



Christmas Paper Flowers

As demonstrated at the
Christmas Craft Evening 2013
Testwood Baptist Church

Materials:

Red paper – 5 squares needed for each flower (the larger the square, the larger the flower)

Kebab sticks

Double sided tape / PVA glue

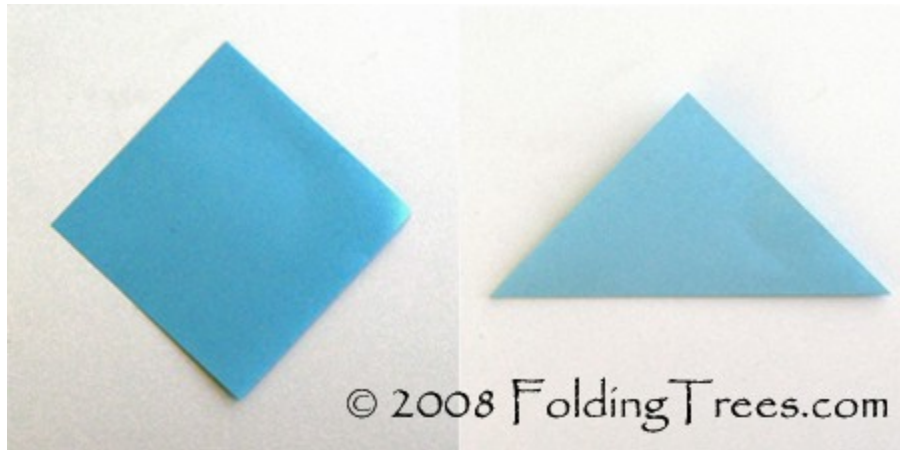
Beads – 1 per flower

The following instructions can be found on
<http://foldingtrees.com/2008/11/kusudama-tutorial-part-1/>

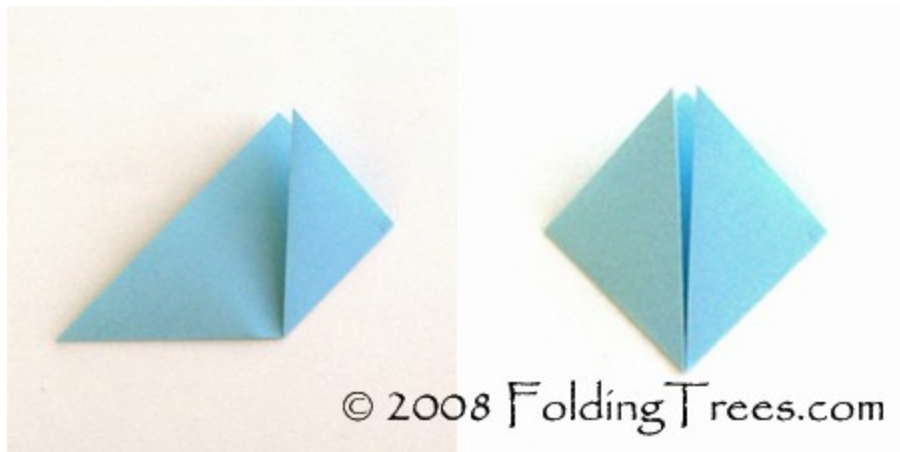


This is the traditional Japanese Kusudama shape. Every flower will have 5 shapes or petals glued together.

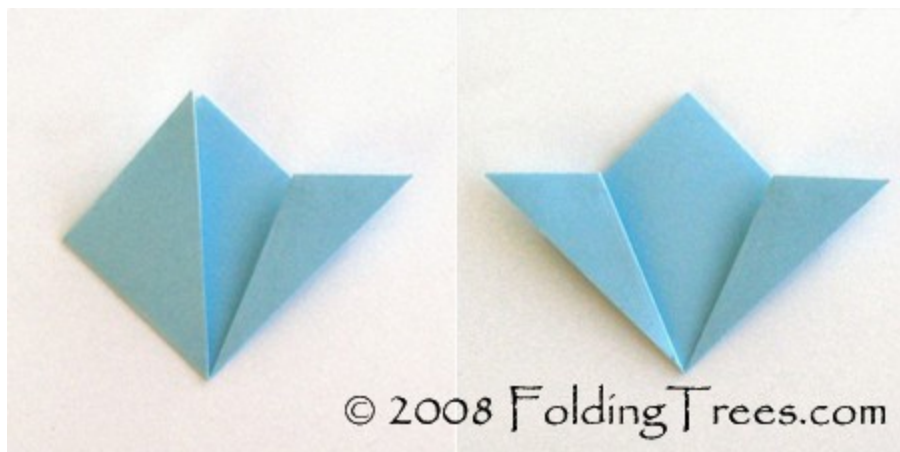




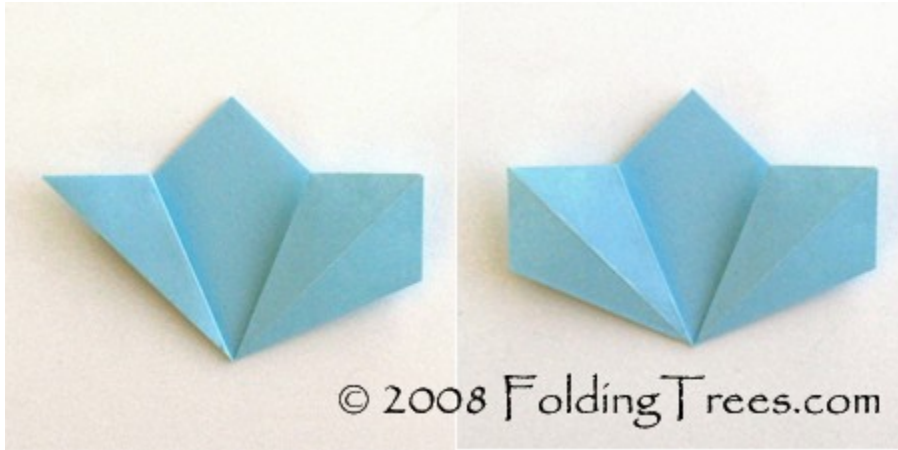
Fold the bottom corner to the top. This will make a triangle.



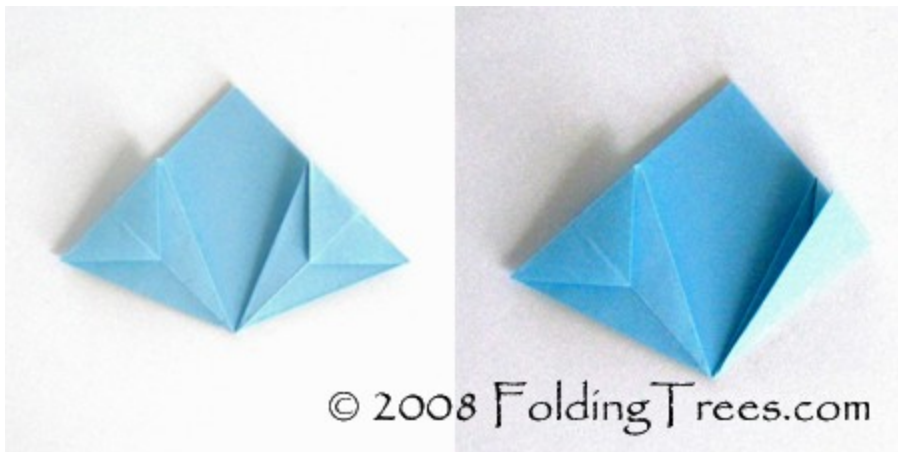
Fold the left and right corners up to the middle corner. This makes a square.



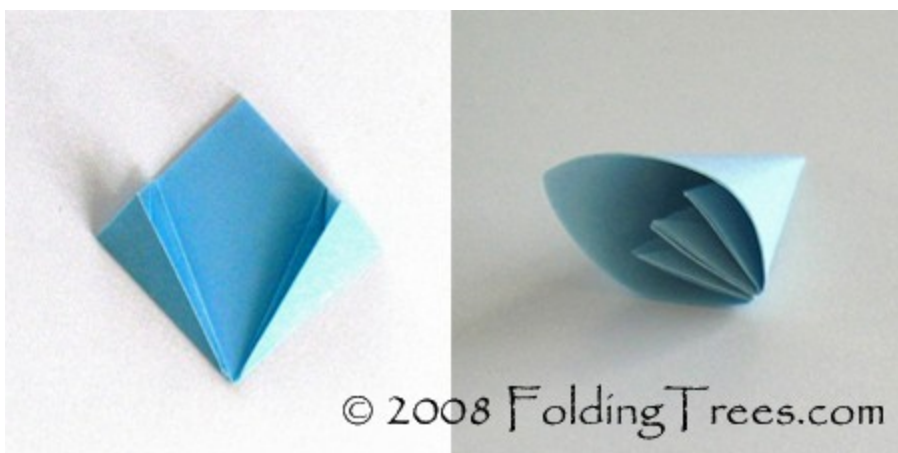
Fold the same points down. The folded edge will line up exactly on top of the outside edge of the square.



Open up the flaps you have just created and flatten them.



Fold the top triangles towards you so they are level with the edges of the paper. (This will result in 3 little petals on the inside of your petal.)



Fold the triangles back using the crease you made earlier and glue the outside triangles together.

Now make 5 more of these petals and glue them all together. Make sure you wait until the glue is dry after every petal and take your time.



I glued them around a kebab stick – leaving a few mms at the top to glow a bead on to.