

Autumn Leaf Transparency



Materials

The materials for making kite paper leaves are minimal. Kite paper, glue and scissors are all that is needed!

I used the colours red, lemon yellow and green, but feel free to create any colour combinations you like! To make the images in this tutorial as clear as possible I used a full 16x16cm square of paper, but for my actual leaves, I used smaller squares to make palm sized leaves. More details on square size in step one.





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You will need three different sized squares for this craft. I used 8x8cm, 7x7cm and 4x4cm squares to create palm sized stars. I didn't use any ratio, so feel free to choose your own sizes.



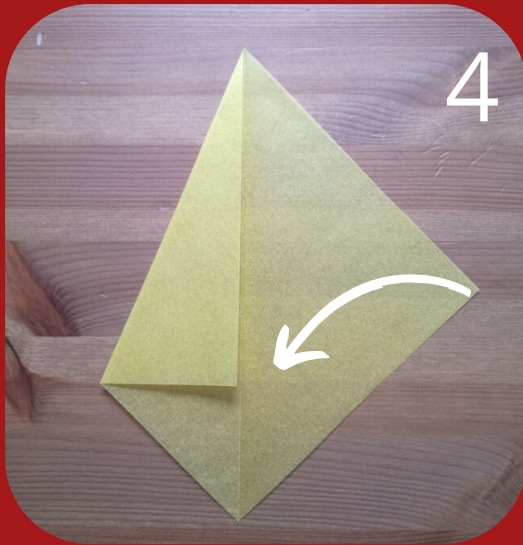
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You will need one large square and two each of the smaller squares.

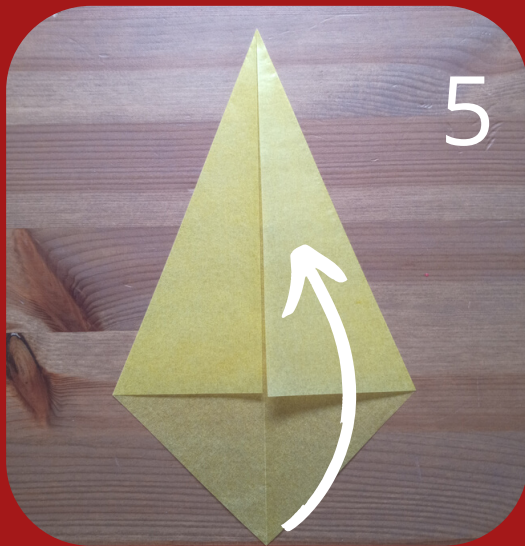


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Place your square with points up and fold in half from left to right to make a centre crease.



Open up the square and fold each of the top edges in towards the centre crease.



Bring the bottom point midway up the triangle so the crease meets the bottom of the last two folds.



Press down all your creases one last time to make sure they are crisp.



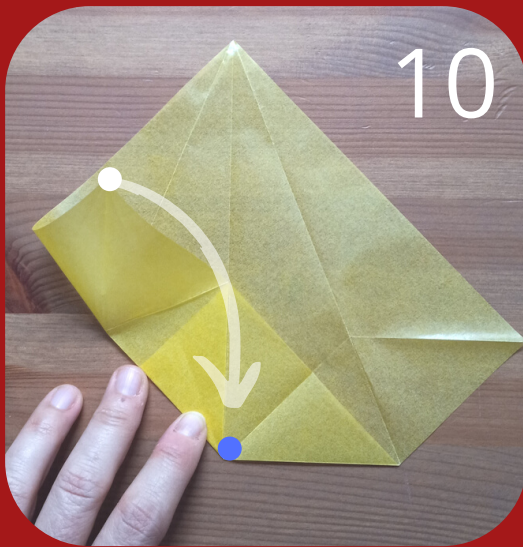
Open up all your folds and flatten them down a bit.



Bring the bottom triangle back up along the original fold.



For the next fold we are going to be taking the bottom left point and bringing it up to the center, matching the point of the triangle we folded in the last step. Do not make a crease!



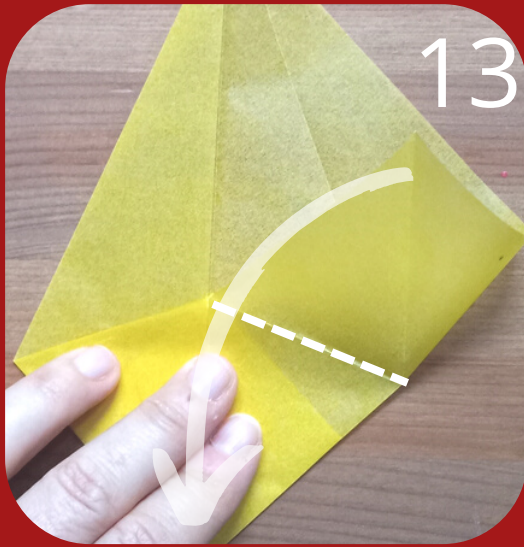
Now we are going to take the point that is upended (white dot) and bring it down to the centre point (blue dot). Essentially what is happening is we are turning the original fold inside-out.



Here we go! When this step is complete, the fold will be on the dotted line, which is an existing fold.



This is how it should lie against the other folds. Now repeat on the other side.



You'll bring the right bottom point up the the midline (shown completed in the image), and then the raised point down to the lowest point (following the arrow and creasing on the dotted line).



Fold the lower triangle on each side back up along the original crease to create a diamond shape.



This is what your leaf should look like at this point. Now we are going to flip it over.



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Fold the diamond in half bringing their outside point into the centre. Do the same on the right side. Press creases firmly.



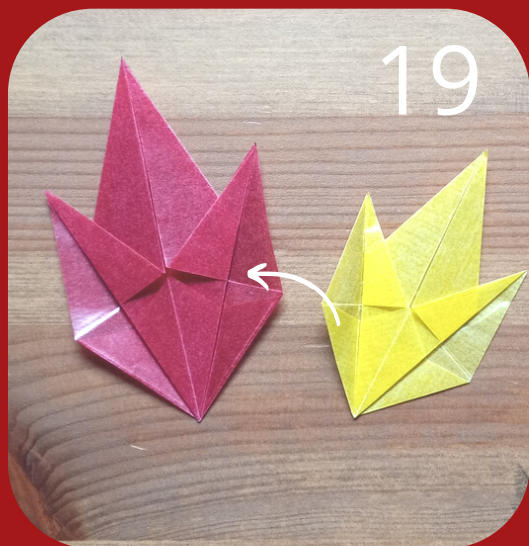
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Now you will go behind the fold and bring the other part of the diamond forward to open it up. Do the same on the other side.



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This is the finished piece. Repeat all the steps to create the other four pieces.



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Once you have all your pieces folded, flip them over. With your largest piece as the centre, tuck the medium sized piece into the pocket made by the folds.



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This is what the two pieces will look like glued together. Continue by gluing the smallest piece into the medium piece's pocket, and then complete the other side.



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This is the backside of the finished leaf. If you have a small scrap of green or brown you can add it for a stem, or leave it as is.

Hang your leaf in a sunny
window and enjoy the view!



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