

## Sunprint Origami

Origami is the traditional Japanese art of creating shapes from folded paper. Instructions for all kinds of folded shapes are readily available; pick your favorite and use your own original Sunprint to make a unique masterpiece!

### What you need:

- Origami pattern
- Square sunprint paper (the 4x4 or the 8x11 paper trimmed to 8x8 work well)
- Objects to make a pattern on the paper
- Sheet of acrylic
- Pan of water
- Heavy book (optional)

### Making the Sunprint:

1. Find a place out of the sun to prepare your print.
2. Arrange the objects you chose on the paper. You can use any Sunprinting technique to create a pattern.
3. Let the paper develop in sunlight until the exposed areas are a light bluish white.
4. Soak it in water for around 45 seconds.
5. Once your print has dried and developed, fold it into the origami shape of your choice. It might help to flatten the dried paper under a heavy book before folding, to remove any wrinkles or creases.

**Going Further:**

- What happens if you fold the paper into a shape first, and expose it folded? What shapes do you see when you unfold it? Why?
- Another idea is to fold the shape out of a scrap piece of paper first, and then after you see which areas are visible at the end, put objects on your Sunprint paper only in those places, creating a specific pattern.