

Turkish Map Fold with Jody Alexander

Chapter 1 - Introduction

Overview

- I'm gonna show you how to make the Turkish map fold. This is an example right here. And let me show you a few other examples. This is one folded piece of paper in a card, little pop-up card. This is an example of a number of them that have been glued together and given hard covers. This makes a wonderful sculptural piece. It displays really nicely. Could be an artistic project. And here's an example of a little tiny one I made from just a 2.5 inch piece of paper. You can take these and connect them. I just connected them with a stapler here, and you can do a number of things with this. This can be used to decorate your house, to be a bracelet, a crown (laughing). So this is a really fun, fast project to do. I want to show you this example. This is a map from Stanford University, a map of the campus in the Turkish map fold.

Chapter 2 - Create Turkish Map Fold

Fold Paper

- The tools and materials you'll need for the Turkish Map Fold are a bone folder, and just some kind of work surface. You might want your cutting mat if you're going to be cutting down the paper. And you need a square piece of paper, it can be any size. This piece is an eight 1/2 by 11 paper that I've cut down to squares, so I've cut two 1/2 inches off and it's eight 1/2 by eight 1/2. That leaves me with these little two 1/2 pieces that I can cut down to two 1/2 by two 1/2 squares to make these small pieces, so don't throw your end sheets away. I've got my square piece of paper and my bone folder and we're ready to start folding. I'm going to start by folding this piece in half and matching up my corners, using my hands to crease it. Then my bone folder to crease it down. Then with the peak of the fold up, it's very important that you're in this position, with that peak up, we're going to fold the diagonals. Make that meet that corner. (rustling) Bone it down, and pull it up, meet this corner. (rustling) Bone it down, open it up. Now in this position, with this center fold as a peak, you can fold it into this triangle. (rustling) OK? Then we're going to take each of these four corners, you can see my triangle has four corners here. Each of these corners I'm going to fold into the center line. You can see the center line here, with this folding mark. Crease it down. (rustling) Again, fold to the center, just using your bone folder to help crease those folds. Turn it over. (rustling) And the last one. (rustling) All right. and now we're gonna open this up, open the whole thing up and we're just gonna reposition these folds, we're going to push them in. (rustling) All four of those. (rustling) OK, and we're going to give it a final creasing down with my bone folder, and there we have the Turkish Map Fold. Now, this is ready to either put in a card, it can exist on its own, or you can connect them to create a book. If you do connect them, you just want to use a little glue or you could even staple them. You don't want to glue the whole surface though, because that will affect the movement of the book when it's glued together. I would say, if this is a house, you only want to glue this bottom part of the house, you don't want to glue the roof. That way you'll still maintain some kind of movement there. OK, so that's the Turkish Map Fold, a quick project that can be a beautiful artist book, if you want it to be.