Nature Week
Origami Animals and Tulip

Duration: 20 – 30 minutes

Materials:

- 15cm x 15cm paper (you can cut regular 8.5x11in paper if you do not have origami paper)
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils to decorate your origami creations
- Scissors
- tape

Instructions: Cat Origami (one piece of paper)

1. Begin with your 15cm x 15cm piece of paper. Fold it in half by folding the bottom corner to the top corner. Your triangle should be pointing up.
2. Fold the triangle in half by folding the left corner to the right corner. Crease the fold and then unfold it.
3. Fold the left and right-side corners of the triangle up like you see in step three of the picture.
4. Fold the top corner of the triangle down towards you like in step four of the picture.
5. Flip your cat over so the folds are on the back and now decorate!

Instructions: Dog Origami (one piece of paper)

1. Begin with your 15cm x 15cm piece of paper. Fold it in half by folding the top corner to the bottom corner. Your triangle should be pointing down.
2. Fold the triangle in half by folding the right corner to the left corner. Crease the fold and then unfold it.
3. Fold the left and right-side corners down to the crease like you see in step three of the picture.
4. Now fold both the top and bottom corners towards you like in step four of the picture.
5. Flip your dog over so that the folds are on the back and now decorate!
**Instructions:** Tulip Origami (three pieces of paper)

1. Begin with your 15cm x 15cm piece of paper. Fold it in half by folding the bottom corner to the top corner. Your triangle should be pointing up.
2. Fold the right corner at a small angle upwards, but not completely towards the center like you see in step number 3. Crease the fold. Repeat with the left corner. Your paper should look like step number 4.
3. Flip your paper over and fold the left and right side-corners towards you. This will make your flower look rounder. Flip your flower back over.
4. Now it is time to make the leaves and stem!
1. Begin with your 15cm x 15cm piece of paper like you see in step number 1.
2. Fold the left and right side-corners so that they meet in the middle of your paper. Your paper should look like step number 3.
3. Now fold the left and right side-corners to the center of the paper like in step number 4. Your paper should look like step number 5.
4. Fold your paper in half so that it looks like step number 6.
5. Repeat the process so you have two identical pieces of paper.
6. Now it is time to make the tulip’s stem and assemble the flower!
1. Begin with your two pieces of paper that you just folded in the previous steps. Slide the right piece into the left piece and tape them together. There should be a pocket in the middle of your two pieces of paper – this is where the tulip’s stem will go.

2. Use a scrap piece of paper and roll it into a tube and tape it. This is your stem. You may also use pipe cleaner, a straw, or even a pencil.

3. Slide the stem into the pocket of the leaves.

4. Place your tulip face down on the table and attach the stem to the tulip with tape.

5. Flip it over and your flower is complete! Now it is time to decorate.

Don’t forget to share your cats, dogs, and tulips with heather@mattmuseum.org and rachel@mattmuseum.org