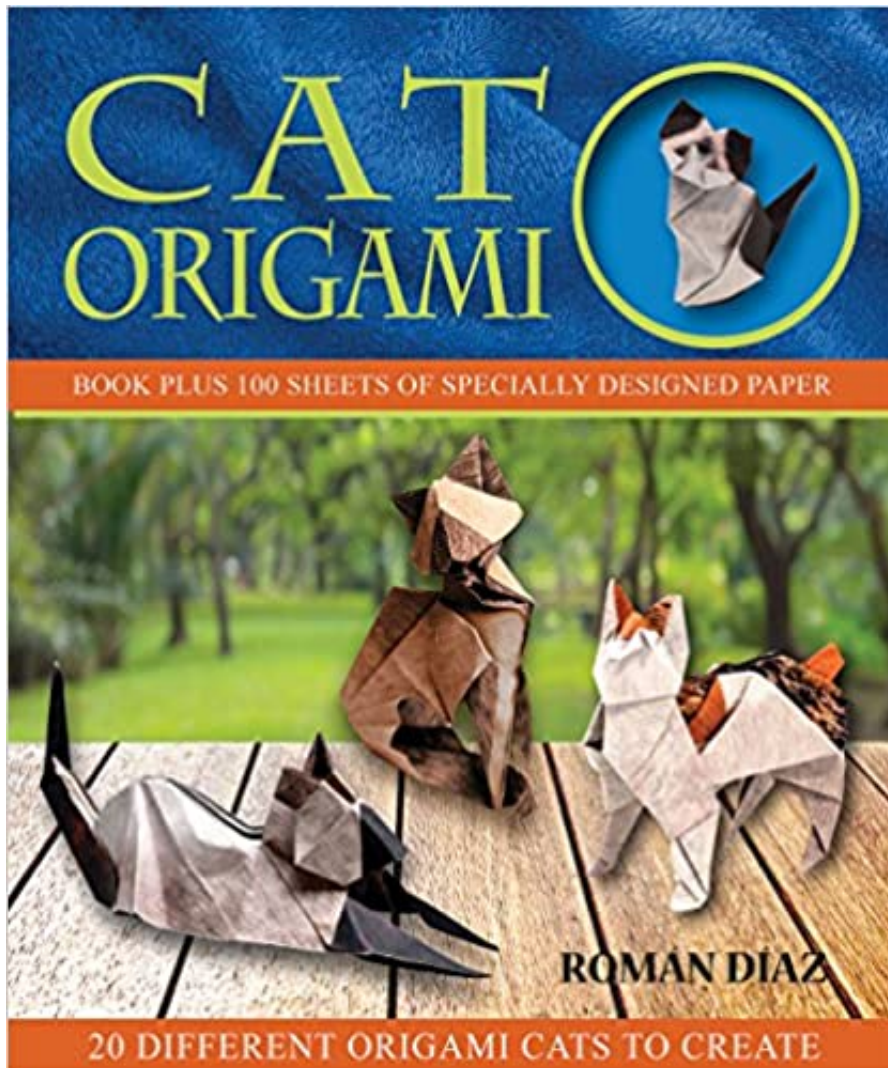


# Cat Origami (Origami Books)

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## **Synopsis**

If rounding up your thoughts is like herding cats, try the relaxing, meditative art of origami. Specially designed folding sheets give your sculptural projects an added touch of class, and the 80-page instruction book offers detailed diagrams to make sure you don't miss a crease. The Siamese, Maine Coon, and Scottish Fold are some of the popular feline varieties included in this kit, and each model is introduced with information about the breed. These kitties will be the cat's meow in your collection!

## **Sort review**

About the Author Roman Diaz has been practicing origami for nearly 20 years. During this time he has become a well-known origami designer worldwide and has been invited as special guest and lecturer to origami conventions in Spain, France, Argentina, Italy, Germany, Colombia, Chile, Canada, Brazil, England, USA, and Japan. Roman is a veterinary surgeon working with dogs and cats and pursues his passion for paper folding as a part-time origami artist in his hometown of Montevideo, Uruguay.

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C J Elliott, "Excellent. Excellent"

Jamie, "The instructions were easy and I love that it came with paper. What a hit for my nieces birthday. I already have requests for one from my nephew. The instructions were easy and I love that it came with paper."

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vashta, "Love this.. A great kit to make up."

Anke, "Sehr originell. Das Buch ist originell durch das eingearbeitete Sichtfenster mit der vorgefertigten Katze. Die Falanleitungungen sind sehr gut für geschickte Origamikünstler ab etwa 12 bis 99 Jahre geeignet."

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