

Paper Quilt

Difficulty: ★☆☆☆☆ - Easy

Time: 30 minutes



Materials

- White copy printer paper 8.5" x 11"
- Colored paper
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Tape or glue
- Optional: colored pencils or pens

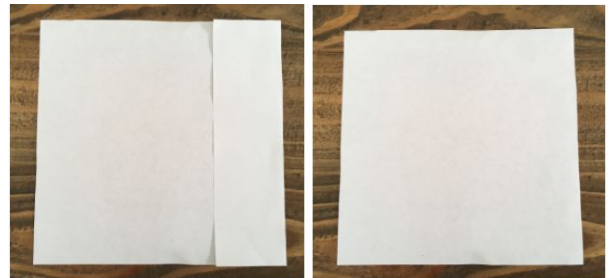
Background

The quilt design in the instructions is inspired by the [Signature Quilt](#) from SJMQT's Permanent Collection.

Signature quilts are a popular tradition, some of which were created to be given as keepsakes to friends and family.

Steps

1. Take a sheet of copy paper and measure 8.5" from one side of it to create a square. Fold, then cut off the excess rectangle.



2. Cut eight squares 2" x 2" out of your colored paper.



3. Fold each of the squares in half diagonally and cut along the line. This will give you 16 triangles.



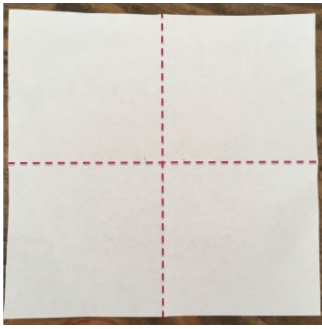
4. Fold the 16 triangles in half diagonally and cut along this line. This will give you 32 smaller triangles.



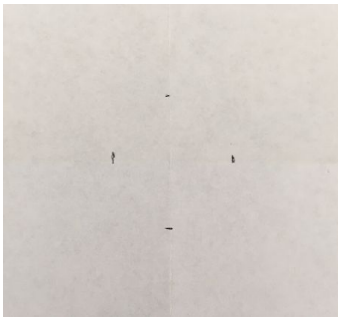
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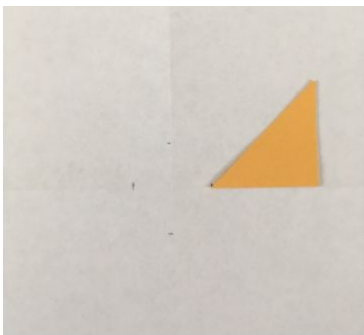
5. Fold your paper square in half and then in half again to create 4 visible squares when you unfold it.



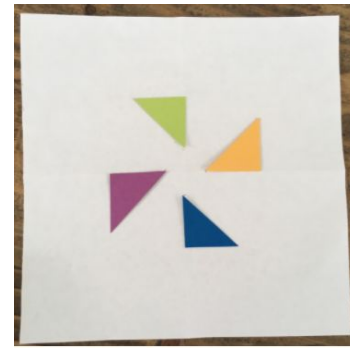
6. Make 4 pencil marks about 1/2 inch from the point in the middle of the paper where the folds join.



7. Tape or glue your first triangle. The tip of the triangle should match up with the mark in the center of the paper. Keep the side of the triangle in line with the fold on the white paper.



8. Do the same for the next three triangles so all the pencil marks are covered by a tip of the triangle.



9. Tape or glue another triangle on the other side of the folded line directly next to the first triangle, mirroring it.



10. Continue this with the other three triangles.



11. Place your next round of triangles directly next to the previously added triangle along the folded line.

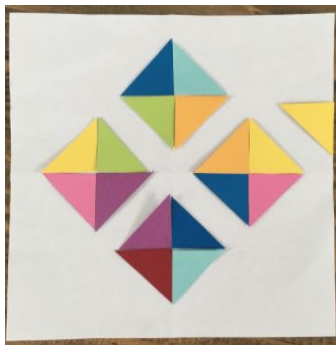




12. Fill in the squares by placing the final triangle along the folded line directly between the already taped or glued triangles.

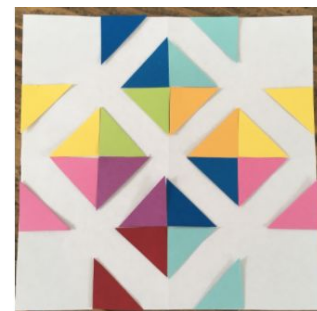


13. Take a new triangle and place it against the corresponding color, aligning to the edge of the paper. This will create about 1 inch of space between the square and the triangle.



14. Do the same placement with the correct corresponding color to the sides of the remaining squares. Keep the tip of the triangle in line with the middle of the square

it points to. The widest edge of the triangle should be facing inside towards the squares.



15. Place the remaining triangles directly next to the triangles you just added on the edges of the paper. They should “mirror” each other.





Now your paper quilt should be ready!
Notice different patterns and shapes that may not have been visible before.



16. Continue to do this with every triangle on the edge. The triangle should be next to its corresponding color. For example, at each corner of the paper both triangles nearest to that corner have the same color.

Take your quilt square to the next level, add design to every colored piece! If you would like to give it to your friend or family member, add some notes.



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