Poppy

Difficulty: Easy

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GENERAL RULES

The solid black perimeter lines indicate where to cut the paper. These 12 cut-outs should all be square, each of which creates one flower petal.

Fold the paper so 1 touches 1, 2 touches 2, 3 touches 3, et cetera.

Outlined numbers (ex: 1111 11 11 1) are to be folded, creased, and unfolded. Overlined numbers (ex: 1) indicate that only the top layer of paper (and not all layers) are to be folded.

The gray lines and accompanying numbers in parentheses illustrate where each fold should crease the paper. After making each fold, double check that you did it correctly by unfolding it and ensuring the crease is in the right place.
INSTRUCTIONS

Cut out each of the 12 squares.

Fold 1* to 1, crease, and unfold.

Fold 1* to A.

Fold 1 to B.

Fold 2 to 2.

The completion of fold 2 creates one petal. Repeat the folds on the unlabeled squares to create additional petals, then insert the corner with the asterisk (*) of one petal into a flap of another petal (the asterisk itself will no longer visible – but the word “insert” will still be visible). Repeat this insertion process as many times as needed to create the full flower.

Experiment with different angles of insertion to produce flowers with different numbers of petals. Cut out a circle of a contrasting color and glue it in the center of the flower. Lastly, curl the tips of the petals by wrapping the paper around a pencil.