



# Origami Teaching Cures



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## Introduction:

We, origami teachers, assistants, and advocates, follow SDC (Symptom, Diagnosis, and Cure).

An origami session begins with teaching and inspiring with **Folding Reasons**. There may be unhappy **Folding Attitude Problems**, these are *symptoms*. To *diagnosis* this, we ask questions, figure out the why of the discouragement, and what actions we need to take to cure the problems. The *cure* is reached with the **Solutions** process.

## Examples:

- A boy may not want to fold a flower for himself, but it can be a gift for his mom!
- A cardiologist may think origami is just paper, but she discovered the folding methods can be used inside the body for heart stents!

## Folding Reasons:

**Attributions:** It's awesome, cool, and it can be a gift. It's important with many physical, educational, professional, and recreational purposes. It can be for novices and professional from simple folds to professional purposes.

- **Physical:** Result works as wall and 3D art, a toy, a tool, a container, any object!
- **Educational:** Origami can be a useful technique for engaging in a fun, challenging, relaxing, and teaches in a manner to build patience. It is a learning tool for discovering culture with projects that build interest.
- **Professional:** Techniques can apply from microscopic models for medicine or gigantic ones for outer space. They can aid clergy in connecting the material and energy with creation. It transforms as magic! It's a trick! It's magical! It uses, teaches, and solves problems with math, aesthetic art and so much more.
- **Recreational:** You can memorize the techniques and steps to teach and entertain! Origami knowledge and use builds joy and confidence, and you may share the joy of paperfolding with new and old friends!

## Folding Attitude Problems:

- I hate origami/art/math.
- I'm no good at origami, it is too hard.
- I'm not in the mood. It's not my choice.
- It's just paper
- Origami is not cool: It's for nerds. Only girls fold flowers. Only boys fold insects.

## Solutions:

- Ask folders questions to determine the issues, building appreciation and fostering interest.
- Start simple to build confidence.
- Make the purpose of creating origami useful by giving a folding reason.