Dreidel by Yami Yamnuchi (c) 1999

The model consists of three parts: body, frame and axle.
The body is the traditional water-bomb, modified to fold each panel to the same direction, to make a good balance to spin better.
The frame needs firm folding and good creases to form a solid square frame.
The axle needs very tight rolling. Plastic drinking straws or stirring straws (round type) will do, too.

Paper: Bond paper or origami paper,
3½" to 6" square; 1 sheet for body,
2 sheets for frame and ½ sheet for axle. Color mix adds the joy.

Body:
(1) Start with water-bomb base.
Fold all 4 flaps to same direction.
(Important!)

(2) Fold all 4 flaps to same direction.

(3) Tuck corner into pocket. Repeat 3 more times.

(4) Fold back & forth. Strong blow through the hole at bottom.

(5) Flatten top (where the hole is) at existing creases. Shape a pyramid at bottom. Body completed.

Frame:
(1) Fold 2 sheets together. Pre-crease 2 book folds and 2 cupboard folds.

(2) Reinstate last cupboard fold, then another cupboard fold. Crease it very well.

(3) Slide inner sheet half-way out. Tuck left end into right end to form a square hoop as shown in (4).

(4) Fold 4 corners, then tuck top
and bottom flaps inside at existing creases.

(5) Do the same on the remaining flaps.

(6) Frame completed.

Axle:
Use 1/4 of the paper size. Roll it tight to form axle.

Assembly:
1. Put the axle into the body.
2. Put the body into the frame.
3. The dreidel completed.

This is a simple model, but requires practice, practice and practice for a success. If your dreidel doesn't spin, it is your problem. Practice resolves it.

Spinning makes the world go round!

Happy Folding!
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