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Thank you again. All the best,

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Origami Angles Free Sample

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in Origami Angles. Folding paper models is a great way for students to learn about geometry. The activities collected here provide an engaging way for your students to practice measuring angles and finding the sum of angles. This free sample is a taste of a larger ebook that will be for sale on my TPT store: Uncommon Core dot Com (as soon as I complete it).



Academic Value

In addition to providing hands on experience with folding angles, investigating crease patterns of origami models gives your students an authentic reason to measure angles and find their sums.

Studying crease patterns in relation to the final model lets students visualize how the flat, two dimensional paper folds into a more complex shape. They can create a mental image of what is happening with each new fold.



Mathematical Properties of Origami Models

Folding paper and other thin, flat materials into various shapes and objects is not just child's play. Many scientists, engineers, and mathematicians are using principals of origami in their cutting edge, futuristic projects. What makes origami so special?

Basically, there are only two things that can happen to a flat sheet of paper – you can fold part of it up or you can fold part of it down. The first action makes a valley fold, and the second a mountain fold.



Crease patterns are created by folding a model and then unfolding it. The resulting network of fold lines is called the crease pattern. Each origami model has a unique crease pattern.



When mountain and valley folds meet or cross they always have the same characteristics:

- There is a difference of two between the number of mountain folds and valley folds.
- The sum of angles encircling each interior vertex is 360°.



- If you number the angles surrounding an interior vertex sequentially, the sum of angles that have been assigned even numbers is 180°.
- The shapes created by the folded lines can be colored with two different colors so that shapes of the same color never share a boundary line, like a checkerboard.



Activities

Exploring Crease Patterns

The following pages help your students make sense of crease patterns of origami models. There are several types of activities that can be done, here's a sample:

Mountain Folds Valley Folds

Give your students pages of blank crease patterns or have them fold and unfold origami models of their own. Trace over the mountain folds with sky blue crayons, or highlighters. Trace over the valley folds with grass green crayons or highlighters.

Discuss how the models will look when folded. Encourage students consider why both mountain and valley folds meet at each vertex.

Invite students to write descriptions of the crease patterns that include important vocabulary words from the glossary. You might want to share descriptions and the crease patterns on a bulletin board. Challenge students to match the descriptions with the crease patterns.

Two Color Designs

Four different colors are sufficient to ensure that countries on a map can be filled in so that no countries of the same color share a boundary line. Well, the shapes created by the lines in origami crease patterns can achieve the same effect with two colors.

Share crease patterns with students or have them make their own. Challenge them to shade every other shape within the crease pattern the same color. They should leave the rest white.

Collect student observations, ideas, and questions about this property of origami crease patterns. Ask how they could find out for certain if this property is true for every single origami crease pattern.

Crease Pattern Match

Share crease patterns and folded models (or images of folded models) with your students. Have them decide which model was folded from a specific crease pattern. Once they have written the name of the model under each crease pattern, have a class discussion about how they made their decisions. What kinds of clues did they look for? Why were some models easier to match?



Exploring Origami Angles Instructions

Carefully fold an origami model. Unfold it to reveal the crease pattern. Identify an interior vertex. A vertex is the point at which line segments meet. Find a vertex that is in the center of the paper and has angles all around it.

Lightly color in every other angle that meets at the vertex. You do not need to color in the entire shape, just color the tip of the angle.

Give each angle a number, make the odd numbered angles white. Start numbering with an angle that was not colored in and then work your way around the vertex.

Use a protractor to measure the degrees in each angle. If your protractor is too big or your model too small, find a way to extend the line out farther.

Record the degrees in each angle on the chart. Give the Origami Angles Record Chart a title and make note of the model you are using to complete the chart.

Add the columns and the rows. Then find the total of each to make sure you added correctly. Can you explain why each total should have the same number?

What do you notice about the sum of the two columns. Why do you think this happend? What other geometric objects have the same number of degrees?

What is the total number of degrees of all the angles around the vertex? What does this number remind you of? Do you think the total will be the same for any interior vertex on any origami model? How could you find out for sure?





Cup



Candy Cane



Sailboat



Sun



Tato



Two tone Heart



Bear



Valentine Heart



Cup

Images of Origami Models



Crease Pattern Match

name:			

Write the name of the model under the crease pattern it was made from.



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Origami Angles Record Sheet

name:

title

White even # angles	Colorful odd # angles	sum of each row
sum of column	sum of column	both totals

Explain what you did and what you found:

Glossary A - M

Write the meaning of each word. If possible draw an example, too..

angle

center

circle

congruent

degrees

diagonal

edge

exterior

geometry

horizontal

interior

line

line segment

math

measure

mountain fold

Glossary N – Z

Write the meaning of each word. If possible draw an example, too..

origami

parallel

perpendicular

plane

point

quadrilateral

rhombus

right angle

similar

straight line

square

symmetry

triangle

valley fold

vertical

vertex

Origami Symbols and Vocabulary

A valley fold on top is a mountain fold underneath.

A mountain fold is an upside down valley fold.



Grey lines show previous folds that still appear on paper.

Dotted lines show edges that are hidden behind the surface of the model.





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