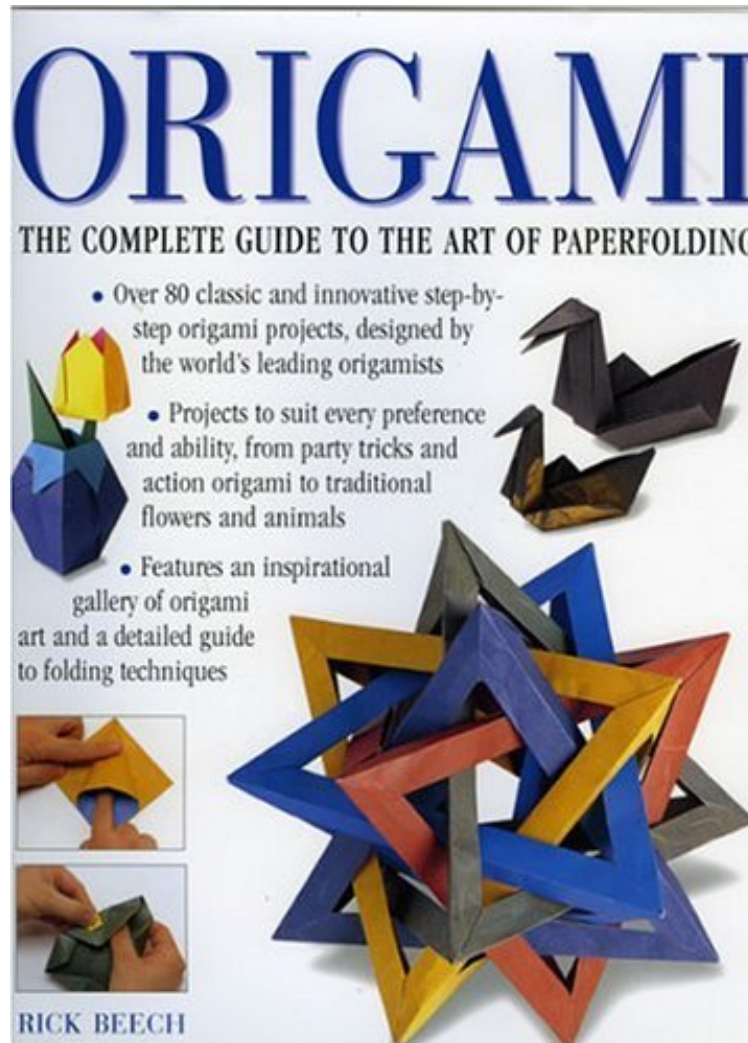


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33 of 33 people found the following review helpful. An encyclopaedia of origamiBy HS LimThis book is really big in size and with plenty of colourful photographs.Why I called it an encyclopaedia? This is because it reminds me of the days when I would receive an encyclopaedia as a birthday present and would spend many pleasant hours looking at the photographs and reading it.It starts of with an excellent introduction to origami. It gives history, followed by a gallery

of origami masterpieces. Next it discuss what paper, techniques and basic folds are required. I like the part where the various types of paper were introduced. The sections is divided to 1) Traditional Classics (crane, cup, lily, samurai hat, kimono, crown, sanbo, waterbomb, peace dove, sampan, masu box) 2) Animals, People and Flowers (nun, butterfly, swan, scottie dog, buttonhold flower, rooster, human figure, shell, goldfish, rabbit, tulip and vase, elephant, peacock) 3) Toys, Games Action Origami (jumping frog, glider, banger, stackers, barking dog, zoomerang, tumblewing, nodding dog, magic star/frisbee, pecking crow, flapping bird, talking frog, catapult and basketball hoop, moving lizard) 4) Practical Paper Folds (page corner, letterfold, pin tray, the ellington, lazy susan, photoframe, square bix, business card holder, heart coaster, easter basket, pinwheel and puzzle purse, gift bag) 5) Party Tricks (Laughter lines, fortune teller, dollar shirt, envelope trick, blinking eyes, strawberry, kissing lips, money pig, newspaper hats, the captain's shirt story) 6) Decorative Origami (sailboat, hanging decoration, bangle, bishop's mitre napkin, pixie boot napkin, swan napkin, rose napkin christmas stocking, gift tag, pop-up flower, button flower, paper chain, heart ring, star, santa and sleigh) 7) Modular origami (spinner, butterfly ball, Japanese brocade, five intersecting tetrahedra, modular star, modular cube, kusudama, fireworks) Instructions are in the form of photographs not diagrams. In general most of the models are easy to fold. There are enough difficult ones to challenge the more adventurous. As I had been folding for over 30 years, I have seen most of the models before. As I prefer simple folds (easier to teach beginners), this book brings together many old favourites in one book with some new ones of course. I find this book complement Dave Petty's book, Origami, very well. I would recommend this book as a lovely present and a good introduction to origami. As for myself, I plan to get a second copy. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. very good. By Public name (required) You should know that this book is the same as the other books by rick beech on the same topic. While they're the best origami handbook I've ever had, I'd recommend getting the red version as it's smaller. This book is coffee-table sized. and very pretty, but the small portable size one is better for most purposes. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best origami book EVER!!! By Hui Sun very interesting. Got my kids hooked on origami.

Origami is an ancient Japanese craft that has grown into a 21st-century art form. In this fantastic book, traditional classics, such as the famous Japanese crane, sit side by side with modern pieces designed by the world's most respected origamists.