Fold other small triangle same distance.

3. Fold small triangle to center of other small triangle.

4. Fold tip of triangle along center line.

5. Repeat steps 4 and 5 on right side.

6. Fold small triangle to center of other small triangle.

7. Fold other small triangle same distance.
1. Fold bottom sides to center line.
2. Fold top down to top of triangles. Unfold.
3. Fold top to fold line just created. Unfold.
4. Fold top to fold line just created.

Does your paper look like this? If not, go back. If it does, flip it over!

1. Fold left top corner at angle from top horizontal fold line.
2. Repeat on right side.
1. Push left folded layer outward, parallel to center line.
2. Repeat on right side.

1. Fold bottom up at lowest fold line.

1. Fold tip down at intersection.

1. Flip over so you get the shape above.
1. Fold up at the widest place.
2. Fold up 1/3 tip up.
3. Mountain fold, vertically.

15. Fold up at the widest place.
2. Fold up 1/3 tip up.
3. Mountain fold, vertically.

2. Pull up horn.
3. Tilt head down.

Your finished origami Reina!

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