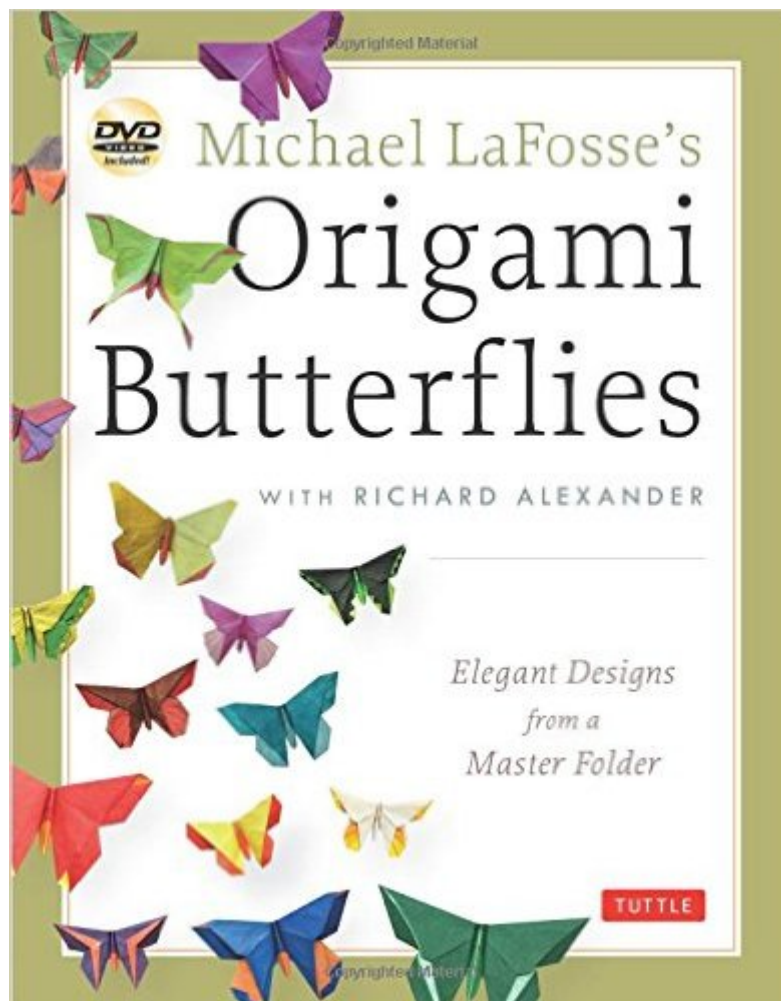


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Michael LaFosse's Origami Butterflies: Elegant Designs From A Master Folder [Origami Book With DVD, 26 Designs]



Synopsis

Fold beautiful papercraft butterflies with this easy origami book. Whimsical, exquisite and fragile, butterflies and moths have enchanted and inspired people for centuries. Origami artist Michael G. LaFosse is no exception. His original butterfly paper-folding techniques are a dramatic new development in origami which some have hailed as the most important advance in origami since the first paper cranes appeared centuries ago. Hundreds of LaFosse butterflies have been featured in exhibitions around the world and his iconic designs are now eagerly sought and widely imitated by folding enthusiasts everywhere. Michael LaFosse's Origami Butterflies presents original paper folding projects from LaFosse's extensive butterfly and moth repertoire, including all his personal favorites. This collection has many rarely-seen origami designs, and several of the models illustrate new technical and design achievements made possible by the ingenious "LaFosse Origami Butterfly Folding System." This exciting new book with accompanying DVD represents the culmination of a lifetime of designing and perfecting the art of origami butterflies. It contains everything you need to create your own unique collection. This origami book contains 112 page, full color book 26 original designs Step-by-step instructions Colorful diagrams and pictures Advanced paper folding techniques and tips Accompanying DVD These elegant forms each created from a single square sheet of paper without cutting or glue showcase the versatility of the origami folding system. All are deceptively simple, yet provide a solid foundation for creative flights of fancy in the hands of an experienced folder. Clear step-by-step instructions show you how to make literally hundreds of different variations by making small adjustments to a few key paper folds! Whether dry-folded from recycled candy wrappers or wet-folded from expensive handmade papers, these designs exemplify the best aspects of the paper folder's art today. Origami butterflies include: A Butterfly for Vanessa Gould The Butterfly for Robert Lang A Butterfly for Eric Joisel A Swallowtail for Guy Kawasaki The Boston Butterfly The Mudarri Luna Moth

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Customer Reviews

This book is a big thumbs up all the way around. Visually, it's a treat, even if you never make a butterfly! But don't stop there, because this is a "can-do" book. The written instructions are very clear, but the DVDs make it a near-perfect purchase. First of all, it's fun just to watch and listen to the instructions. Then, if you get stuck on a project, just go to the instruction you need, and it all becomes clear. The first 4 butterflies I made, I didn't even use practice paper, just jumped right in with the good stuff, and they are all lovely. With some of the later ones, I used practice paper first. Another origami book with a DVD is Origami 101 by Benjamin Coleman. I'm an advanced beginner to low-intermediate and I can get all the way through those two books. I've invested in other origami books, more advanced, and often got lost after the first several projects. A DVD with those "and better written instructions" would have helped a lot to advance me to mid-intermediate. I've made butterflies previously, using other instructions, but somehow they never came out exactly right because the instructions were not as clear as these. Something I really appreciate is that after the first butterfly or so, Mr. LaFosse doesn't assume you're a pro, he continues to provide the same good instructions as in the first project with additional helpful hints along the way. I found one little boo-boo: The written instructions for the Jan Polish butterfly leave out the inside reverse fold after step 14. The DVD includes it. It would be great if the author included papers like those he used; but of course that would raise the cost of the book by a good deal since his creations use archival paper, hand-made paper, special fine art paper, acid-free paper, etc.

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