## KONNICHI WA! HELLO!

Fun With Origami



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#### Origami Definition

 Origami, (pronounced or-i-GA-me) is the Japanese art of paper folding. "Ori" is the Japanese word for folding and "kami" is the Japanese word for paper.



#### The Origins of Origami...



Although Origami known as a Japanese Art, it actually began in China. The Chinese invented paper around 100 A.D., and when the invention spread to Japan around 600 A.D., so did the art of paper folding.



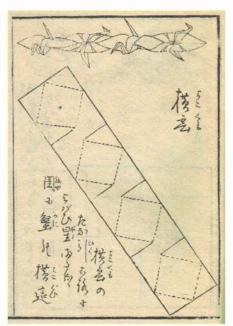
#### The History of Origami

- In ancient times, Origami could only be used for **special occasions because the paper was scarce**. The figures made from origami were shaped like animals, costumed people, and ceremonial designs that had special meanings to them. The constructions were done using a single sheet of colored paper that was often, though not always, square.
- There were no directions back then. None of the folding instructions were ever written down for the models. They were passed down by generation through learning and practicing.
- The art of paper folding was not called Origami until the end of the nineteenth century. By the 1950's origami gained popularity from world famous origami artist Akira Yoshizawa (1911-2005).



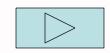
#### First Book on Origami

 The first known book on how to make an origami object was written in 1797 and is called The Secret of One Thousand Cranes Origami (Hiden Senbazuru Orikata)





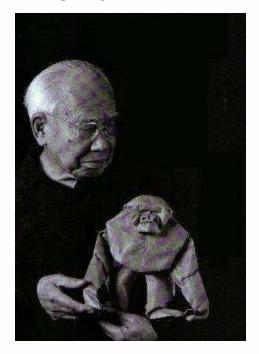
Pictured to the left are pages from "The Secret of One Thousand Cranes Origami"...





#### Akira Yoshizawa (1911-2005)

He is considered to be the grandmaster of origami for developing origami as a creative art and creating many new folding styles.



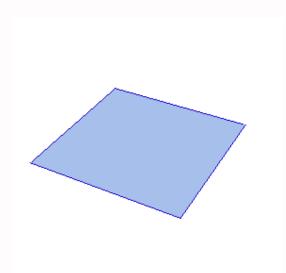


Pictured above are pages from "Dokuhon, Vol.1"



#### **Examples of Origami Folds**

•http://www.tammyyee.com/origamishirt.html





#### **Review Questions**

- What does the word "Origami" mean?
- A) folding paper
- B) cut paper
- C) creased paper
- What country did Origami come from?
- A) Asia
- B) China
- C) Japan
- The first book on Origami was about 1000
- A) cranes
- B) rabbits
- C) dogs



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