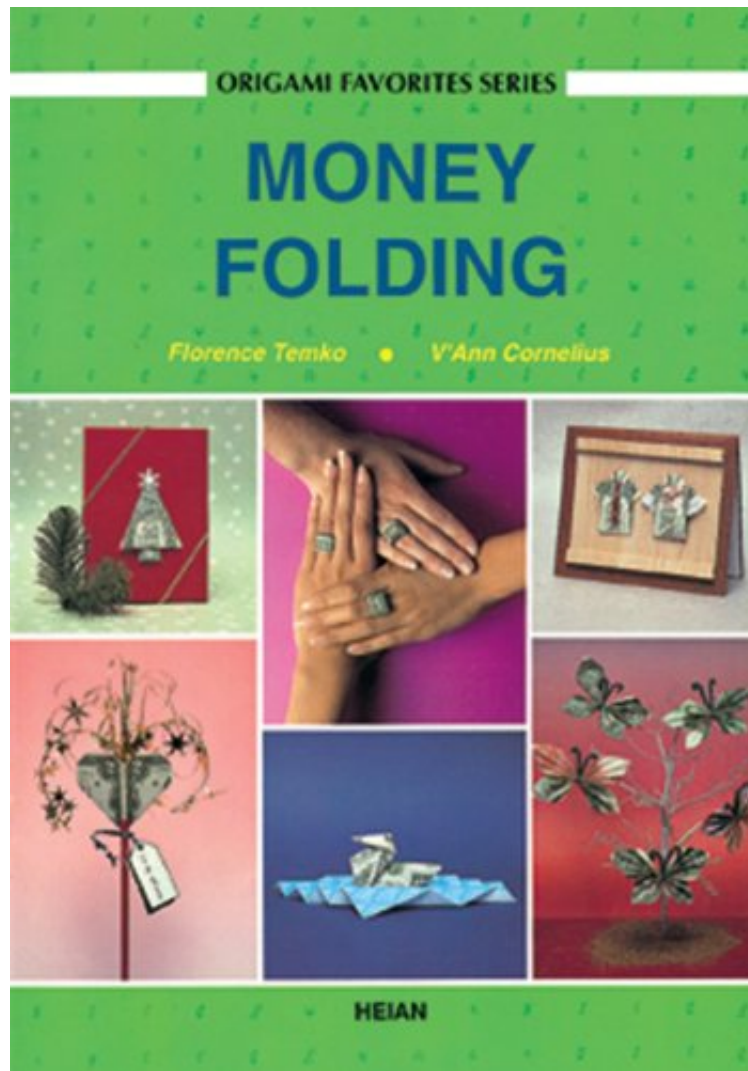


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Florence Temko : Money Folding (My Favorite Origami) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Money Folding (My Favorite Origami):

25 of 25 people found the following review helpful. Only Six Designs - All Easily Found ElsewhereBy Lisa SheaMoney Folding by Florence Temko is hard pressed to be called an origami instruction book. It's more like an origami instruction flyer. There are literally only 11 pages of instructions - plus 1 page of introduction, and 2 pages of tips at the end.It's not that I mind a short book - but with it only holding 6 designs total, the price normally seen on this leaflet is rather high. Not only that, but Florence then came out with a second "book" with only 6 more designs in it, equally high priced. It would have been far more fair to provide (gasp) 12 designs in a book, and have it actually have

enough pages to give it a slight thickness. So, that all being said, exactly what do you get in Money Folding? You get some of the most basic shapes. You get a tree, a heart, a duck, a shirt, a butterfly and a ring. I agree that these six shapes are cool ones, and come in useful for card making and gift giving. However, the main issue is that all of these are classic designs, especially the ring and the duck. This means that you could go on Google and find all of these instructions for free. The illustrations are reasonably good, done with drawn versions of US dollar bills so you can tell if you are folding the items properly. The instructions are reasonably clear. If you really need one of these designs, and really want it in book form, then perhaps the cost of the book plus shipping will be worth it to you. However, I personally would go either with one of the larger origami money books where you get far more bang for the buck - or use the web and print out the information for free. I don't feel right paying someone so much money for so few designs.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
By J P Landahl
I was very impressed with this book. Thanks.

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Only 6 Designs - Relatively High Price
By Lisa Shea
Money Folding 2 by Florence Temko has the same problem that the initial Money Folding book had. Both books only have 6 designs each - but have a relatively high price tag. With Money Folding 2 she doesn't even bother to number the pages since there are so few. There are 11 pages of instructions, plus a page of introduction and then 2 pages at the end for tips. That's it, that's the entire book. The items you learn how to fold here are: a peacock, a necklace, a flower, a jumping frog, a crow puppet, and a pair of earrings. At least where the first book had super-common shapes that you could find anywhere on the web, these designs are a little more unique. The peacock is the most interesting to me, with its lovely fan tail. Unfortunately the only way you can keep that tail up is with double-sided tape or glue :). The necklace, a "lei", is more like making a series of circles with separate dollar bills and then stringing them on twine or yarn. The frog does look vaguely frog-like - in essence you push it over and it rolls. The flower is really just a circle shape, stuck on a straw. The earrings are a simple twist fold, that you attach to earring posts. Finally, the crow puppet looks sort of like a beak, I grant you. But I like those four-part beaks you make out of paper much better - something I think every school child learns to make somewhere along the way. I suppose I might say that if you really want the peacock, that it's worth the price of the book plus shipping to get the peacock design (as long as you have glue and / or tape around). But really what I would say is that there are several other books on the market that include the peacock AND include many other cool designs - and that the per-design cost is far lower on those.

The renowned origami expert and best-selling author guides readers through the basics of paper folding in an easy, step-by-step format. Learn to fold your next gift out of dollar bills in this collection!

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Florence Temko is an internationally-known author of many how-to craft books on paperarts and folkcrafts. She loves to share origami through her books, hands-on programs, and on television.