Origami Tree Card Tutorial

Each origami tree card kit contains six sheets:

Card Front
Insert
Origami tree squares (enough for two trees)
Backing for origami squares
Extras (sentiments and embellishments, some have decoupage)
%Blank+or non-decorated card front for your own collage design

I have made my cards using 220gsm card for the front, 160gsm for extras and 100gsm for the tree squares and insert.

First, print the Card Front onto an A4 sheet of 220gsm card. Decide if you want to leave a border around the base design, then fold and trim according to your choice. If you prefer, you can print on lighter card, just cut out the front and mount onto other card stock of your choice.

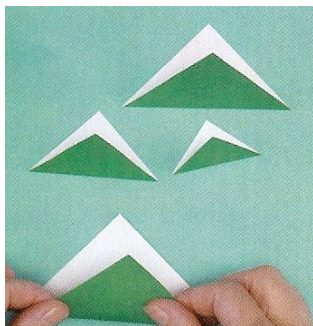Print your insert sheet, cut, fold and attach to the card interior.

Print your origami squares sheet. Now, some say that you should always use paper printed on both sides for origami. Then, if your cutting and/or folding is not absolutely precise, you donq have white edges on show. So, I have provided an optional backing sheet for the origami squares sheet to use, if you wish.
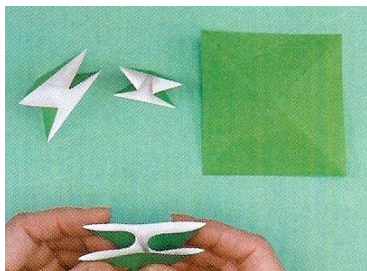
Other choices are:
- trim off any white edges after folding.
- print the origami squares sheet onto coloured paper (obviously, this might affect the colour of the squares, affecting the matching with the main design).

It takes four squares (one of each size) to make one tree. I have provided two sets so you can mix and match and produce different tree effects (youq have even more choice combinations if you have printed double-sided origami squares).
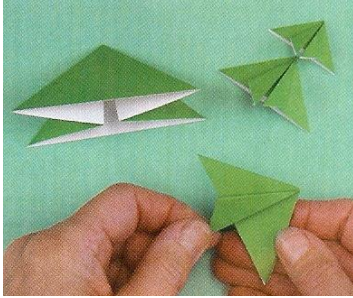
Now fold the squares like this:

Fold each piece in half, corner to corner, then unfold.

Fold each piece in half again, in the opposite direction, so the fold lines intersect at the centre. Pinch and push the sides together, then crease to make a 3D triangle shape.

Fold one point over to create a centre crease, Fold the front points down, using the centre crease as a guide. Repeat for each square.

Starting with the smallest piece, stick to the card front matching the top of the tree shape on the design. Then stick each piece in turn, tucking each inside the previous one, again matching the tree shape, until all four squares are in place.

Finally, finish your card by adding any extra embellishments, sentiments and decoupage.

I have provided an extra 'blank' or non-decorated card front, so you can use the extra tree squares and pieces to make a different collage of your own design.

You can make a smaller, three tier, tree by just leaving off the smallest or biggest square . even a card with two trees, perhaps one large and one smaller.

The finished card fits into a standard C5 envelope.

I hope you have fun making these cards.

Best wishes.
Christine.

Here are some of my finished cards:

Origami Tree Kits designed by Christine Crowther