ORIGAMI KIDS ACTIVITY

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ORIGAMI 1: STAR

So today, we're taking our inspiration from the Order of St Patrick. This was a special Knighthood that used to exist in Ireland. Many of the Knights from the Order of Saint Patrick were invested in Saint Patrick’s Hall at Dublin Castle. Each Knight was presented with a badge in the shape of the 8-pointed star with the shamrock at the centre.

First, use the attached template to make two 4 pointed stars. You’ll need 2 square sheets of paper of the same size. Join the stars together to make your new 8-pointed star!
Origami 4 - Pointed Star

1. Make these creases, exactly as shown. This is the folding basin formation.
2. Make two folds diagonally both ways and again.
3. Fold diagonal creases down to make creases, and open.
4. Do the same creases but in the other direction.
5. Fold the leftward inward.
6. Using the creases shown, pull the corner forward and down to the other corner, then fold.
7. Again using the creases as shown, push the point to the other corner, and fold.
8. Again using the same method, move the point to the other point and fold.
9. Move only the middle flaps to the point at the bottom.
10. Fold the corner above a paper model is shown.

Reverse the Model
ORIGAMI 2: OWL

Today we’re taking our inspiration from the painting of Minerva by Gaetano Gandolfi in the Throne Room. Did you know that Minerva is the goddess of war and of wisdom? You also might know that the owl is her sacred animal. So today, we’re inviting you to make your own origami owl!
ORIGAMI 3: FOX

Today we’re taking our inspiration from the former Lord Lieutenant of Ireland 1st Marquis of Zetland and his interest in fox hunting. Use our attached pdf and make your own origami fox!
1. Fold in half to make creases and fold back.

2. Fold in half.

3. Fold to meet the center line.

4. Fold in half.

5. Open the □ part and flatten.

6. Turn around.

7. Fold in the dotted line.

8. Draw a face and finished.
ORIGAMI 4: CROWN

Today we’re taking our inspiration from the Brian Ború Crown which is on display in the Throne Room of the State Apartments. This crown was made in 2014 to mark the 1000th year anniversary of the Battle of Clontarf. Use the attached template to make your own origami crown!

If you’ve visited Dublin Castle before, you might know that the four provinces of Ireland are engraved on the outside of the Brian Ború Crown. Do you know what your provincial crest looks like? Why not decorate your constructed origami crown with your own provincial crest? This might be easier to do on a separate sheet of paper, and then glued onto the finished crown.
1. Start with your paper with the side up. Fold it in half and then fold it in half again in the other direction.

2. Turn the model over. Then fold the top and bottom toward the center. When you do this, the triangle will pop out from underneath.

3. Fold the bottom triangle upwards.

4. Fold the bottom square.

5. Fold the triangle back down.

6. Repeat the model. Now repeat steps 5-7.

7. Open the crown outwards and shape the lid into a square shape.
ORIGAMI 5: FLOWER

Get inspired by this painting entitled *Children with Fruit and Flowers* (1777) by Reverend Matthew William Peters. This painting is currently on display in the Drawing Room of the State Apartments at Dublin Castle. Today, we’re making an origami flower, so join us in making your own! You could even make a beautiful headpiece or a bouquet of flowers.
1. Start with a square paper, fold diagonally both ways and open.

2. Fold each corner into the center.

3. To form the petals, pull up on the points drawn, carefully pushing the paper from top to bottom. Flatten it over the middle and press at corners.

4. For a second set of petals, press the main points and then fold the petals point down.

5. The center doesn’t need to be trimmed. The petals will come from the first set.