

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to understand the basics of origami, learn key vocabulary related to folding techniques, and create simple origami figures while improving their fine motor skills and following instructions.

Materials and Prep

- Plain paper (any size, preferably square for the origami figures)
- Pencil or pen for writing notes
- Ruler (optional, for measuring square paper)
- Flat surface to work on

Before starting the lesson, ensure that the student has a clear workspace and access to paper. Discuss the importance of patience and precision in origami folding.

Activities

- **Introduction to Origami:**

Begin with a brief history of origami, explaining its cultural significance and how it has evolved. Discuss different types of origami and show examples of simple designs.

- **Basic Folding Techniques:**

Teach the student basic folds such as the valley fold and mountain fold. Use a piece of paper to demonstrate each fold, encouraging the student to practice along with you.

- **Create a Simple Origami Figure:**

Guide the student through the steps to create a simple figure, like a paper crane or a boat. Provide step-by-step instructions, allowing the student to ask questions and clarify any confusing parts.

- **Origami Vocabulary:**

Introduce key vocabulary words related to origami, such as "fold," "crease," "model," and "design." Have the student write down definitions and use them in sentences related to their origami practice.

- **Origami Challenge:**

Encourage the student to create their own origami design using the techniques learned. This activity promotes creativity and reinforces the skills they have developed during the lesson.

Talking Points

- "Origami is not just about folding paper; it's about creating art and expressing yourself through shapes and designs."

- "Each fold is important; it helps us learn precision and patience, which are valuable skills in many areas of life."
- "Did you know that origami can be used in various fields, including engineering and medicine? The principles of folding can solve real-world problems!"
- "As we create our origami figures, think about how each step connects to the final product. This will help you understand the process better."
- "Feel free to experiment! Origami is about creativity, so don't be afraid to try new designs or add your own twist to traditional models."