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Origami comes back into fold

A frog can take just 20 seconds and 12 folds, while an ambitious dragon with a four-foot wing span may take a good five hours.

Origami, the art of paper folding, is experiencing a resurgence in Lancashire, thanks to Stephen Watson from Leyland who has been fascinated by the technique since he saw it on television as a child.

The 46-year-old, who runs origami workshops and demonstrations in South Ribble, says people are always astounded by the paper models and children love creating origami animals.

Stephen, who works for the charity CARE, a residential establishment for people with learning difficulties in Samlesbury, had to clear one of the rooms in his home in order to create a dragon from a two-metre square piece of paper.

And he's just completed a swan with a staggering 500 pleats in it.

He said: "I'm usually folding something at least once a day. I run workshops nearly every weekend through the summer and through the winter."

For more information visit www.south-ribble.co.uk/origami



Stephen Watson with one of his creations

