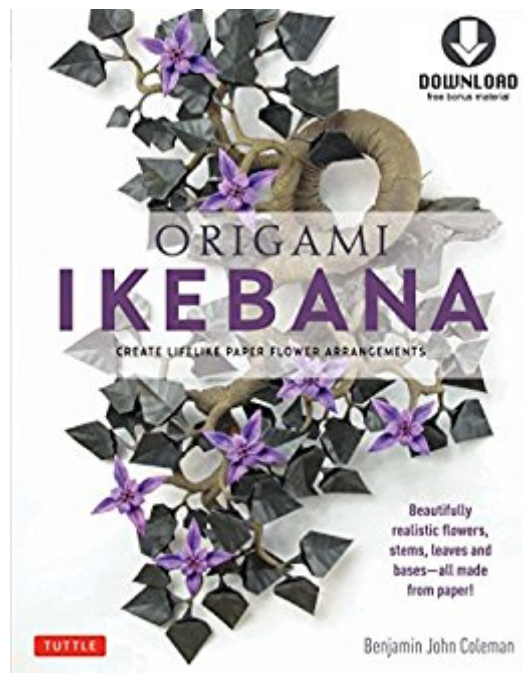


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# Origami Ikebana: Create Lifelike Paper Flower Arrangements-Includes Downloadable Instructional Media



## Synopsis

Make realistic and decorative paper flower arrangements with this stunning origami book. The Japanese art of flower arranging is an age-old practice that honors nature and creates beauty through harmony and balance. This brand new book, *Origami Ikebana*, shows you how to create unique ikebana-inspired paper flower arrangements any time of the year. You'll learn how to construct stems from paper-mache-like makigami rolls and cap them with exquisite folded paper flowers and leaves, as well as how to display the arrangements on stone-like bases made of paper. Topics covered in this ground-breaking origami book include:

- Basic origami flower folding and assembly techniques
- Painting the leaves and flowers to enhance realism
- Using incremental leaf sizes for a greater sense of depth
- Making stems using makigami paper rolling techniques
- Creating "stone" bases for your arrangement from origami paper

Dozens of different origami flower arrangements are described in this book and the enclosed DVD contains detailed step-by-step video lessons showing you how to create each model. Don't spend a fortune on real flowers and plants that will wilt in a week—make your own beautiful paper floral arrangements that will last forever! This origami book contains:

- 128 page, full-color book
- Step-by-step instructions
- Colorful diagrams and photographs
- 8 different leaf types
- 30 flower types
- Instructional DVD

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I got this book by accident, and am not pleased with what I found- it's not origami at all, it's paper craft. It breaks all the rules of origami. Printer templates for cutting out shapes to gluegun together to create composite paper craft flowers that don't resemble the flowers they claim to be, paper mache sculptures of rocks and stems. In short, not at all what I was looking for. I wanted origami.

Several things about this book make it stand out from other books on flower origami:1. The DVD shows exactly how to go about folding flowers and preparing the paper and includes templates for 5 and 6 part flowers.2. It provides the best directions I've seen for doing the basic flower fold which is then further folded to make various flowers. I got stuck a few times, but practice and repetition ironed that out.3. It provides instructions for making stems and base rocks and good instructions for artistically assembling the finished flower sculpture .4. The painting of the paper makes all the difference in the world. The resulting paper colors are more attractive and realistic and the painted paper is very suede-like and holds the folds well. This technique also allows the use of inexpensive ink jet paper. The resulting flowers are very realistic in comparison to using plain paper or origami paper. Very impressive technique!

Benjamin's work is definitely something to be admired. I've been interested in making my own origami flowers but couldn't quite figure out how to do the branches. Benjamin's technique is clear and looks to be what I am looking for. His methods do require some patience and can be time consuming. However, the pay out is worth it in the end.

Yes the flowers are lovely but I do not find the book instructions easy or clear. And having the instructions jump forward and backwards pages just makes it all so much more confusing! Page 8 advises to start on page16. I would be completely lost without the video, although that is. Still a problem for me. The video initially seems clearer but he lost me on the book folds - by side 20 of the basic flower form video all you can see is thumbs. Aargh! I was hoping this would be easier

This book is handy for me as origami is a hobby of mine. I collect origami books to help me come up with ideas for gifts for baby showers, bachelorette party, birthdays, grab bags and other gift ideas.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves origami, flowers, and/or beautiful books. The instructional system Mr. Coleman has devised makes even complex folding clear and easy to understand. The DVD that comes with the book is clear and easy to follow. The photographs are beautiful. The pages thick and the print sharp. The devotion to detail and to the subject matter is so apparent. My friend, who does not do origami, went page by page through the book and is ordering a copy for her coffee table. (I think she's doomed to start making flowers any day now.) Thank you, Mr. Coleman, for sharing your love of origami. I want to also say how impressed I am that you so openly share your techniques that you have worked so hard to perfect. Thank you for the beautiful book and for all the inspiration. I'm going to be making my own paper for the first time. Hunter (Partner of Chuck who's name appears above. The book was for me. LOL.)

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