Make a Paper Chair

You will need:
- Colorful construction paper or (ideally) origami paper, in squares
- Tape or glue to help strengthen the finish product (optional)
- Scissors
- Additional paper, markers, or other art supplies to decorate (optional)

Foldable Chair: Origami Style

The foldable chair can be made just by folding a piece of square paper in special ways. This special method of paper folding is called origami and comes from Japanese artistic traditions.

Learn how to fold the basic chair pictured at the left with these helpful guides:

Step by Step Instructions
Video Instructions

If paper folding isn’t how you’d like to make your chair, the next page of this activity has a simple cut-out foldable chair. Just cut on the solid lines, fold on the dotted lines, and tape/glue it together!

Optional: Refine and Decorate your Chair!

Explore some of the images of chairs in the WHHA Digital Library and the Furnishings of the White House Classroom Resource Packet and find a style you’d like to imitate – or create your own!

In the above examples, inspiration was drawn from the Bellangé suite of furniture featured in the Blue Room, made in France by Pierre-Antoine Bellangé for the Monroe White House.

Use additional paper, careful cuts, tape, glue, and other decoration to add accents and refine your chair into a more accurate paper model!

Share your finished foldable furniture with us at @WhiteHouseHstry or education@whha.org
Anywhere Activity

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CUT along the solid black lines. FOLD along the dotted lines. Use tape or glue to hold your chair together.

Check out the *Furnishings in the White House* CRP or the WHHA Digital Library for inspiration in decorating your chair!

Hint: You might want to color and decorate this foldable chair before you cut it out and assemble it!