

Origami Bracelet

This craft will test your paper cutting and folding skills, but the outcome will look great!

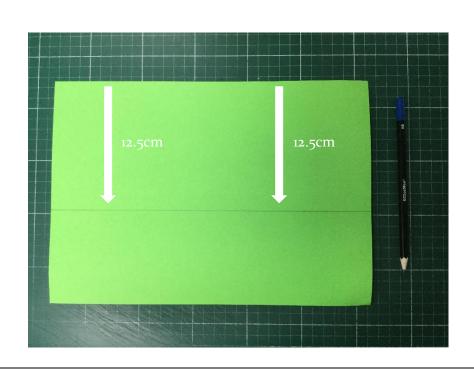
For this craft, you will need:

Ruler | Pencil | Eraser | Scissors | 1 or 2 pieces of coloured paper or thin card

Step One:

First, we need to cut some coloured paper into strips.

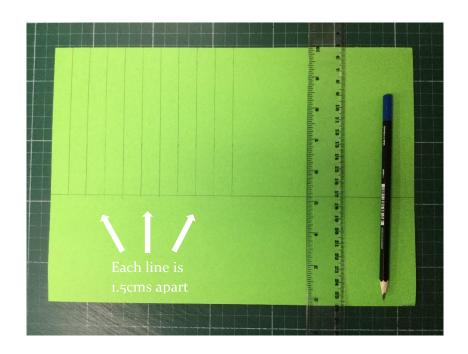
With the paper horizontal before you, measure down 12.5cm from the top edge. Do this a couple of times in different places so that you can draw a line across the page using the ruler (see image).



Step Two:

Measuring from either the left or the right edge of the paper (whichever is easiest for you), make a pencil mark at: 1.5cm, 3cm, 4.5cm, 6cm, 7.5cm, 9cm, 10.5cm, 12cm, 13.5cm, and 15cm.

- For a single-coloured bracelet, draw 20 lines.
- For a two-coloured bracelet, draw 10 lines for each colour.



Step Three:

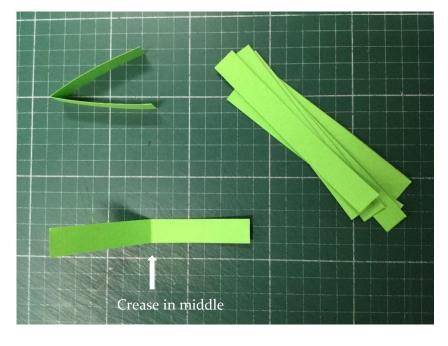
Cut the paper into strips by cutting alone the lines you have marked.



Step Four:

Now the fun begins!

Take one strip of paper and fold it in half. Your piece of paper should now have a crease down the middle.



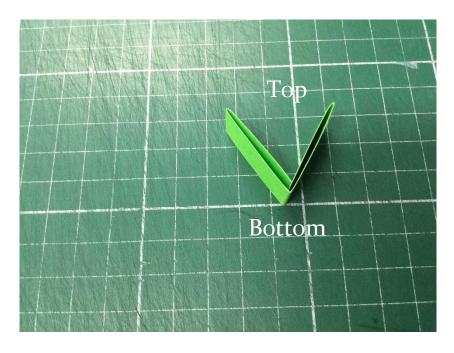
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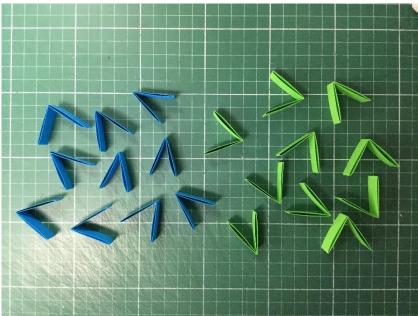
Now fold both ends of that strip towards (but not touching) the middle crease to form a 'V' shape.

And let's call the bottom of the 'V' the 'bottom', and the other end the 'top'.



Repeat this process to all your remaining 19 strips.



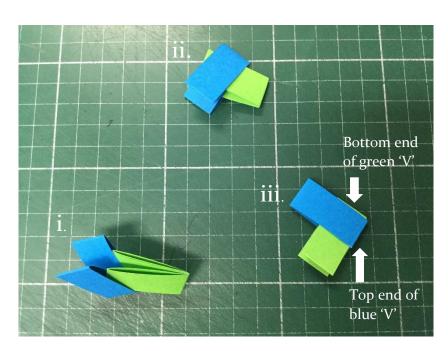


Step Seven:

Take two folded strips and insert one through the other.

In the examples to the right, I have:

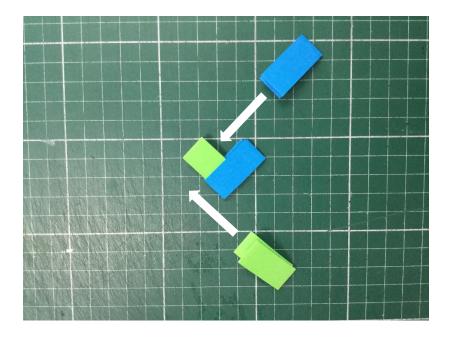
- i. Inserted the top ends of a green 'V' through a blue 'V'.
- ii. Pushed the green 'V' through the blue one.
- iii. Slid the bottom of the green 'V' towards the top end of the blue one.



Step Eight:

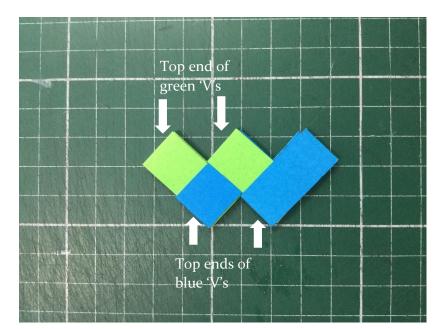
Now insert the top of a second blue 'V' through the top end of the green one.

Then push the top of a second green 'V' through the top of the second blue one.



It should look something like this!

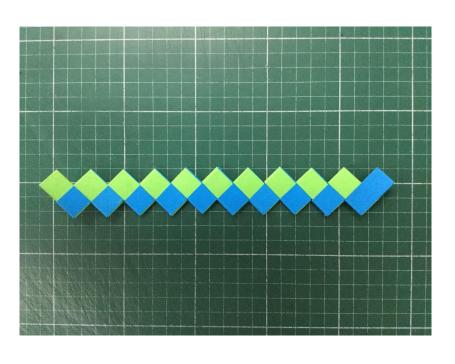
In the example to the right, all the tops of the green 'V's should point upwards, and all the tops of the blue 'V's should point downwards.



Step Nine:

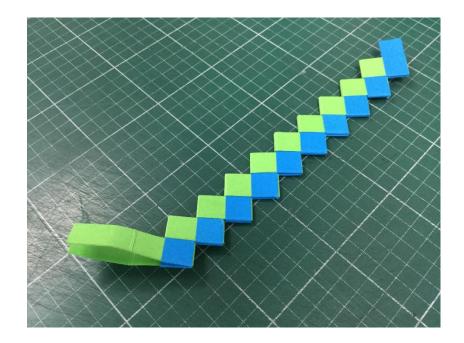
Repeat this with the remaining folded strips.

Remember to alternate colours if you are using two colours!



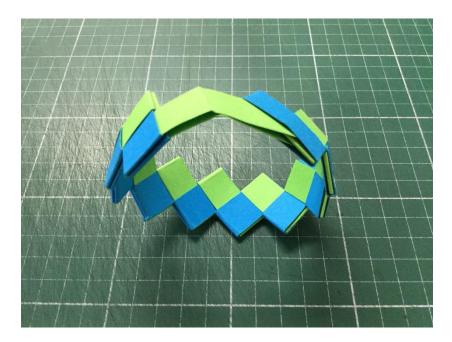
Step Ten:

Now pull-out the two ends of the green 'V' on the left-hand side.



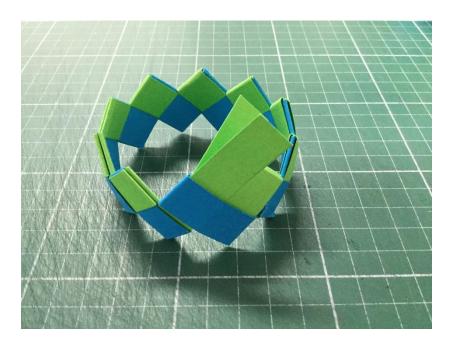
Step Eleven:

Make your bracelet into a circle and insert the two green ends through the blue 'V' at the other end...



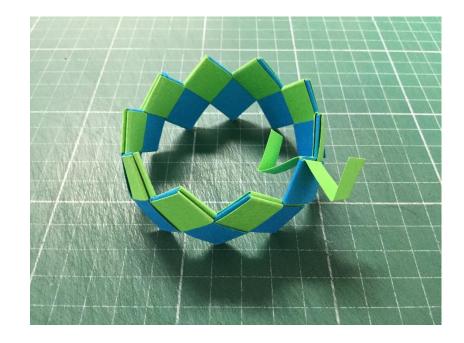
Step Twelve:

And pull them all the way through...



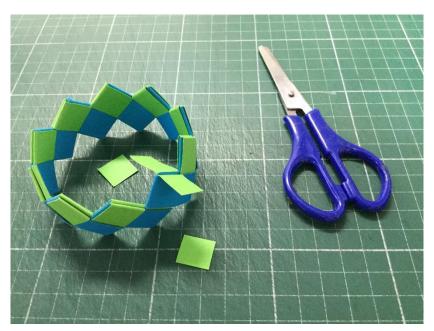
Step Thirteen:

Well done! Now fold the green ends in half to make a crease...



Step Fourteen:

And cut along the crease...



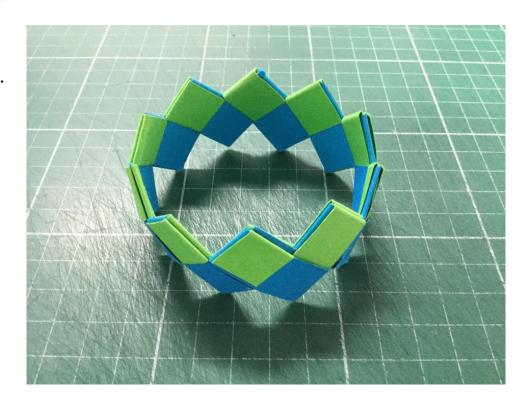
Step Fifteen:

Turn the bracelet over and put some glue on the back of each green end (on the 'X' in the image to the right).

And finally press them towards the bracelet to stick them in place.



Congratulations! Your bracelet is now complete.



And ready to wear...

