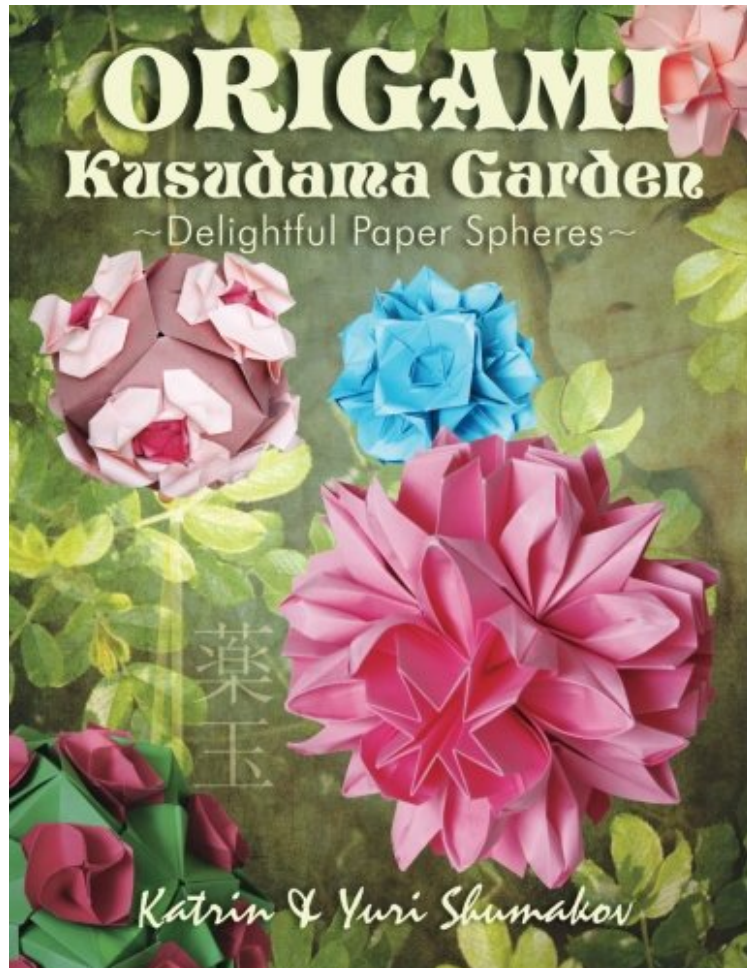


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Katrin Shumakov, Yuri Shumakov : Origami Kusudama Garden: Delightful Paper Spheres (Origami Decor) (Volume 2) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Origami Kusudama Garden: Delightful Paper Spheres (Origami Decor) (Volume 2):

Origami Kusudama Garden will show you how to make delightful floral paper spheres, called Kusudama. Kusudama is a decorative paper ball usually made of several modules, folded from paper and then connected together to form an attractive sphere. Do-It-Yourself - fold delightful kusudama models, originally designed by Katrin and Yuri Shumakov, which incorporate flowers like Roses, Bellflowers, Lotus, Sunflowers and more, even a Poinsettia: a

Christmas flower, to create special seasonal decorations. Most of the kusudama designs in this book use no glue, just clever folded paper locks in their assembly. In some designs, modules are sewn or just glued together to shape a sphere. There are 334 detailed step-by-step colorful diagrams with written instructions and photos of examples of completed projects that will guide you through folding the 18 original origami designs. In each article, there are recommendations on paper type and size including an indication of the size of the completed model. The designs are from simple to intermediate / complex level of folding. The article "Magic of Kusudama" introduces the kusudama, shedding some light on how they were used in ancient Japan and how kusudama designs keep their charm in the present. You can use these kusudama designs to decorate for a shower, wedding reception, or birthday party - these beautiful spheres will bring a magic touch to your event. The origami floral spheres can be a treasured gift for your friends and family too. Have a wonderful and fun time with this book creating a whole garden of hanging kusudama delights! Happy folding! For more details on this book and the model menu, please visit our website at http://www.oriland.com/store/books/origami_kusudama_garden/main.php

About the Author Yuri and Katrin Shumakov - a stellar artist-duo, professional origami creators, who started their origami journey in France in 1989 and since then they unfold this art in a heretofore unseen way! They have created amazing paper world ORILAND with incredible fantasy Kingdoms that impress with rich detail of majestic castles, abundance of paper flora and busy life of little paper dwellers. Their newest kingdoms Toy-ronto and Albuquerque combine fantasy and reality together, presenting a whimsical artistic rendition of iconic sights of these cities. Another beautiful and elegant aspect of origami they brought to life is ORIBANA - a marriage of two Japanese arts: Origami and Ikebana. By combining these remarkable art-forms, in early 1990s Katrin and Yuri began to create paper flower arrangements in paper vases and thought up a distinctive name for it - Oribana. Since then they designed more than 50 charming oribana-compositions with a broad variety of origami flowers and vases. Being prolific origami authors they created more than a thousand of origami designs from simple forms and cute characters to complex dinosaurs' skeletons and architecture that all have a distinctive Oriland style. Psychologists by education, Katrin and Yuri have studied how origami helps children learn. Their Ph.D scientific work shows that by doing origami, children develop better use of both hands and that origami can improve creativity and intelligence in children ages 7 to 11. They believe that origami is "entertainment for the soul, gymnastics for the mind, and training for the hands." In 1999, Yuri and Katrin received the Silver Award in the ThinkQuest International Competition for their "Travel to Oriland" website and it brought them and their team to Universal Studios Hollywood for the Award Ceremony! Their Oriland.com website became a winner of the Childnet Award that was given them in Paris, France. Both these projects were acknowledged as high quality creative, educational and fun websites for children and adults. Yuri and Katrin have written more than 30 origami books and instructional CDs, and their works have been exhibited in many countries including several venues in the United States, France, Spain and Canada. The Shumakovs also extend their artistic talents to the realm of photography and music. Katrin is a winner of the Toronto Photo Contest 2010. Yuri is enjoying music composing and sound design. They live in Toronto, Canada, love yoga and a healthy style of life.