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## THE SEASON OF SAKURA

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### BREAKING NEWS: SAKURA TEA ARRIVES AT KŌYŌ STUDIO

*In the spring, the sakura trees begin to bloom and grace the Earth with their beauty and magical smell. Not many people know this, but a rather unique beverage can be made from the sakura petals. Salt-pickled cherry blossoms are steeped in boiled water, resulting in a drink called sakurayu (literally meaning "cherry blossom tea").*



*Discover the curious taste of sakurayu at  
KŌYŌ tea room!*

“京は九万九千くんじゆの花見哉“

*“in the capital:  
ninety-nine thousand people  
blossom viewing”*

**-MATSUO BASHŌ**



*Teapot - 5 euro*



*Private Tea Sakura ceremony - 60 euro (60 min)*



*Sakura tea 15g - 18 euro*

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# ANNOUNCEMENT BOARD

## MASTER CLASSES. ALL ABOUT SAKURA.

*Explore these insightful sakura-themed master classes and delve into the floral atmosphere of spring:*

**11.04.2026 14:00**

**2h, 35 euro**

J-Beauty Sakura

**18.04.2026 17:00**

**2h, 35 euro**

Kumihimo Sakura

**25.04.2025 17:00**

**1.5h, 25 euro**

Tea ceremony Sakura



## RELAXING SPA TREATMENT

### SAKURA NO TACCHI

- Double cleansing
- Saranari line
- Herb Mask
- Japanese facial massage
- Exstretch Mask
- Foot bath
- Japanese Sakura tea
- Gifts

75 min

80,-

### MORE SAKURA PRODUCTS AVAILABLE:

SAKURA SMOKED TEA  
*Teapot - 5 EUR; Tea 50g - 20 EUR*

GREEN TEA WITH SAKURA  
*18 EUR*

ONSENSOU HAND CREAM SAKURA  
*25 EUR*

ONSENSOU FRAGRANCE SOAP CHERRY BLOSSOM  
*8 EUR*

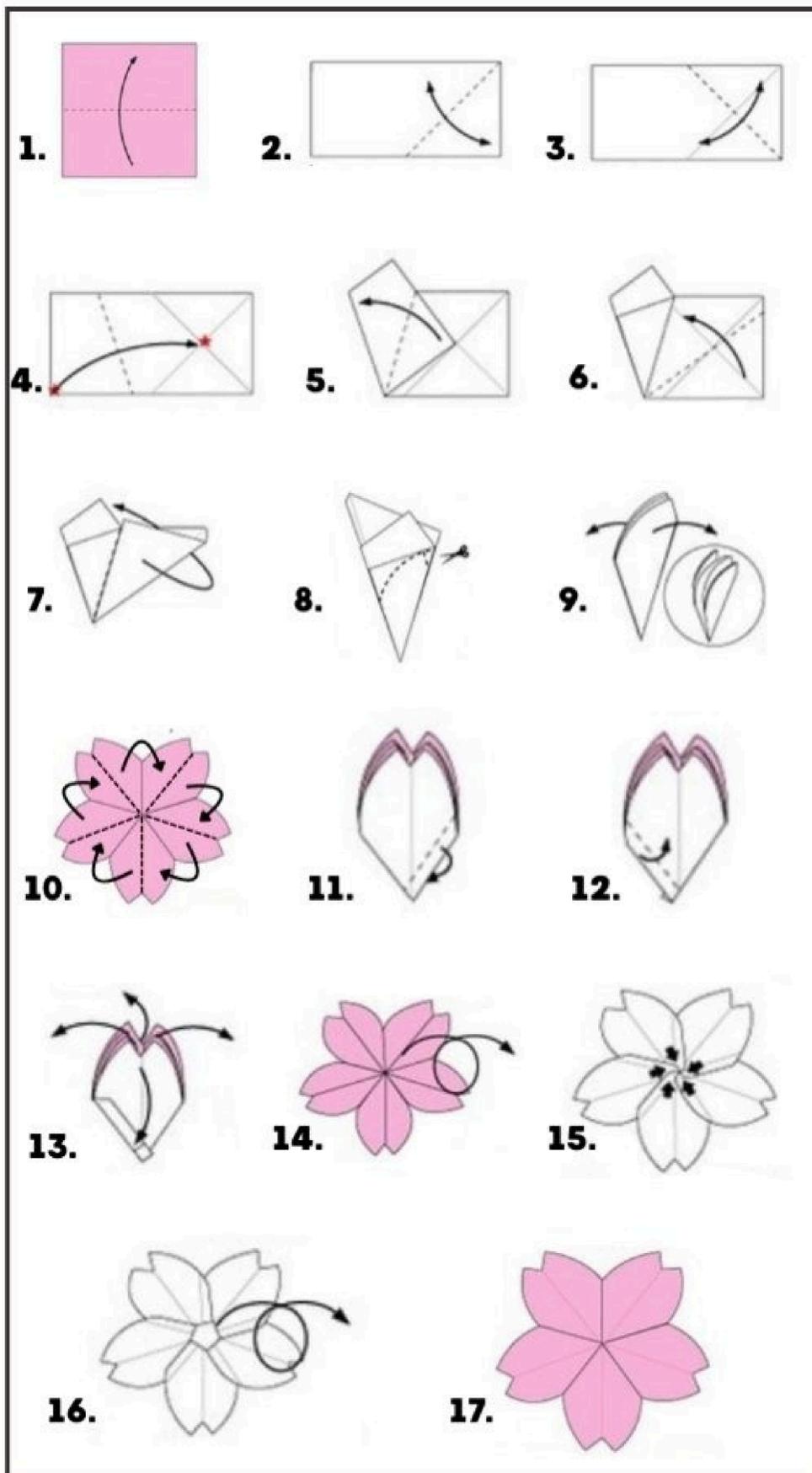
SAKURA COLOURING CARD  
*1,50 EUR*

## SAKURA FLOWER ORIGAMI

*Express your creativity with this quick and easy origami!*

***Here's a tutorial:***

1. *Fold in half. Use a square piece of origami paper (pink works best for sakura) and fold it.*
2. *Fold to make a crease and then fold back.*
3. *Fold to make a crease and then fold back.*
4. *Fold to meet the ★*
5. *Fold in the dotted line.*
6. *Fold in the dotted line.*
7. *Fold backwards in the dotted line.*
8. *Cut it with scissors.*
9. *Open.*
10. *Fold the center crease line on each petal upwards (mountain fold). Then, following the bullets, fold the origami so that it looks like picture 11.*
11. *Fold backwards in the dotted line.*
12. *Fold in the dotted line.*
13. *Open.*
14. *Turn over.*
15. *Pinch it down in the middle to straighten it out and make the center more defined.*
16. *Turn over.*
17. *Your origami sakura flower is finished! 🌸*



Source: @origamiclub on Pinterest

## FUN FACT

*There is a rather beautiful Japanese custom called Hanami or “flower viewing”. Hanami is a centuries-old tradition of enjoying the lovely cherry blossom flowers during their blooming season which usually lasts from late March to early April. People all over Japan fill parks to eat and drink under the flowering trees.*

*On the next page, discover places in Latvia for flower viewing!*

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## FLOWER VIEWING PLACES IN LATVIA

*Very soon the cherry blossom season will be in full swing in many countries across the world and Latvia is no exception. Our country has countless places where you can enjoy the picturesque scenery.*

### 1) Victory Park, Rīga.

*The most popular sakura spot in Latvia, located in the district of Āgenskalns, offers not only the lush greenery, but also a pink paradise during the spring and a perfect setting for Instagram photos.*

### 2) RSU Inspiration Park

*A small park at Riga Stradiņš University where Kanzan sakura trees were planted as a part of the "Zaļš" project.*

### 3) Terneja Park

*Situated in the town of Rūjiena, this park is a hidden gem that is definitely worth a visit! Fifty sakura trees were planted there*

*in 2009 as a gift from Rūjiena's sister city Higashikawa.*

### 4) Reņķa Garden, Ventspils

*Interestingly, this spot for flower viewing is a rather recent addition to the list. Just last year, in November, twenty one cherry blossom trees from Holland were planted in*

*Reņķa Garden as an addition to the garden's green landscape. Those trees, planted parallel to Sporta Street, now form a lovely alley for a promenade.*

### 5) Mālkalns Cherry Garden, Tukums

*A hilltop orchard dedicated to the Latvian poet Imants Ziedonis. The garden contains around 700 cherry trees, so, in spring, the hill becomes covered in white cherry blossoms.*



*And there you have it! Five fascinating spots for Hanami. Do not miss the opportunity to practise this lovely Japanese tradition! Bring some family and friends with you and do not forget the snacks!*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT, IN LATVIA, THE BLOOMING SEASON USUALLY STARTS A BIT LATER THAN IN JAPAN (MID-APRIL TO EARLY MAY), DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER.**

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*Victory Park, Riga.  
Photo by Oksana Džadana.*



*Mālkalns Cherry Garden.  
Photo by Andris Jermuts and  
Tukuma TIC.*

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## **CHECK OUT THESE SAKURA-RELATED BOOK AND MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **BOOKS:**

- *“Under the Sakura Canopy”* by Ikhara Saikaku (16+)
- *“Flowers We Saw Through Tears”* by Sara Minase (16+)
- *“Eliza’s Cherry Trees: Japan’s Gift to America”* by Andrea Zimmerman (5+)
- *“The Sakura Obsession: The Incredible Story of the Plant Hunter Who Saved Japan’s Cherry Blossoms”* by Naoko Abe (14+)
- *“Petals of Sakura. Flowers in Japanese Painting and Poetry”* by Printhouse “OLMA” (12+)

### **MOVIES:**

- *“Cardcaptor Sakura: The Movie”* (1999) by Morio Asaka (7+)
  - *“5 Centimeters per Second”* (2007) by Makoto Shinkai (10+)
  - *“Memoirs of a Geisha”* (2005) by Rob Marshall (13+)
  - *“Sakura”* (2018) by Sarah Morris (Not rated)
  - *“Your Name”* (2016) by Makoto Shinkai (12+)
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