Tribute Tulip Garden

Create an origami Tribute Tulip Garden that celebrates the person who has died and how they have shaped you. Inside each of the tulip blossoms write something you are grateful that they taught you, that you are pleased to share in common with them, or an aspect of yourself or something you have done as you are grieving that makes you proud.

**Origami Tulip Blossom**

1. Start with a 4.5 inch by 4.5 inch square of paper. (Origami paper works best, but you can use just about any kind of paper. The thinner and lighter the paper, the easier to fold. Try coloring bright designs on blank paper.)

2. Make a diagonal fold into a triangle.  

3. Unfold and fold in half again, making a diagonal fold in the other direction. There will be now be a line down the middle.

4. Fold the left and right corner up. The more lined up to the center fold you fold the corners, the more closed your tulip petals will be. To make your petals more open, make your folds at wider angles.

5. Fold the edges of folded triangles (petals) back.  

6. Cut a tiny piece of the bottom of the blossom off. This will allow the flower to be fitted onto the stem.

7. Pull back the center pedal to write on the inside of your flower. Some suggestions for what to write are something that your special person taught you, something that you share in common with them (maybe there is something you like to do that they enjoyed doing, maybe you share some of the same favorite foods/music/movies, etc.), or something you like about yourself or are proud of yourself for doing since the person died.

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Origami Tulip Stem

1. Start with 6 inch by 6 inch square of paper.
2. Make a diagonal fold into a triangle, and unfold.
3. Fold both corners to the center.
4. Fold both new corners to the center.
5. Fold in the middle, bringing the top and bottom corners together.
6. Fold in half, with the inner part out a little.
7. Pull stem out and place the blossom on top.

*These tulips were made with construction paper and printer paper colored with markers.

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