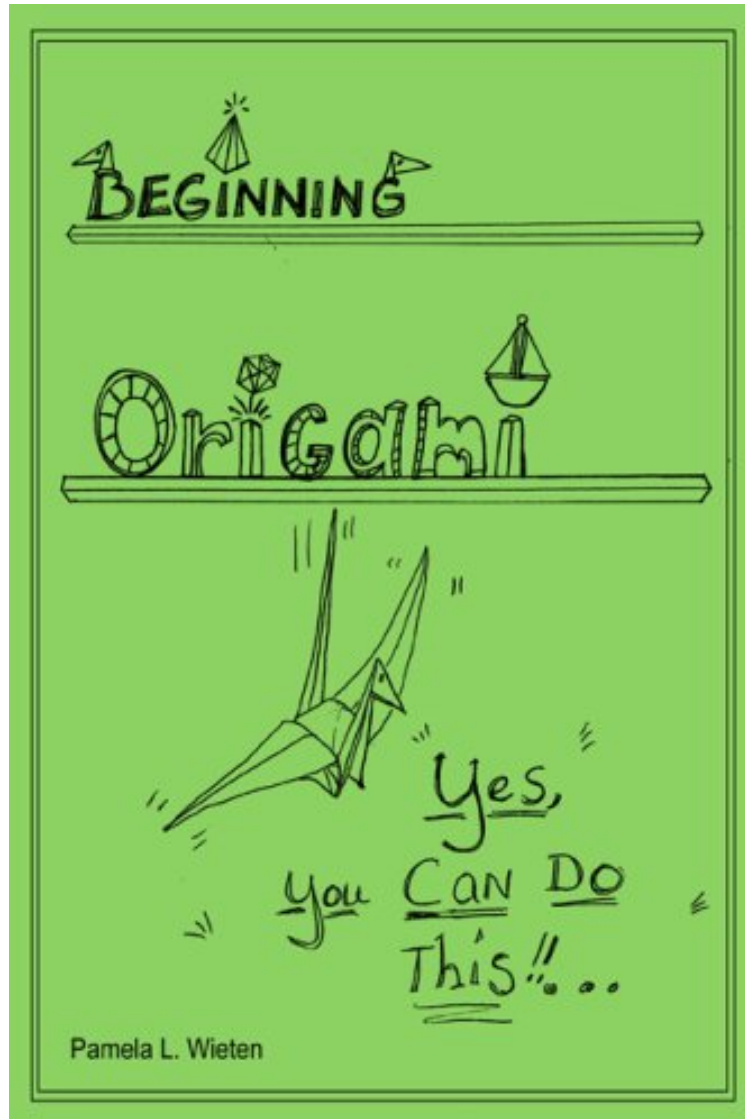


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Beware By Just Bibliophiles
Beginning Origami by Pamela L. Wieten attempts to show people who are not familiar with origami how to create four basic origami foldings. For a beginner this book will be very confusing and at times difficult to transition from one fold to another. The author does not follow the very basic symbols of what most origami books use to show how foldings are done. You can clearly tell an amateur does the drawings because the foldings are not always true to how they should look. Basic origami books that are used to teach both adults and children follow four basic rules: 1) The book should contain at least ten foldings, 3-4 foldings to teach basic folding instructions. 2) Slightly more complex foldings to challenge them and to teach 2 to 3 more bases. 3) Leave one folding at the end that will challenge them and they should not be able to master right away. If they master all the foldings in the first try, their interest level will disappear. 4) Keep the instructions simple, meaning each drawing should represent one and no more than two folding instructions. Showing the beginner eight folding instructions at once will be very confusing for them. I have been doing origami for over forty years, collected hundreds of origami books, taught children of all ages and adults including college students, developed beginner, intermediate and advanced origami instruction manuals. I could never with a clear conscience suggest this book to anyone I knew was interested in learning origami. I received a free copy of this book from Dorrance Publishing in exchange for my honest review of the book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hard to follow pictures, little projects for the money.
By Succotash
Pamela Wieten's *Beginning Origami* is an attempt to teach you basic and beginning origami. Having quite a few origami books at home for my kids, I know that most 'basic' origami books cover the basic folds, contain history and/or tools of the trade, are consistent with directions, and have at least more than a handful of projects to give the reader a good start. Wieten includes a fish base, a pyramid base, and a square base. From these she makes a candy dish, a pyramid, paper ball, and a paper crane. Not much projects for the price of the book. The images inside are just like the cover and some are very hard to follow. I cannot recommend this one for beginners as her instructions and hand drawn artwork are confusing and messy at best. An example is the last step on the Paper Bag - she includes a scribbled box with the words: "Kind of looks like this, except better!" The author can do better. There are other books out there that do a much better job with teaching adults and children the basics of origami, for a better price.

Origami is an ancient art - as old as paper itself. Those who practice Origami on a regular basis swear by its relaxing and therapeutic properties. Pamela L. Wieten takes the traditional aspects of Origami and combines them with an environmentally friendly concept, pointing out that any kind of paper can be used, from newspaper ads to wrapping paper for gift wrapping. In her book *Beginning Origami: Yes, You Can Do This*, Pamela L. Wieten includes illustrations and easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions, making it possible for even the most artistically challenged person to learn the art of Origami and enjoy its benefits. For individual use or family fun, Wieten's book encourages taking on this art form. You will be surprised at how easy it really is and how much fun it can be!

About the Author
A native of Michigan, Pamela L. Wieten currently lives in Muskegon, where she cares for her stepfather who was stricken ill with emphysema. She has been happily married for over twenty-nine years and enjoys planting trees, gardening, paper folding, and drawing. She is a sponsor of WYCE Radio and a member of Crystal Cathedral Ministries, National Arbor Day Foundation, Origami USA, Scoliosis Association, and the R.E.M. Fan Club. Her idea to write this book came from the positive responses she received from people after giving them an Origami gift. After teaching herself, she wanted a more compact and easy-to-follow book to teach others.