

DIY Origami Jenga

Before we dig into the activity, let's make sure we all have the materials we need.

Materials

- 1) Paper (54 sheets)
- 2) Pencil / Pen / or Markers / crayons / colored pencils
- 3) Scissors
- 4) ruler
- 5) Tape
- 6) Notebook to save your ideas (optional)
- 7) 2 or more players?

First, we're going to start by making our origami Jenga set. We should all have 1 square piece of paper 15 cm x 15 cm. If you don't have those dimensions, take a moment to cut your paper 15 cm x 15 cm.

1. Draw lines on your paper so it looks like a tic tac toe board. Draw lines at 5 cm and 10 cm on each side.
2. Fold your paper in half up to the 2nd line.
3. Open it and fold your paper in half on the same side up to the first line.
4. Turn it to the opposite side and fold your paper in half on the same side up to the first line.
5. Turn it to the side that hasn't been folded yet.
6. Fold your paper in half up to the 2nd line.
7. Open it and fold your paper in half on the same side up to the first line.
8. Turn it to the opposite side and fold your paper in half on the same side up to the second line.
9. Open it and fold your paper in half on the same side up to the first line.
10. Open it and fold the entire paper in half
11. Open it and when you roll it, it should look like a block
12. Turn your paper so that the rectangle in the middle is on its horizontal side
13. Cut one crease off so that you have 4 squares on top and 6 on the side.
14. Now, we're going to close the ends with folding and tape
15. Fold the corner square only so that there is a diagonal line running outward through the square.
16. There will be lines running in the same direction through the following squares.
17. If you're struggling to fold these squares, make sure when you fold one square over that it creates an L shape

18. Now we roll up the block like we did before and the corner folds we made will naturally be able to fold in.
19. I recommend using tape to hold them because it will make it a lot easier.
20. If those corner folds were too hard, you can always cheat, and tape paper over the opening.

A standard Jenga set has 54 blocks. So at home you can make 54 origami blocks or until your hands are tired and you think you have enough to start playing.

Now that we have our blocks built, we're going to fill up our notebook or piece of paper with ideas to put on our newly made origami Jenga blocks.

They can be questions or actions. Here are some examples:

Actions:

1. Social Distance high five!
2. Cartwheel!
3. All players take turns sharing their favorite song.
4. Charades: Act out a job you wanted to do when you were a little kid
5. Jump for Joy
6. Social Distance Sloooow Dance
7. Gain perspective: share a voice you've been reading or listening to lately. (book / podcast / interview)
8. Laugh for 20 seconds or longer (has the same effect as a hug)

Questions:

1. Tell me about your biggest role model.
2. Who is a friend or family member you admire?
3. If there were no limits in the world, what's your dream?
4. Tell me about a positive thing you witnessed recently.
5. What was the last thing that made you laugh?
6. Tell me about a moment in your life when a negative event led to a positive consequence.
7. Tell me about someone you'd like to become closer with.

Thank you for joining me in making a unique Jenga set!

The game requires 2 or more players. Have fun, be kind, and keep digging for more ways to spark joy!