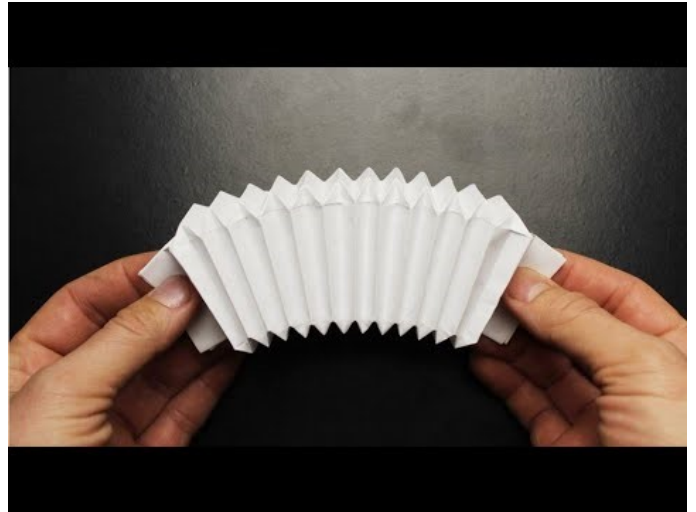


# Origami Accordion

## Materials:

- White paper
- Glue
- Optional: Coloring utensils\*

\*Not provided use what you have at home



## Instructions:

This accordion is complicated and it may be difficult to follow only the instructions. We recommend following along with the instruction video to make your accordion the best possible. You can find it on the Laramie County Library website. Type this address into your browser: <https://lclsonline.org/>

1. Fold paper in half with the short edges together (hamburger style).
2. Open up paper and then fold each outer edge in half again. The edge should touch the center.
3. Take the edge and line it up with the third crease from the edge, then fold. Do this with both sides. Then line up the edges with the closest crease to the edge and fold. Each of your sections should now be "halved".
4. Line up the edge with the third line from the edge and fold. Continue by moving the edge and lining it up with every other line after that. Repeat with opposite side until each section has been halved except for the two sections closest to the edge of the paper. You should now have 12 equal sections and two larger edge sections.
5. Flip your paper over, and have it vertical (one of the short edges closest to you).

6. Leaving the edge section unfolded, grab the second section and fold it in half. Do this by folding the paper along the first crease and then folding up to line the first crease with the second. Continue with each section all the way to the other edge section.
7. Turn your paper so that it is horizontal (one of the long edges closest to you). Flip it over.
8. Fold your paper in half horizontally (hotdog style). You may have to flatten out your paper a little bit so that you can fold it nicely. Turn your paper around so that the side without the crease is closest to you.
9. Fold the very top edge of the two loose ends inside, about 1/4 inch. Fold this part toward the inside one more time, about 1/4 inch again. You have rolled the two loose ends into a small roll. Fold the paper in half so that the creased edge and the rolled edge match up. Unfold then glue along the rolled edge fold that you made previously so that there are no loose ends of paper.
10. Once the glue is dry, fold your paper back in half along the crease you created in step 9. Turn your paper so that it is vertical with the short edge closest to you. Using the 24 equal section folds as your guide, accordion fold all the way to the other end. Once folded up make sure that it is creased very well.
11. Open up your paper so that it is no longer folded in half. Starting at one edge, gently open up your paper in the middle. This will create the box shape for your accordion.
12. Starting at one end, start gently pressing down on the paper to collapse the accordion along the creases you've made. Take it slow and continue pressing and folding until the entire accordion is complete.
13. Take the edges and fold in to create handles.
14. Optional: If you would like to, you can use coloring utensils (crayons, markers, colored pencils) to decorate your accordion in any way you want.
15. Enjoy your accordion!