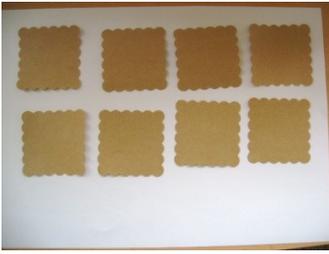


# Constructing a tea bag rosette



1. Lay out all eight paper squares on the work surface in front of you.



2. Choose one & fold it in half horizontally. Crease well with a bone folder at every stage throughout the construction.



3. Open up the fold, turn the paper by one quarter & fold horizontally once more.



4. Open up that fold & flip the paper square onto its front.



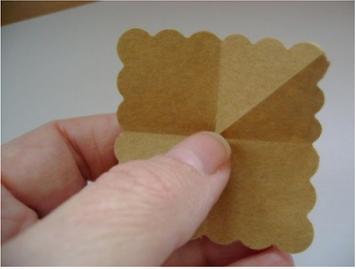
5. Fold diagonally across the centre.



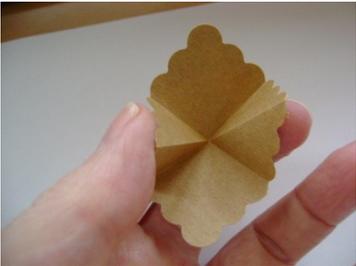
6. Open up all of the folds.



7. Hold the paper square between your thumb & first finger, allowing your remaining fingers to support the paper square.



8. Gently apply pressure with your thumb & the diagonal fold will 'pop up' & begin to form the shape.



9. Move your thumb & forefinger to the edges of the diagonal fold & gently squeeze until the paper forms the complete shape.



10. Use the bone folder once again, to help the folds retain their shape. Now repeat with the other seven paper squares.

### Constructing the rosette:



11. Pick up two of the folded paper squares, you will see that the diagonal fold has created an 'open pocket' on both sides of your folded square, this is what we will use to interlock the squares to form the rosette.



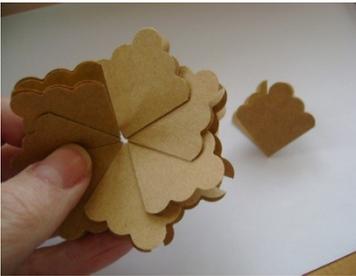
12. Open up opposing 'open pockets' on your folded squares & slide one within the other.



13. It is important how we glue the folded squares together, as if the glue is applied in the wrong way, we will not be able to perform the final step in creating the rosette. Here I have interlocked the first two folded squares & I am applying the glue only on the front of the second folded square, as shown in the photograph.



14. Continue in exactly the same way until you reach the final folded square.



15. Hold the work in your hand & bring the final square you glued forward with your forefinger.



16. Use your thumb & little finger to gently bend the work back against your forefinger, revealing the gap where the final folded square will go.



17. Slide the final folded square into position within the gap & apply glue as before, but this time to the seventh & then the first folded square, completing the structure.



18. Now flip the work face down on your work surface.



19. Pick up one of the 'petals' between your fingers & fold it back on itself, remembering to continue to crease well with the bone folder at every stage.



20. You may find the next stage easier with the help of a pencil or some other form of tool that you can insert into the closed 'petal'. Use it now to open the petal, holding your forefinger on top of the 'petal' ready to flatten it.



21. Flatten the 'petal' with your forefinger in such a way that the central crease lines up with the gap seen on the layers below.



22. You will need to fold the 'petal' that you just created to one side, in order to reach the next one caught below.



Repeat with all remaining 'petals' until the complete rosette is formed.