

When Frida married muralist, Diego Rivera, they took over her childhood home in Coyoacán and transformed it from a typical-for-the-time neoclassical estate into a bright homage to native Mexican culture. Most notably, they painted it a bold blue—giving it the name "La Casa Azul". The garden was rid of many of its plants and replanted with species native to Mexico. It was not only a place for gathering and respite but also a very intentional reflection of Kahlo's socio-political beliefs.



Often full of plants and animals, her work uses the symbology of nature to express her pain, strength, and deeply held political ideology (Frida was a lifelong Marxist and anti-imperialist).

These beliefs were also evident in her iconic choice to wear traditional Mexican dress and flowers in her hair.

FRIDA KAHLO
1907-1954

Born in the Coyoacán neighborhood of Mexico City, Frida Kahlo is known for her intensely personal, striking, and surreal paintings.

The garden at Casa Azul was also a home to many different animals (including spider monkeys, parrots, and hairless Xoloitzcuintli dogs with Aztec lineage, just to name a few) and served as a gallery for Rivera's large collection of pre-Hispanic sculpture.

Frida's GARDEN

In both art and life, Frida Kahlo cultivated gardens that served as meaningful and symbolic expressions of her lived experience and political beliefs. The garden at Casa Azul was a revolutionary statement fueled by creativity, and in turn, became its own source of inspiration. Casa Azul is now a museum in Coyoacán where visitors can tour both the home and its evocative gardens.

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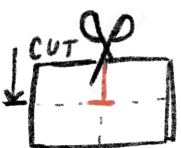
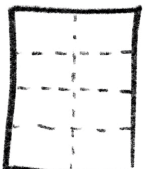
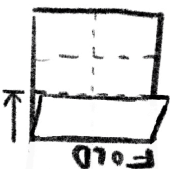
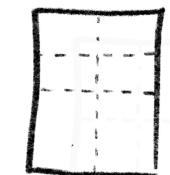
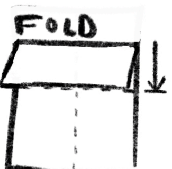
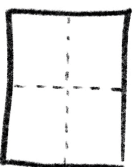
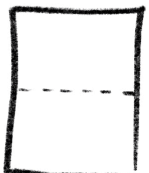
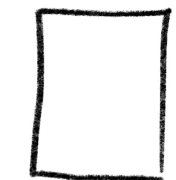


"I paint flowers so they will not die."

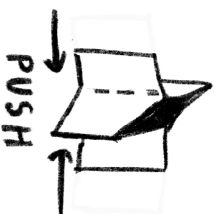
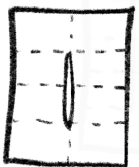


HOW TO FOLD A Mimi-Zime

STEP ①



ⓘ DO NOT CUT ALL THE WAY ACROSS.



FOLD INTO BOOK SHAPE.

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