Origami is great for thinking about shapes and spatial relations!

We’ve included some examples of things you can say to encourage your child’s spatial thinking as you work together to make your origami heart!

1. “Let’s fold VERTICALLY and HORIZONTALLY. What does that mean?”

2. “Let’s fold the TOP CORNER down to the CENTER of our paper.”

3. “Then we need to fold this CORNER up to the MIDDLE of the TOP EDGE.”

4. “We have to fold both halves of the BOTTOM EDGE up (along the dotted lines shown in picture) so they meet in the MIDDLE.”

5. “Then we need to fold this CORNER up to the MIDDLE of the TOP EDGE.”

TALK ABOUT SYMMETRY

Discuss how FOLDING the paper in HALF makes one side exactly the SAME as the other side.

- “Why do we have to make the SAME fold on the LEFT and RIGHT SIDE of our heart?”