Hanukkah Origami with Faith Hale

Chapter 1 - Hanukkah Origami

Overview

(upbeat music) - I'm Faith Hale, I'm a staff artist here at Creativebug, and we're making Hanukkah origami. Origami is the perfect craft for the holidays. It requires only two things: a piece of paper and some focus. In this class, we'll use colorful paper to make a Star of David and a dreidel. These will look lovely on your holiday table or as decor, maybe strung together on a garland, or attached to a gift. (upbeat music)

Materials

- For this project, you'll need square pieces of lightweight paper. I'm using origami paper for the dreidel, but this particular paper happens to be white on one side. With the dreidel, it's not going to show, but with the Star of David, you will definitely want a paper that is colorful on both sides. I'd also suggest starting large and then working your way down. It's a lot easier to make those initial folds when you have a big piece of paper, and once you've gotten the hang of it, then you can experiment with different sizes. I'm using 6 3/4 inch square for our dreidel, and eight-inch square for our Star of David.

Dreidel

- We'll be starting with the dreidel. Begin with the wrong side of your paper facing up, and you're welcome to use a two-sided paper for this project as well, just one side won't be seen. Begin by folding your paper in half. And unfold it. Bring the corners up to meet the center line. And you'll bring these sides in to meet the center line. And then you'll fold this tip just past the top of your paper, so maybe by a 16th of an inch. And unfold it. Now we have the base of our dreidel and we're making the top. So we'll fold this over just as much as we wanna see poking out. So that'll end up being at about the two thirds of the way down from this top. This doesn't have to be super specific. It can be halfway down, it can be more, but I think about two thirds is good for me. And we'll make sure that our sides line up. We'll be folding these corners up at a 45 degree angle, and the top of it should match up to the top of our dreidel on the other side. Repeat. And then we'll reverse these folds. So open it up slightly, flip it to the other side. So this to me is the real action part. These are going to be reversed, folding these inside out. So what we creased in the last step, this point is gonna end up on the inside. Go just like that. Just like that. Be patient with yourself, this part can be kind of fiddly. Then the edges of our handle will go in and be folded. Repeat on the other side. And there you have a dreidel.

Star of David

- For our Star of David, we're beginning with an eight inch square piece of paper. Be sure to use something really lightweight. This won't work in cardstock. Begin by folding your paper in half and unfolding it. We'll match this point to this line, and it should line up to this corner. (paper whooshing) You can make a nice sharp point that is ideal. Now we're repeating that with our upper right, matching it to this line, making this the corner. (paper whooshing) Okay, open it back up. You'll see we've made a triangle, so fold that back over. And then we're going to repeat this fold. This time, we're catching this in with it. (paper whooshing) This part can feel a little clunky. Just

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make sure your fold is nice and sharp. And then we'll wrap this around to the back. We're really just using this edge to fold it, 'cause we will be tucking this in. We now have a triangle. We're going to fold each of these sides in half. (paper whooshing) I like to rotate my paper so that I'm making the folds all in the same direction. (paper whooshing) And if you're not getting the nice sharp points you want, don't be afraid to finesse it a little bit. Just give it a little extra time. (paper whooshing) I've noticed that this stayed open when I folded in half, so we'll want that to go back to where it belongs. So it should look like this. Now we're going to fold each point one at a time. First to the center, then to the edge. (paper whooshing) Half the center. And then to the edge. (paper whooshing) And if your paper got wrinkled in the center like that, that's just fine. Just push it back down. (paper whooshing) Center point. Center the edge. And one more time. (paper whooshing) Then we will fold back the center points. (paper whooshing) And finally, we will tuck these in so that each triangle has one side tucked under one side, exposed, tucked under, exposed, tucked under, exposed. And you can display your star like this or like this. Once you've gotten the basic folds down, it can be really fun to play with scale, colors, patterns, different size papers. They're really sweet to use for the holidays to decorate a table or to adorn a present. I always appreciate the focus that accompanies making a piece of origami. It can provide a really nice moment of stillness in the midst of a really busy holiday.

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