

# Alternative Project

Using items you most likely have around the house, you can create a photogram print that can be transformed into a beautiful origami lotus flower! Origami lotus flowers like yours will be used to create the Arkansas Museum of Fine Art's *Art Garden*.

To find out more about *Art Garden* and how to participate, please visit [arkmfa.org/art-garden/](http://arkmfa.org/art-garden/)

**MATERIALS:** Construction paper, clear tape, and a variety of flat objects

Objects that work well for this project include leaves, flowers, grass, twigs, feathers, yarn, string, buttons, mesh, other loose textiles, transparencies, cutout paper silhouettes, and more!

## DIRECTIONS:

- 1.** Cut the construction paper into a square.  
If needed, have an adult help with this step.
- 2.** Arrange items on top the paper to create a fun composition.  
Take time deciding on the composition. Rotate, flip and try objects in different places. Overlap objects or have some fall off the edge of the page.
- 3.** Once the composition is decided, use the clear tape to adhere the objects to the construction paper.  
Use small amounts of tape between the objects and the paper so removal will be easier.
- 4.** Securely tape the paper to the sunniest available window, with the objects facing outside.
- 5.** Allow the paper to stay in the sunny window for a couple of hours.  
The print will be complete when the paper has turned a much lighter color than when you started. Be aware that it could take more time depending on the time of year and amount of sunlight.
- 6.** Carefully take down the paper and remove the objects, paying attention to not rip the paper when removing the tape.
- 7.** Admire your sun print! You can now use it to create an origami lotus flower with the directions on the back of this page!



*Items arranged and taped before sun exposure*

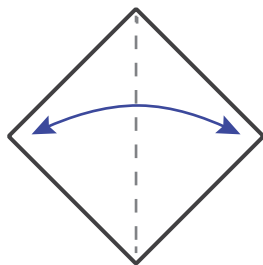


*Items removed after sun exposure.*

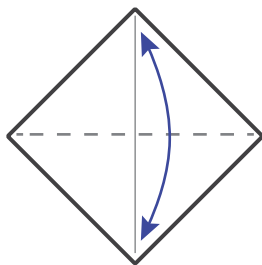
# Lotus Origami Folding Directions

**Materials:** A square cyanotype print or piece of paper.

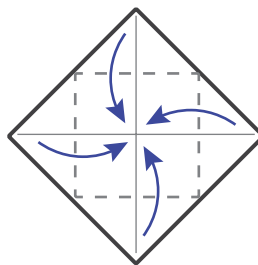
**To Begin:** Start with the blank side facing you.



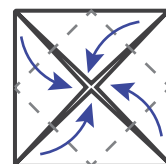
**1.** Fold two opposite corners together. Unfold.



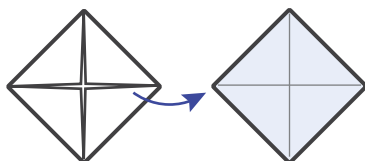
**2.** Fold the other two corners together and unfold again.



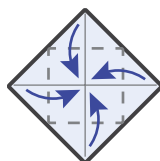
**3.** Fold each corner to the center.



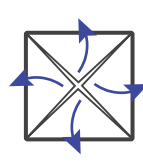
**4.** Fold each corner to the center again.



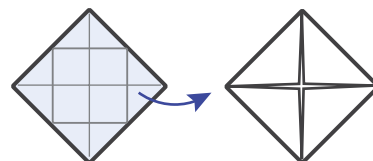
**5.** Flip the paper over.



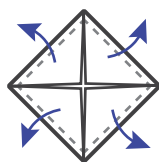
**6.** Fold each corner to the center.



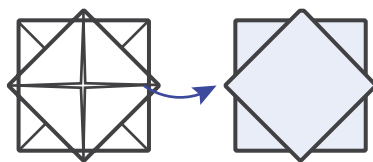
**7.** Unfold the corners once.



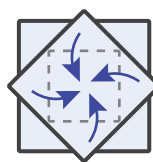
**8.** Flip the paper over.



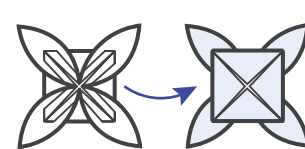
**9.** Partially fold back the corners leaving a small frame around the edge of the paper to create an 8-sided star.



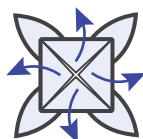
**10.** Flip the paper over.



**11.** Fold the inner corners to the center of the paper. (The flower should start appearing!)



**12.** Flip the paper over.



**13.** Fold the corners out from the center and curve them around to the other side.



Admire your lotus flower!

