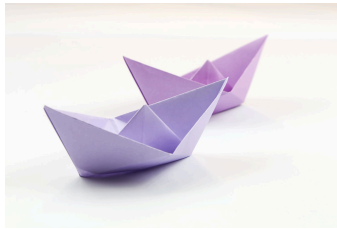


## Our Lady of the Rosary Paper Origami Boats

Making origami boats is a classic and enjoyable activity for kids.



Here's a step-by-step guide to make a simple origami boat:

### **Materials Needed:**

- Square paper (you can use origami paper, colored paper, or even plain printer paper)

### **Instructions:**

1. *Start with a Square Paper:*
  - If you don't have square paper, you can easily make one from rectangular paper. Fold one corner of the paper diagonally to create a triangle. Trim off the excess paper below the triangle to make it square. Unfold the triangle to reveal your square paper.
2. *Fold the Bottom Edge to the Top Edge:*
  - Fold the square paper in half horizontally, bringing the bottom edge up to meet the top edge. Crease the fold well and then unfold.
3. *Fold the Bottom Corners Inwards:*
  - Take the bottom-left corner of the paper and fold it diagonally upwards and inwards towards the center fold line. Repeat this with the bottom-right corner. You should end up with a shape that resembles a kite or diamond.
4. *Fold the Top Point Down:*
  - Fold the top point (where the two diagonal folds meet) downwards towards the bottom edge of the paper. This fold will create the prow (front) of the boat.
5. *Open Up the Bottom Flaps:*
  - Open up the two flaps at the bottom of the paper. These flaps will become the hull (bottom) of the boat.
6. *Form the Boat Shape:*
  - Gently press the sides of the boat inward while pushing the bottom edges of the flaps together. This will help the boat take its shape. Flatten the boat out so it sits evenly.
7. *Optional: Decorate Your Boat:*
  - If you like, you can decorate your origami boat with markers, stickers, or even draw windows and a mast for a sail.
8. *Float Your Boat:*
  - To see if your boat floats, find a small container of water (like a basin or bathtub) and gently place your boat on the surface. Adjust the folds if needed to ensure it floats correctly.

## Tips:

- Practice Makes Perfect: Origami can take a bit of practice to get the folds just right. Don't worry if your first boat isn't perfect!
- Experiment with Size: You can make smaller or larger boats by starting with different sizes of square paper.
- Extend the Fun: After making one boat, challenge yourself or your kids to make a fleet of origami boats in different colors or patterns.
- Visual Aid: If you need more visual steps check out this video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=981t1yRjGFc>

Origami boats are not only fun to make but also provide a great opportunity to learn about folding techniques and explore creativity. Enjoy making and sailing your origami boats!

