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Mary Meinking : Easy Origami before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Easy Origami:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. This book is a great way to introduce origami to your child, your class or, of course, yourself! By D. Fowler Have you ever tried to make something new and found that on the very first try you were successful? Now that is a great feeling. When I was browsing this book I found something to make I thought would be a lot of fun. I took out a piece of paper and got to work making a "banger." This is a little noisemaker that you can make with a piece of notepaper or, if you look at the photograph, make it with a lightweight piece of wrapping paper. BANG! Mine worked! You can use your banger over and over again (not in school, please) until your "arm gets tired" or you get sick of it. In this book you first read a very brief history about origami and what kinds of materials you can use (special origami paper is not necessary). Next you learn about different kinds of folds called valley, mountain, reverse, squash and how to work them. These are illustrated with photographs and folding symbols to make it very easy to understand. Then you see some folding symbols. You might want to take a bit of time practicing a few of the folds and take a close look at the folding symbols before going onto a project. Fun things you can make are a paper cup, a Samurai Helmet, a house, a banger, a spaceship, a spinning top, a pyramid, a heart, a butterfly and a fortune-teller. This is a fun and interesting book and children and big kids like me will spend a lot of time working on these simple origami projects. Many adults will remember making the fortune-tellers when they were youngsters. In the back there are some Fun Facts, a glossary and recommended book and internet sites. This is a fact-hound book and you'll find even more books and sites to enjoy. Did you know that even Harry Houdini loved origami? He did and you will too!

Butterflies, speedboats, and penguins, who would have thought so much could be made out of paper? These step-by-step guides offer origami projects with a range of difficulty levels. Clear illustrations of folds and photos of the

finished product are included in each fun project.

About the Author Mary Meinking grew up in Iowa and went on to graduate from the University of Kansas, where she met her husband-to-be, Scott. They married and had two children, Brittany and Benjamin. She works as a graphic designer during the day but writes for children at night. Her non-fiction articles were published in a dozen different children's magazines. Mary has written over two dozen nonfiction books about arts and crafts, extreme jobs, animals, pop stars and history. When not working, writing or hanging out with her family, Mary enjoys doing arts and crafts, baking, gardening and traveling. To learn more about Mary visit her web site: www.MaryMeinking.com