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20 of 21 people found the following review helpful. Great Start, But Takes Time to Learn the System...By Jeff Wedgwood I have folded several basic butterflies, and this kit looked like just the thing to create more life-like butterflies! AND IT CAN! However, I was disappointed with a few things: 1) The COLORS used in the instructions on several butterflies were the REVERSE of the photo of the finished model (all the paper in the kit is colored on BOTH sides). So, the first time you make one, it is easy to become confused. 2) For EVERY model the first several steps are from a set of folds which are diagrammed only in the first half of Book One. This means that while working on the BUTTERFLIES in Book One, you do a lot of page turning back to the intro until you have memorized those steps (about a dozen butterflies or so). 3) There was only ONE typo, but it was a whopper - the duplication of a full paragraph on page 37 in book 2. 4) Often the text or picture of a complex fold was just too small for my aging eyes to see well enough to understand. I had to use a magnifying glass. Maybe that is a criticism of me and not the book.... Having said all that, once you "get it" and can remember the basic folds, you can stop all the page turning. Then you can see where the artistic details come into play, and you can see the genius of the author, as well as end up with some BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES !! I cannot really recommend this kit for beginning Origami students. But for motivated, intermediate or higher folders, this could give you hours if not days of challenging work with wonderful results. It just takes patience to follow LaFosse's technique. Also, I would suggest to (or beg of) the authors that they put out a 2nd Edition (to remove that typo, fix the colors in either the photos or the diagrams) and to completely separate the introductory fold diagrams (put them ALL in Book One) from the individual Butterfly instructions (put them ALL in book Two). Also, please make the books full-size (8.5"x11") with all the images bigger to match,

especially the enlarged detailed folds. Now THAT would be a 5-star kit and well worth recommending to anyone! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not for kids
By Cathy P. This is not for children. I got this as a gift but this is so hard to follow the incomplete directions. They show you the standard folds for most of their butterflies and then go into the folding of each one. This would have been better with a video instead.
2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Not for beginners - badly-written directions
By Sam-- This book is being marketed as if it's a beginner's book, but it is not a good book for beginners, primarily because the directions are actually pretty badly-written. I wanted to post some examples in the now-defunct customer gallery, but frankly, it feels as if the directions were an incompletely-proofed draft for LaFosse's subsequent butterfly books. His 2013 book with the DVD, in particular, has much better diagrams.--The reader is constantly referred to instructions elsewhere in this (kit) book - which is not inherently a bad strategy, but since the models in this book are variations on a theme, the diagrams on the "other" pages do not necessarily look like the model you're folding. That would still be OK if the diagrams for the model you're actually folding clearly showed how your model differs from the diagrams on the "other" pages, but that critical information can be skimpy or lacking altogether.--Some of the directions have pretty appalling omissions and errors - text not attached to the correct diagram, steps left out and direction of rotation not specified, for example.--On the other hand, the models and the system are truly remarkable, which makes this book well worth borrowing from the library if you a) are at least an intermediate folder with lots of experience dealing with lousy diagrams or b) have folded several of the models in the 2013 book.--If you ended up with this book rather than one of LaFosse's subsequent butterfly books (his 2013 book with the DVD or his 2007 book "Origami Butterflies: A Field of Discovery Through a System of Design), look on the preview for his 2013 book for the "Alice Gray" butterfly. The directions are much better and will help you work around the deficiencies of the kit book. The 2007 book still needs work - it's almost the same as the kit book + a couple extra models and a few corrections, but the images are bigger, which makes it easier to use when the directions aren't quite correct. Beginners should definitely get the 2013 book (well-reviewed on the OrigamiUSA website) rather than the kit book. Directions for the "Alexander Swallowtail" from the kit book are also online - see the above OrigamiUSA review for more information. If you're frustrated with the Origami Butterfly directions in the kit book, get your hands on a copy of LaFosse's Advanced Origami, which has great directions for that particular model.--Finally, I can't understand why other customers liked the kit paper, which is fairly thick, shiny, not particularly strong, hard to crease and leaves white marks at the creases once you succeed in creasing. I have discovered a great use for the paper though - it makes terrific scanned images for instructions. Because white marks are left at the creases, you can fold the paper, scan it and easily find the white marks to annotate in Photoshop.

Make colorful and fun origami butterflies with this easy origami kit. Anyone would look twice at a flower with one of these paper butterflies perched on it! This unique collection of origami designs will help you create folded paper models of common and exotic butterflies from around the world. All of the folds are simple enough to be origami-for-kids projects and are a great way to learn origami. The origami paper in the kit already has printed patterns so no paint or glue is required, just unpack and start folding right away!
The origami kit contains:
2 full-colored, 32-page booklets
Clear step-by-step instructions
Easy-to-follow diagrams
A butterfly design system and tips
12 simple origami butterfly projects
98 sheets of durable authentic origami folding paper
A variety of different colors and patterns
Origami Butterflies Kit provides you this stunning collection of origami projects that will have you creating your own personal butterfly house in no time! Origami projects include: Fritillary Swallowtail Zebra Longwing And many more

"All of the folds are very easy for kids, so the whole family can have fun making these fun Origami Butterflies." Mom Does it All blog
"The combination of butterflies, origami and Michael LaFosse cannot be anything but magical. I guarantee that this book will enchant you." Guy Kawasaki, author of Enchantment and former Chief Evangelist at Apple
"LaFosse and Alexander have built up an enviable reputation for producing top quality origami products, carefully and expertly crafted for folders of all levels. Their work is an inspiration." Nick Robinson, author of Origami Kit For Dummies and World's Best Origami
"These pages present a kaleidoscope of colorful origami butterflies. The authors uphold the philosophy of Akira Yoshizawa sensei, who opened LaFosse's eyes to origami's endless possibilities, which you can now also explore." Dave Brill, former President of the British Origami Society, and author of Brilliant Origami
"LaFosse and Alexander have observed and passionately captured the essence of the butterfly with their exceptional designs. These magnificent butterflies undergo their metamorphosis in the authors' hands." Reiko Nishioka, Director of Education at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens
"Noted origami experts LaFosse and Alexander focus on folded-paper butterflies in this elegant how-to guide. After presenting the basic architecture for an origami butterfly, the authors provide a number of variations, most named after well-known origami enthusiasts. Fully illustrated step-by-step directions for each butterfly are included, and five hours of video instruction are provided on the enclosed DVDs." Library Journal
"You cannot go wrong with any book by these authors, much less with this delightful collection of origami butterflies!" Origami Spirit
"This compact kit contains the instructions and paper to make a kaleidoscope of butterflies! Origami master Michael LaFosse leads you clearly through the folding sequences of each butterfly. You cannot go wrong, book or DVD." Handmade by Deb blog
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