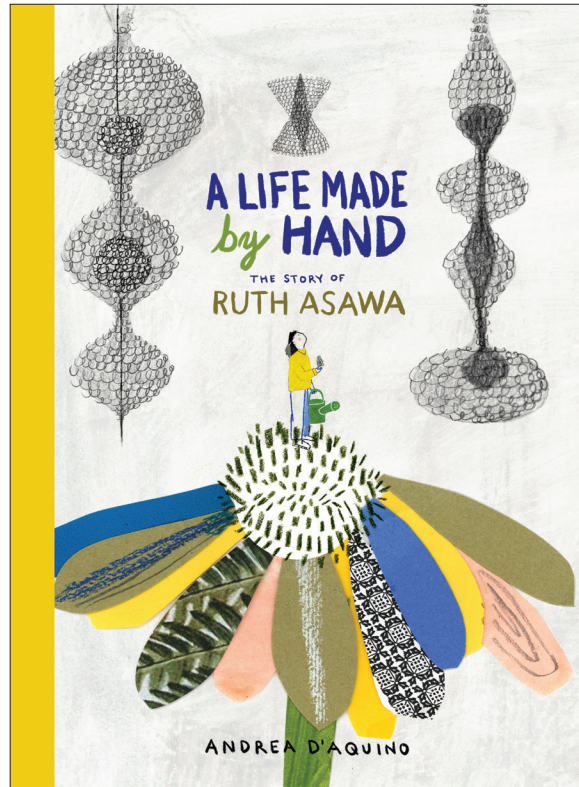


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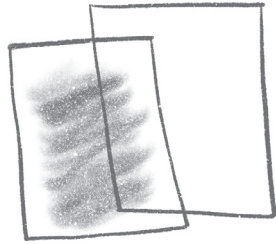
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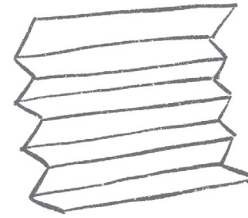
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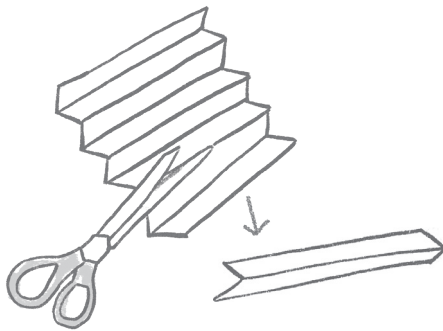
Ruth Asawa was a teacher, and knew that the best way to learn is to use your hands.



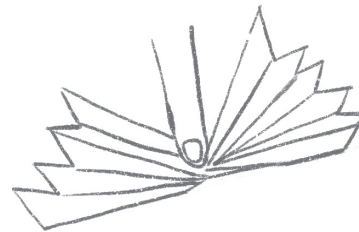
**1** Choose 2 sheets of paper in different colors and glue them back to back.



**2** When dry, fold accordion-style. This one is folded 7 times.



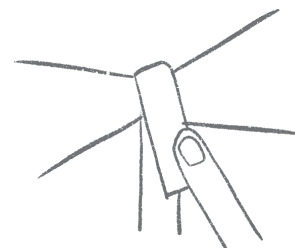
**3** Cut off the bottom section to make a small strip with just 1 crease in it.



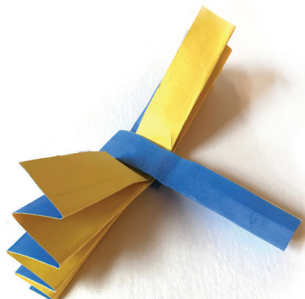
**4** Flatten the folds to make wings. Press down on the center and spread out each side.



**5** Fold the small strip in half to make the insect body.



**6** Wrap the body around the wings and glue or tape it down. Draw a face on it, or whatever else you think of.



You did it!  
It's okay if yours looks different.  
That's what makes each one special.