

Extreme Origami: Transforming Dollar Bills into Priceless Works of Art

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Won Park : Extreme Origami: Transforming Dollar Bills into Priceless Works of Art before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Extreme Origami: Transforming Dollar Bills into Priceless Works of Art:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Extreme Origami is ExcellentBy SciI was glad Won Park got this published since many of these models have been floating around the internet for awhile. I am happy to buy the book to support my fellow origamists. I bought this for \$16.50 on . The price changes over time so in the future you might be buying this for more or less.For the editors, for future editions, Dragon, page 125 instruction 42 a and b are switched around so this may cause confusion in some. I have not folded every model so there may be other errors but I will update this if I find more.Conclusion:I do not regret buying it so I would recommend it. It's a nice hardback book with a beautiful cover design. The diagrams are beautifully done but due to the complexity of some models, obviously not everything can be diagrammed clearly.The models are complex and for advance folders and turned out very nice.11 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Constantly looking for crispy dollar bills now!By 100+ Wedding Games authorThis is the most intricate dollar origami book in print. If you're detail oriented, you'll love the results. The designs are very pleasing to look at and can be given as gifts. The results make people go WOW.I am not an advanced origami folder. The most complicated thing I ever folded before picking up this book was the flapping crane. I just fell in love with the projects after seeing pictures of Won Park's work on the internet and decided to give it a go. That I can fold these amazing creations with little experience--by simply following the book--speaks to the quality of the illustrated instructions.It does require patience, following instructions closely, and the ability to make very small, sharp folds. Precision is key to making sure the prefolds perform as they're supposed to. I find that some of the pleats are so small that if you don't get it right on the first attempt, the paper loses integrity making it difficult to complete the detail or obliterates the decorative detail itself.Also, some folds have to be mirrored but are not illustrated--in other

words the instructions will show you how to go through a series of folds on one side of the bill, and then the book will tell you to simply repeat the same on the other side. This means you have to figure out how to flip the instructions in your head to repeat the folds on the other side of the bill. This part can give your spatial orientation skills a workout. I've folded the ox (but I like to think of it as a bull) and scorpion so far. It took me an average of 6 to 8 hours off and on to complete each project. But I do fold two or three of the same model simultaneously in case the folding on one bill doesn't come together right and I can just continue with one of the backups. The finished projects are totally worth the time (AND worth the little bit of teeth gnashing while trying to figure out the orientation of a fold AND worth the necessary scrubbing of hands afterwards). Would love to see more intricate dry fold dollar origami projects from Won Park! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful book... some difficult folds By Joel Sindelar As a kid, I (like Won Park but to a lesser degree) was obsessed with origami and spent hours in the library looking for books by Robert Harbin, etc. So I'm 42 now and have only folded occasionally as an adult- but my nephew got into folding dollar bills, and I was once again bitten by the bug. Surfing youtube I found some examples of Won Park's work and had to try some of them. This book is beautiful- great paper, etc. I've tried three models so far- Turtle, Ox and Koi Fish- and was stuck for a while on certain steps of all of them. However in the end I was successful and they are beautiful and look like the diagrams. Note: Won Park filmed a youtube series clarifying instructions for the Koi Fish, which were greatly helpful- I recommend watching- shortens the process and clarifies some mistakes in the diagrams.

Won Park has taken the ancient art of origami to a whole new level. Using American currency, Park transforms dollar bills into creative works of art. He relies on the fibrous quality of the paper to fold, bend and twist hundreds of times per model without tearing. With no cutting and no pasting, Park is able to incorporate the details on the bills into his model designs. His signature koi fish is folded in such a way that the patterns on the dollar bill become the scales on the fish, and even the facial features fall in exactly the right place. His designs include a wide array of vehicles, animals, and mythical creatures. In this book, step-by-step instructions are provided for 20 distinct models that are bound to challenge even the most proficient folders. The challenge includes a Formula 1 race car, a toilet, a butterfly, a koi fish, a scorpion, a sea turtle, a fox, an ox, a marlin, a car, a praying mantis, a dragon, a spider, a stag beetle, a stegosaurus, a bat, Pegasus, a fighter jet, a battle tank, and a pig. All models can be made with either one or two dollar bills. Why worry about the declining value of the U.S. dollar? Follow the instructions in this book, and you can transform your dollars into works of art!

'This is origami of the highest standard in a book that does it rare justice.'