



## ***Folded Wreath Ornament or Package Topper***

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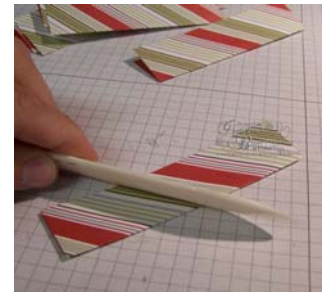
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These little Origami folded wreaths make great tree ornaments, package toppers or card and scrapbook embellishments. They are quick and easy to complete and an excellent way to use up scraps of Designer Paper. Experiment with different sizes, DSP patterns and ways of embellishing your miniature creations!

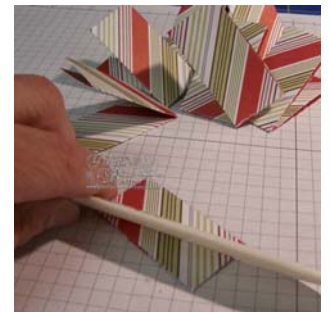
1. Begin by cutting 8 rectangles of Designer Series Paper. Rectangles should be twice as long as they are wide. My larger wreaths (pictured above) began with rectangles that were 2 x 4" and the smaller wreath was made with 1.5 x 3" rectangles.



2. Next, fold each rectangle in half lengthwise, using your Bone Folder. Each rectangle will now measure 1 x 4" (or .75 x 3").



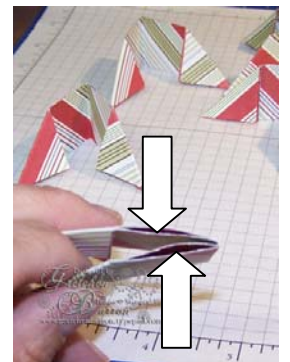
3. Again, fold each rectangle in half, this time crosswise. Each piece will now measure 1 x 2" (or .75 x 1.5"). Be sure and use the Bone Folder to get a tight crease.



4. With the fold at the bottom of the strip and open flaps at the top as shown, fold down each end at a 45 degree angle to meet the bottom fold. You will do this 16 times, twice on each strip of DSP.



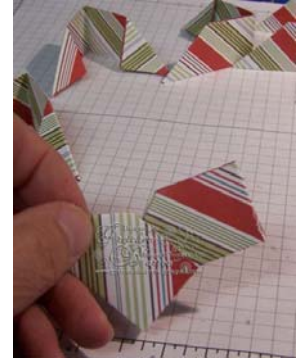
5. Holding the points of one folded piece between your fingers (with the fold still toward the bottom and the open edges at the top), you will see two little "pockets" that are formed between the 4 edges of paper. These "pockets" are the openings into which you will insert each folded section to form your wreath. You may need to use a stylus or the tip of your paper snips to separate the edges a little to make it easier to insert the pieces into each other.



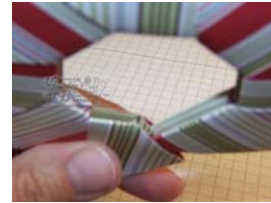
6. Holding the points of one section between your fingers, insert the points of another section into the two little “pockets”. Don’t worry about pushing them tightly together at this point. You will be able to do that once all the sections have been assembled into the wreath. In fact, it’s easier to assemble all the pieces together if it’s a little “loose”.



7. Continue to assemble all 8 sections of the wreath, inserting the points of one section into the “pockets” of the previous section.



8. When you get to the eighth and final section, insert the tips of the first section into the “pockets” of the eighth section to complete the circle.



9. Lay the assembled wreath flat on your work surface and using both hands, gently “push” toward the center of the wreath to set all the points into the pockets as deeply as possible. As you can see, there will be a nice dimensional effect to the fully assembled wreath. Now you are ready to decorate and embellish!



10. Using your Crop-a-dile or other hold punching system. Punch a hole in one point (for your loop hanger) and punch two holes in the same section to tie ribbon through for your bow. Insert the ribbon from back to front through both holes and tie into a bow. Add glitter, beads, greenery, trinkets or whatever you like to embellish your miniature wreath. Using a piece of metallic cord, yarn or ribbon, make a loop hanger and insert through the hole that you made in the point. Be creative with the embellishments that you add to your wreaths and most importantly, have fun! Good luck!

