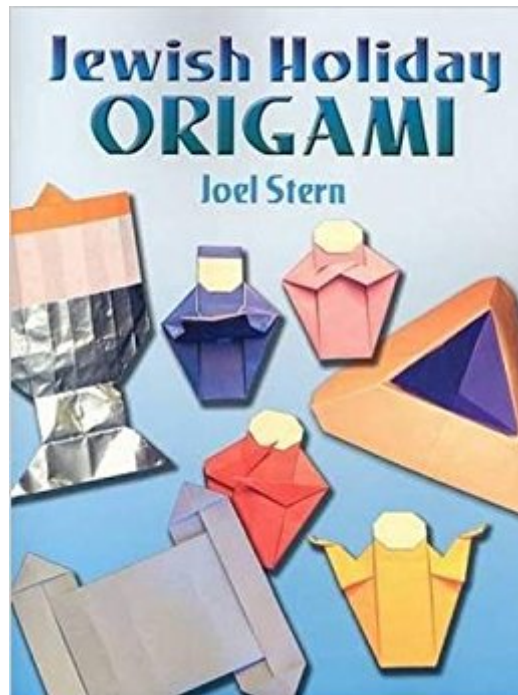




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Jewish Holiday Origami (Dover Origami Papercraft)



Synopsis

Observe Purim with a handmade megillah or a hamentash. Create models of the four sons for Passover, and fashion a scroll for Simchat Torah. This clearly diagrammed manual provides simple directions for creating these and fifteen other origami projects to help observe Jewish holidays, both festive and solemn. Clearly detailed illustrations and captions explain all the steps for an entire year's worth of holiday projects--from Chanukah dreidels and a menorah with candles to Passover pyramids and an image of the Red Sea parting. Additional projects for weekly observances include sabbath candles and kiddush cup. Great for synagogues, schools and homes, this easy-to-follow guide offers beginning paperfolders a unique, fun-filled way to celebrate Jewish culture

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Customer Reviews

Lot of fun - some are too difficult for a beginner but I greatly enjoyed it anyway

I especially like the 4 sons. They are a perfect addition to bring to the seder table. I modified the Hanukah menorah to become Shabbat candles and they are excellent also.

there are no color photos throughout this book, just black and white. not so kid friendly. the cover is color which let me to believe that the entire book had the same. not so...some of the patterns repeat in various ways too.

I teach K/1 and will probably not use many of these origami projects with my students. The projects take more manual dexterity than my little guys have. I can see intermediate grades using this book more than I will. The projects are fairly basic and useful for craft variety.

thought items would be more realistic. too complicated. would not buy or gift this book to anyone I cared about.

I have only started folding a models from this book at the time of this writing, but from what I have done so far and having looked through the entire book carefully, I am impressed. The models are neither too simplistic nor too complicated. It includes some "action models" among its models for a variety of Jewish feasts and festivals. The diagrams are clear, and the models are effective. I taught the menorah at a class for holiday origami, and will probably teach one or two models at the local temple for Purim. I have yet to find a book like this for Christian themes - I am not saying that it doesn't exist, but I have not seen it, and I have looked... Most books of Christian themed origami I have seen are very simple and/or rely on patterned paper to make effective representations of their subjects. Kudos for the author of this book for quality, thematic origami!

Books devoted to themed origami, like hearts, fairy tales, flowers and dollhouses, have always held a special fascination and charm for paperfolding enthusiasts and have attracted some of the world's great origami designers. Florence Temko blazed the Jewish and bible origami trails. Now, Joel Stern has created 25 festive models for his new book, "Jewish Holiday Origami". The models in "Jewish Holiday Origami" are well-designed and diagrammed, easy to master and ideally suited for diorama displays. The three dimensional pyramid may be one of the best 11-fold pyramids ever created! And with a few more creases, it is transformed into a Purim pastry! All in all, Stern's designs are a pleasure to fold. Clever maneuvers abound and a crease here and repeated crease there often yield hidden surprises and delights. Many of the models like the wine glass, pastry/tart, pyramid, candles, human figures with display stand, book, frog, goat face and meat bone can be folded and enjoyed all year round, adding to their versatility and timelessness. Models in "Jewish Holiday Origami" are conveniently indexed by experience level (beginner, intermediate and advanced) and by holiday (Sabbath, Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Purim, Passover and Shavuot).

What a great idea, superbly executed! By following Stern's simple steps, enhanced with 'this is how it should look' photos, one can decorate and learn about the Jewish holidays. I'm looking forward to putting the Four Sons on the Seder table according to who's who. There is even 'Two Zuzim.' Each origami object is rated according to difficulty so that the 'craftsman' does not immediately get frustrated by starting with the more difficult ones. Here is a craft item that adds fun to the teaching of the Holidays. Each origami object is accompanied by a simple but complete explanation of the meaning of the holiday and the object's place in it. Some of the objects even have movable parts, like the Torah and dreidel. The book itself is a perfect gift. I'm looking forward to teaching my grandchildren about the Holidays while having fun folding paper.

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