

kawaii Origami



Super Cute
Origami Projects
for Easy
Folding Fun

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Introduction

ORIGAMI HAS BEEN A FAVORITE HOBBY OF MINE since I was a child. In fact, I loved all sorts of paper crafts, but origami is the one that has continued to intrigue me to this day. That you can create something very beautiful from just a simple sheet of paper is what makes origami magical to me.



Although I learned a few origami models by heart when I was a child, it wasn't until I was about twenty that I really got interested in it as a serious hobby. I found that, depending on what you want to create, origami can be challenging or relaxing. Folding can be quite meditative in some cases, especially repetitive, modular origami that requires you to make the same forms over and over. But what I really enjoy making is origami that looks “Kawaii.”

The word *Kawaii* translates simply as “cute” in Japanese, but it is now used to describe a certain style that is adorable, bright, and friendly. I was really interested in Japan and Japanese culture as a teenager, and when I created my origami blog in 2008, I decided to include this word in my title, *Paper Kawaii*. I started making video tutorials, and Paper Kawaii became a YouTube channel in 2009. Since then it has slowly grown to become a popular how-to origami resource for people around the world, which is something I never expected would happen!

So how do you make your origami look *Kawaii*? The end result of any origami model can be Kawaii if you choose a pretty pattern or color! Each of the origami models included in this book can look Kawaii if you use the paper provided, or you can make them with paper of other colors and patterns to produce any style you like. For instance, using red, blue, and white can give you a nautical style; black, purple, and red will give projects a gothic feel, or if you want something that looks rustic and natural, use brown, white, and gray papers. Those are just a few examples; there is honestly no limit to what can be created with origami.

Kawaii Origami is the very first full book that I have put together, so I want to cover quite a wide variety of origami models but keep them all in the same kind of style. Practical origami models that serve a purpose, like boxes, have always been my favorite, so I have tried to strike a balance of practical models and models that are just for display. All of the models included can be given as gifts, and in some cases, made into jewelry, so even when they aren't “practical” they can still serve a purpose!

There are several new origami models in this book that have not been seen anywhere else. These include the projects: [Kawaii envelopes](#), [tea bag](#), [cute purse](#), [cactus](#), [bento box](#), [mini drawer](#), [stationery boxes](#), [sushi roll boxes](#), and the [flower](#) and [star bowls](#).

Models such as the origami [cat & dog hearts](#), [mini trash bin](#), and [ice cream](#) were featured on my blog and YouTube channel and received great receptions, so I am very happy to include them in my first book. These three origami models in particular represent the Kawaii theme and style of origami models that I enjoy designing the most.

You will also find a few traditional origami models that are great for beginners to fold, such as the [masu box](#), the [lucky stars](#), which is made from strips of paper; one of the simplest origami models ever (and one of my favorite boxes to make!); and the [water balloon](#) which is lovely to hang up and super fun to make as well!

I hope you enjoy creating Kawaii origami with me!

Tools & Techniques

Before we start our super fun Kawaii origami projects, there are a couple of basic tools and techniques that you will need to start, and some that come in handy when you want to make variations of the basic origami project.

Paper

All you really need for most origami models is ... paper! There are quite a few different kinds of paper that you can use. The most popular and easy-to-use paper for origami is known as *kami* paper. Kami paper is thin, crisp, and easy to fold but doesn't rip easily like regular printer paper. You can find kami paper in packs of 50, 100, or 500 in most craft stores and many places online. Depending on your budget, you can get inexpensive packs for under \$3 or higher-quality papers that cost a good deal more. Another paper that is commonly used in origami is *chiyogami* paper, which is traditional Japanese paper that is printed in a countless array of beautiful patterns and colors.

But you don't need specialized paper to make origami. There are lots of different types of paper you can fold with, some which you may already have around your house. Wrapping paper, pages from a magazine or newspaper, fancy handmade paper, and even parchment paper used for baking all work!

When you first begin learning origami, it helps to use paper you don't mind throwing away so you can experiment without worrying about wasting special or pricy paper. This could be cheap kami paper or even just printer paper that you cut into a square.

Included in this book are 50 sheets of 6 × 6-inch (15 × 15-cm) origami paper to get you started, which is both the most common size of origami paper and the one needed for most of the projects included in the following pages. In a couple of

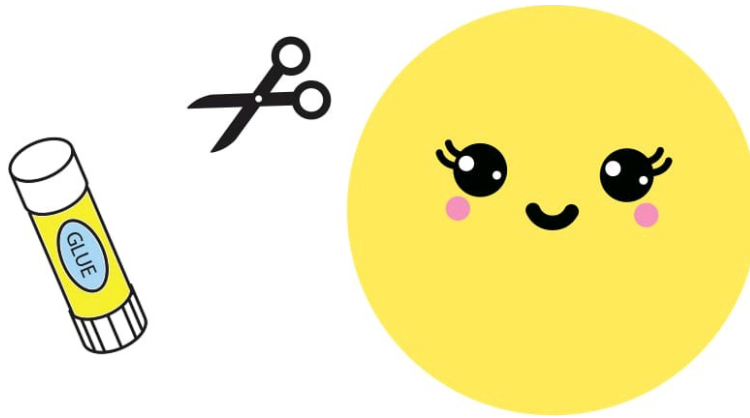


projects, you will need to cut a sheet of origami paper into one or more smaller pieces or strips.

Other Tools

A few tools can make origami easier to do. I suggest making an origami tool kit that includes:

- A folding tool, or “bone folder,” which is used to flatten creases.
- A ruler and a pencil, because some models require that you measure something.
- Scissors, or another cutting tool.
- A paper scoring tool to make precision folds.
- A chopstick to round the edges of the paper.
- Glue to reinforce a box or attach decorations like glitter and ribbons.



Kawaii Art Style

Kawaii is a Japanese concept that started in the 1970s. The word itself translates to “cute” in English. Although the word *Kawaii* in Japanese can be used to describe almost anything that is “cute,” ranging from clothing to jewelry, it is commonly used to describe the immensely popular and immediately identifiable art style seen in emojis and characters like Hello Kitty and Pokémon. Like most art styles, there are countless interpretations of what is considered “Kawaii,” the common attributes to this pop style are simple black lines, rounded characters with a youthful appearance, and the use of pastel colors. Kawaii art also makes use of simple facial expressions on characters with oversized heads on top of small bodies. In this book, use your imagination and turn any, or all, of the origami models into fun and whimsical Kawaii characters. Use pens, markers, or crayons to transform your paper art into fully realized animals, characters, and personas!



Basic Origami Folds

Throughout the book, you will see symbols that represent common origami folds in the instructional diagrams. Always be sure to align the fold sides as precisely as possible in each step before moving on to the next. Hold and rotate the origami model according to the instructional diagrams, and use whichever fingers are the most comfortable for you and allow you to make a correct fold. Over time, you will develop a preference. Remember, practice makes perfect, and after a couple of trials and a few errors, you will soon be folding like an origami pro.

FOLDING TIP

When following an origami diagram, it helps to look at the next step in order to see how the model should look after completing the step you are currently on. Using large paper helps when a model is new to you or complex.



FOLD

Fold the paper in the direction of the arrow.



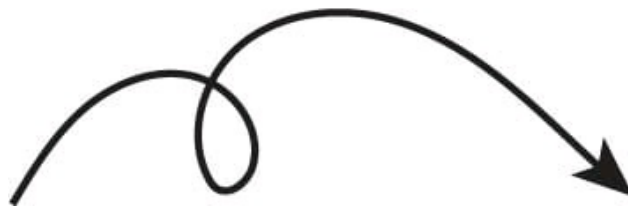
VALLEY FOLD

This is one of the basic origami folds. It indicates you should fold the paper *over* itself to make a crease so the paper bends downward, resembling a V shape or “valley.”



MOUNTAIN FOLD

Like the valley fold, this is another basic origami fold. It indicates you should fold the paper *behind* itself to make a crease so the paper bends upward, resembling a “mountain” peak.



DOUBLE FOLD

Fold the paper two times.



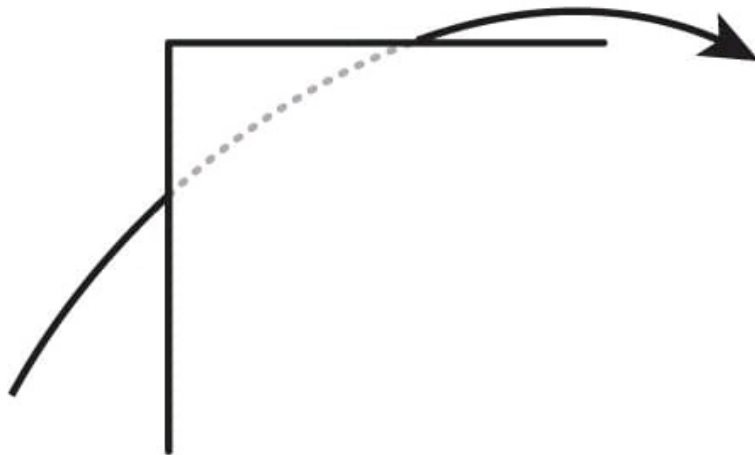
FOLD AND UNFOLD

Fold once and then unfold.

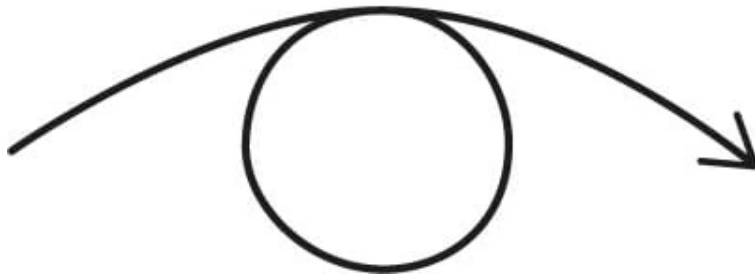
TIP

You can find video tutorials online for some of the origami projects in this book!

Visit: paperkawaii.com/kawaiiorigami to view them.

**FOLD BEHIND**

Fold the paper behind itself.

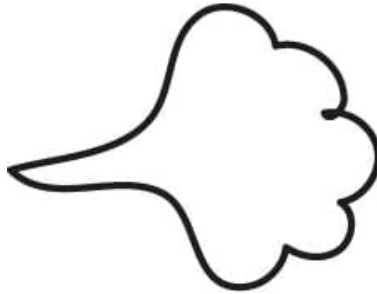
**FLIP OVER**

Flip the origami model over from either its front to its back or vice versa as indicated.



ROTATE

Rotate the origami model in the direction indicated.



INFLATE

Blow air into the origami model.



PRESS OR PUSH

Firmly press or push on the fold where indicated.



CUT

Using scissors, cut where indicated.



CLOSE-UP VIEW

Indicates an enlarged view on a particular area of the origami model.

STAR SYSTEM

You will see stars next to each project, with one star being the easiest and five stars representing the most advanced. In addition, the projects are arranged sequentially, starting with easier origami models to build your folding skills as you go.

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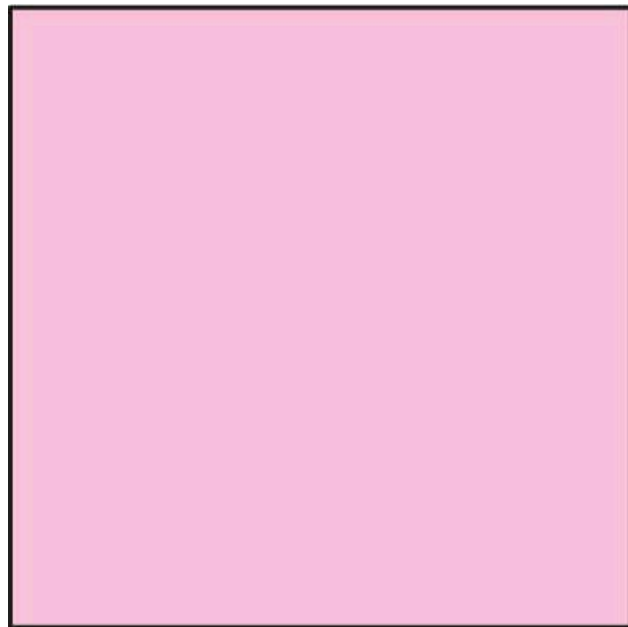
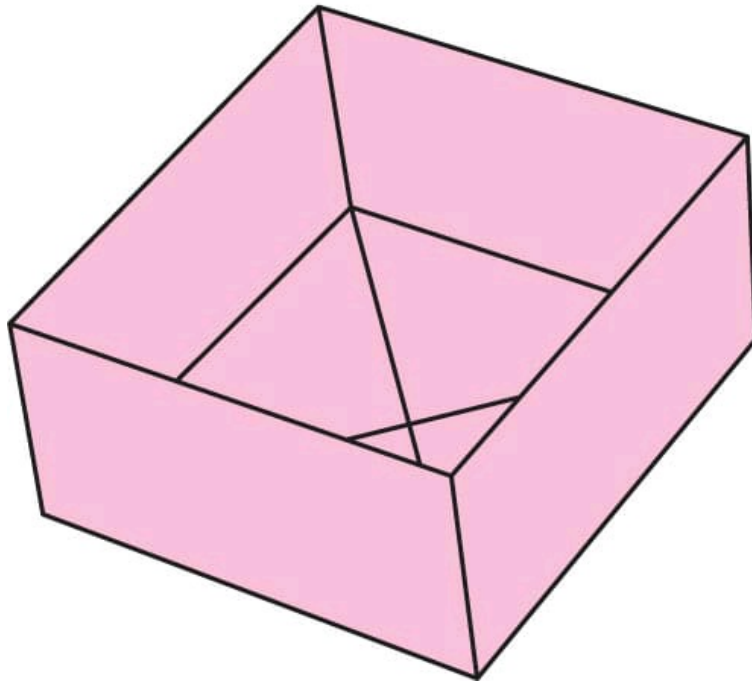
Masu Box

This traditional origami masu box is probably the easiest project in this book. Besides being easy, it is a very good model to start with because it incorporates lots of different folding techniques. Masu boxes were originally used to measure rice, but nowadays serve lots of different uses such as storage for little cute things, a thoughtful gift box, a stand for an adorable figurine—and it is fun to fold.

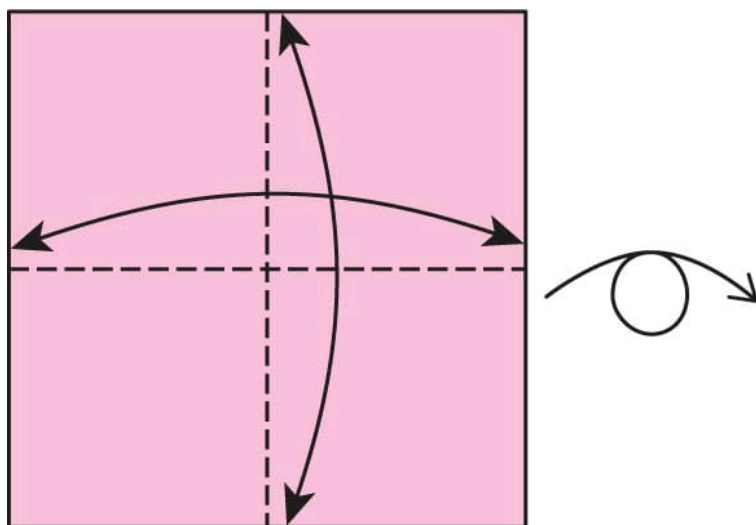


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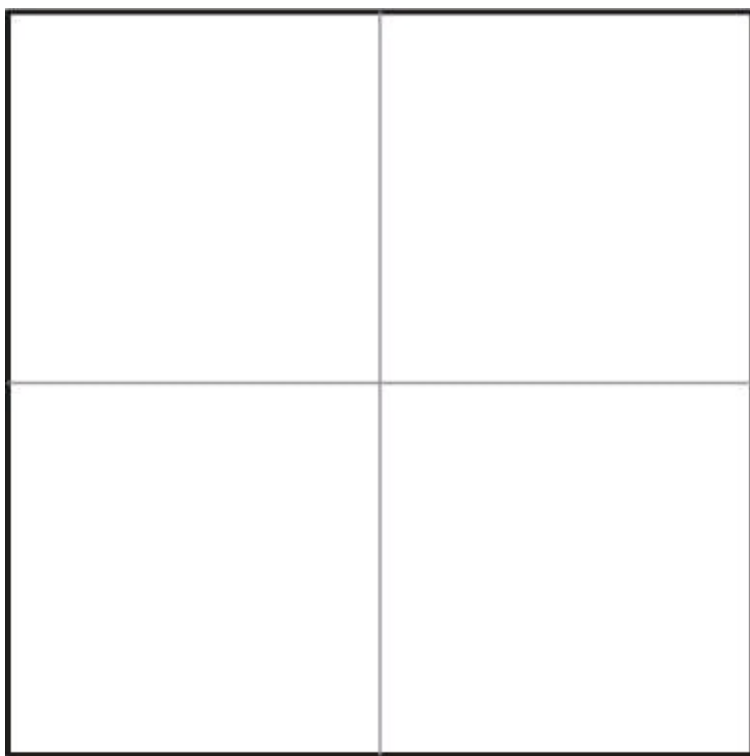




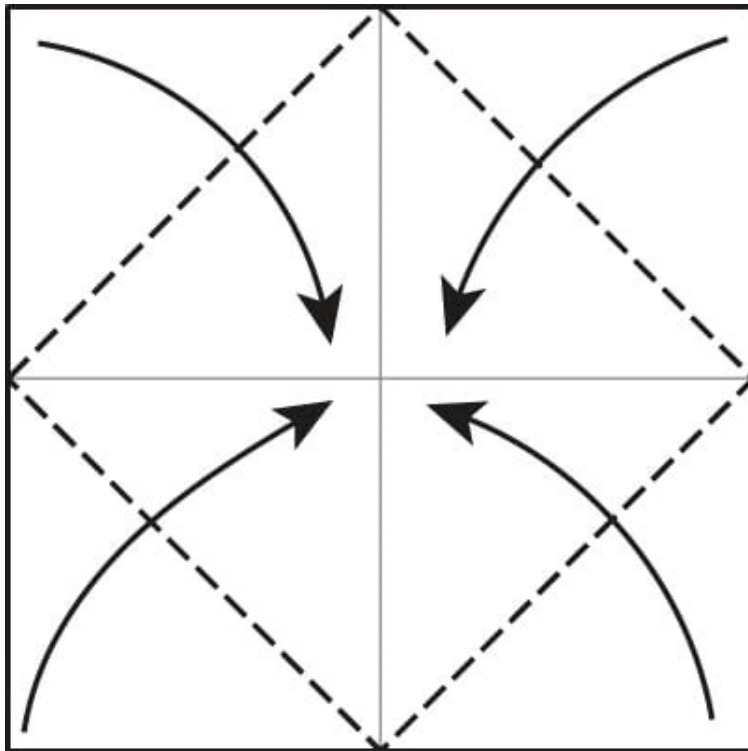
1. Start with your paper color side up.



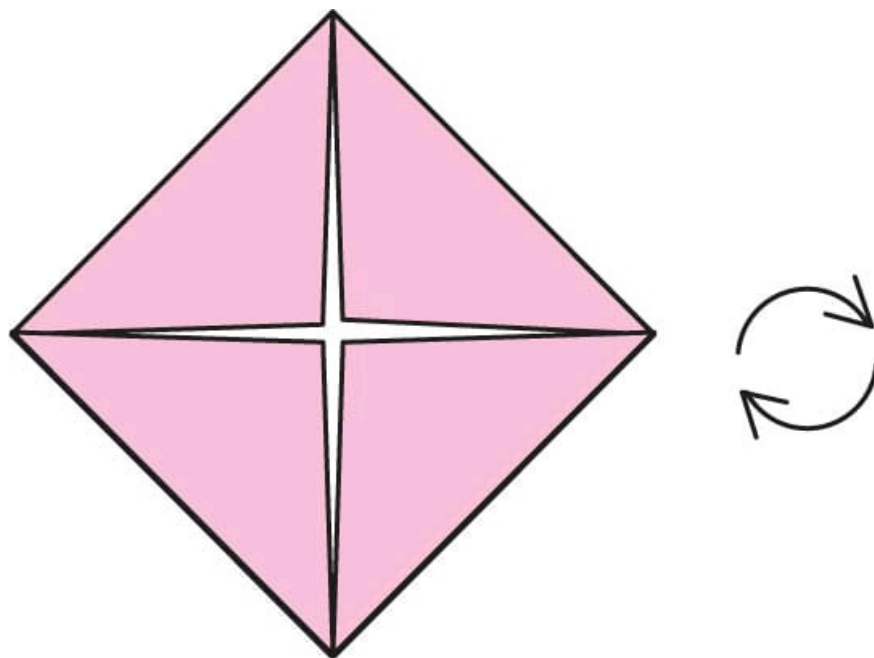
2. Fold the paper in half and unfold, then fold the paper in half in the other direction and unfold.



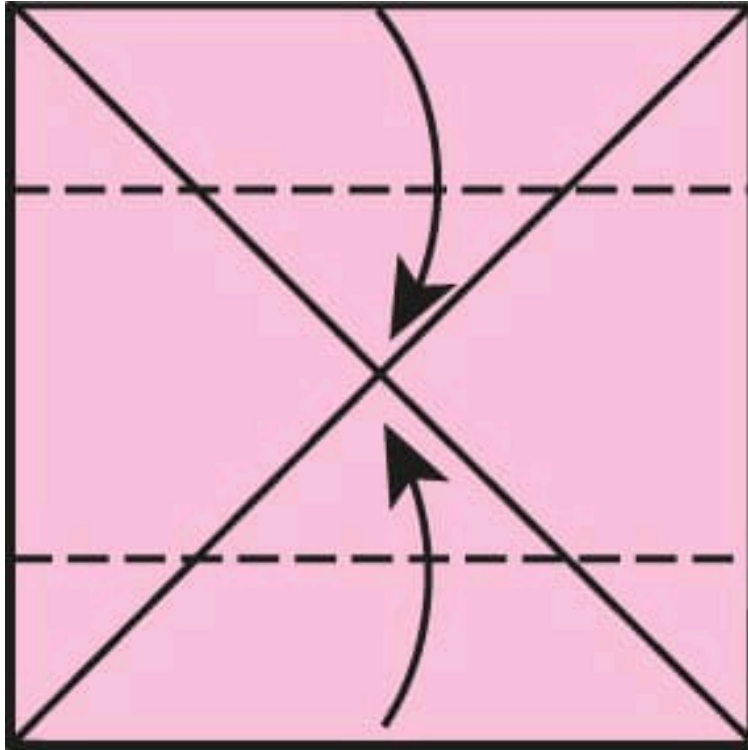
3. Flip the paper over to the other side.



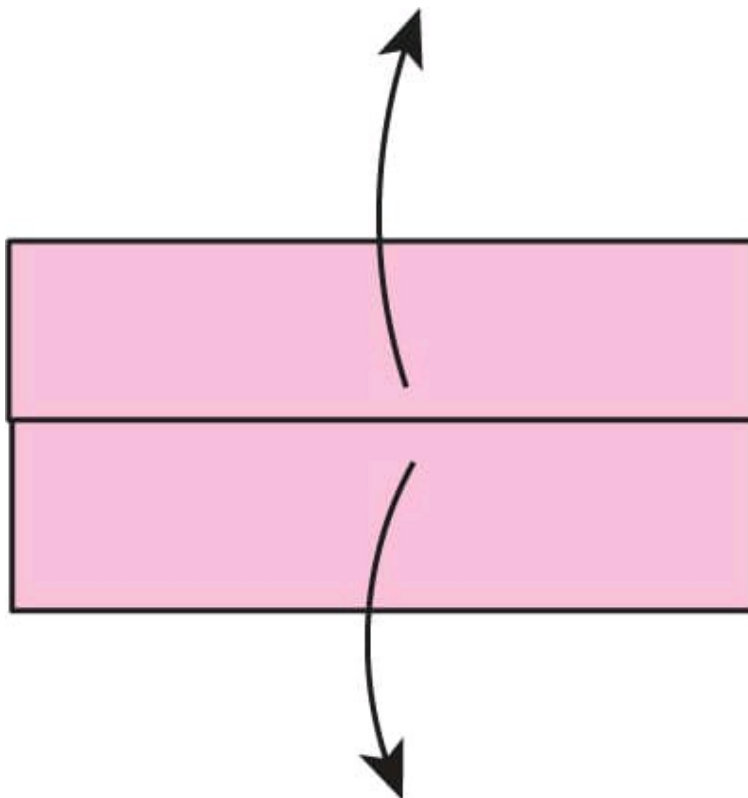
4. Fold each corner to the middle.



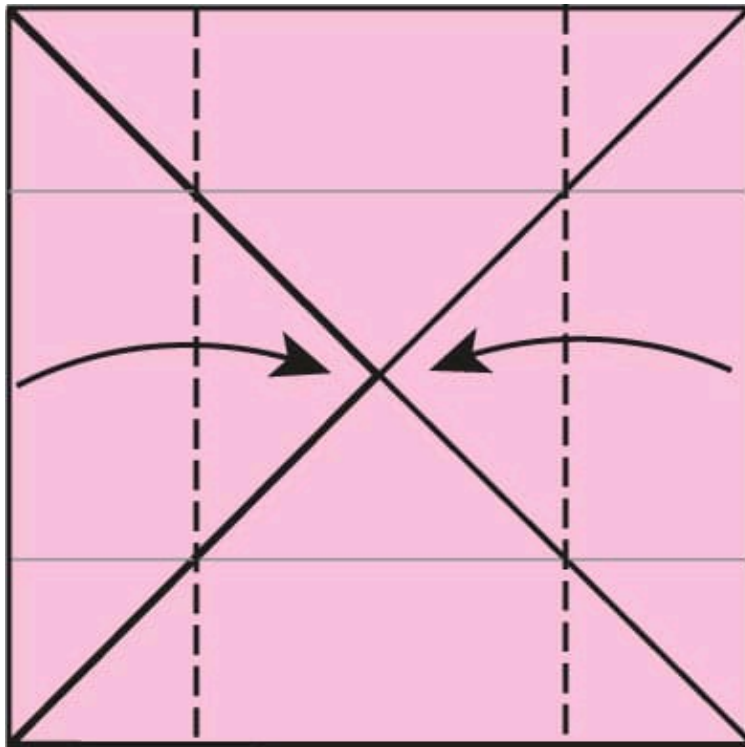
5. Rotate the paper.



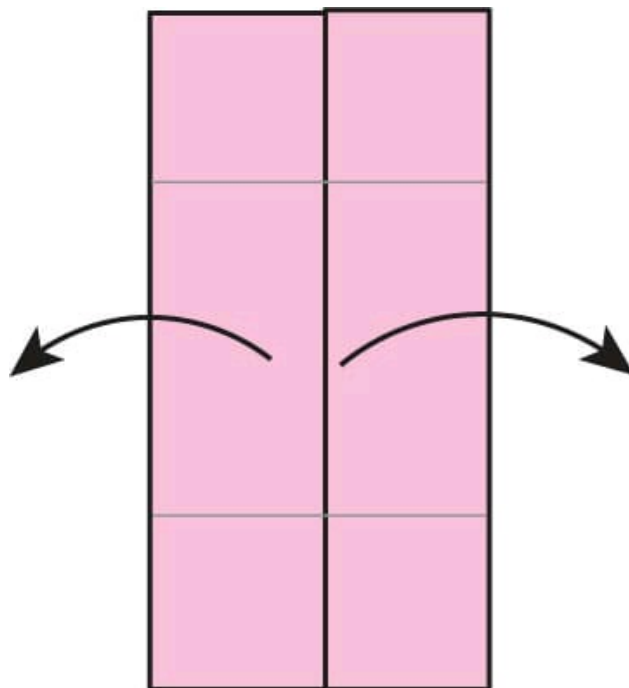
6. Fold the top and bottom edges to the center, making sure the edges are aligned.



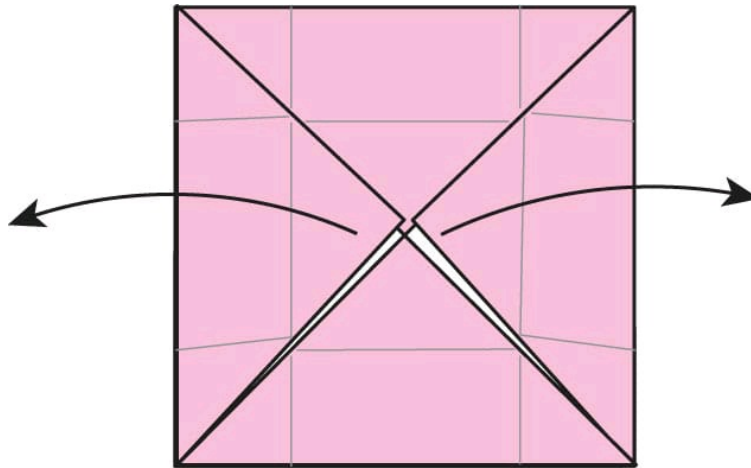
7. Unfold the top and bottom flaps.



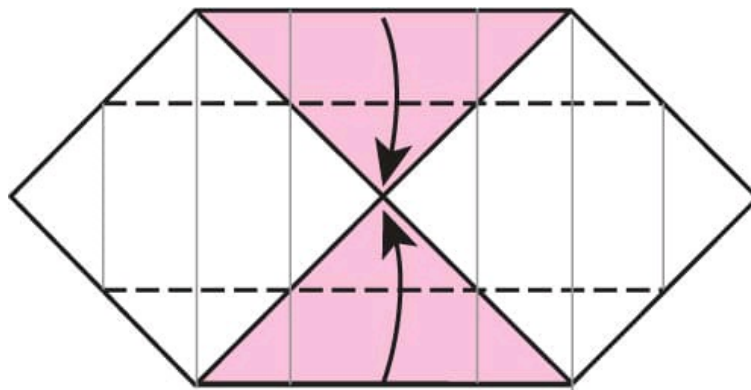
8. Fold the left and right edges to the center.



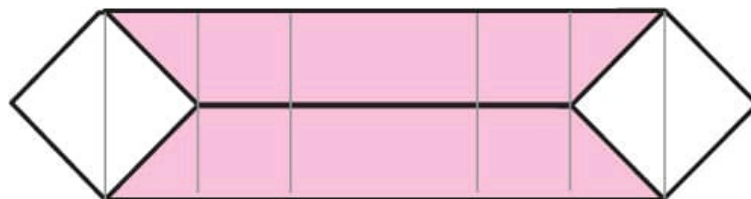
9. Unfold the left and right flaps.



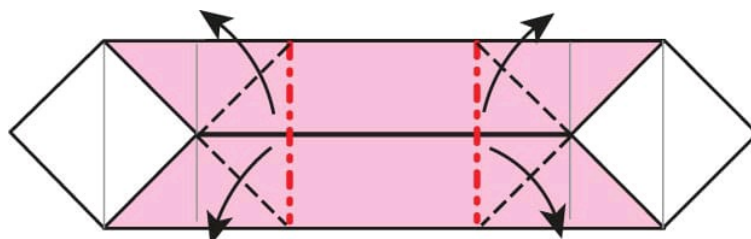
10. Open the left and the right sections.



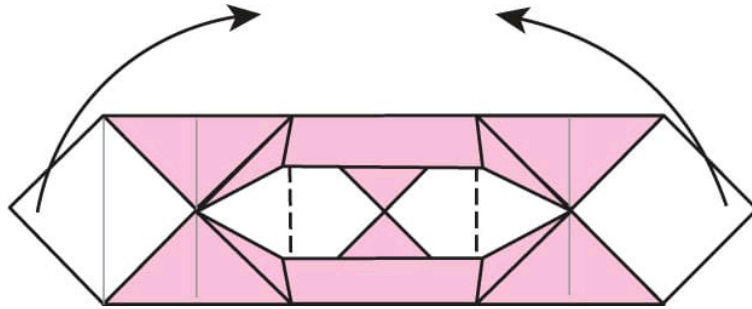
11. Refold the top and bottom edges to the center.



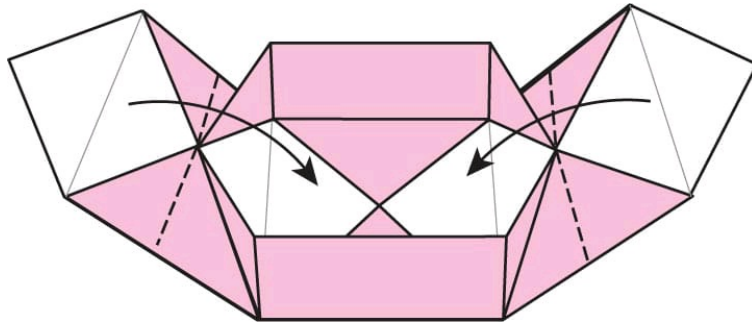
12. This is what it should look like.



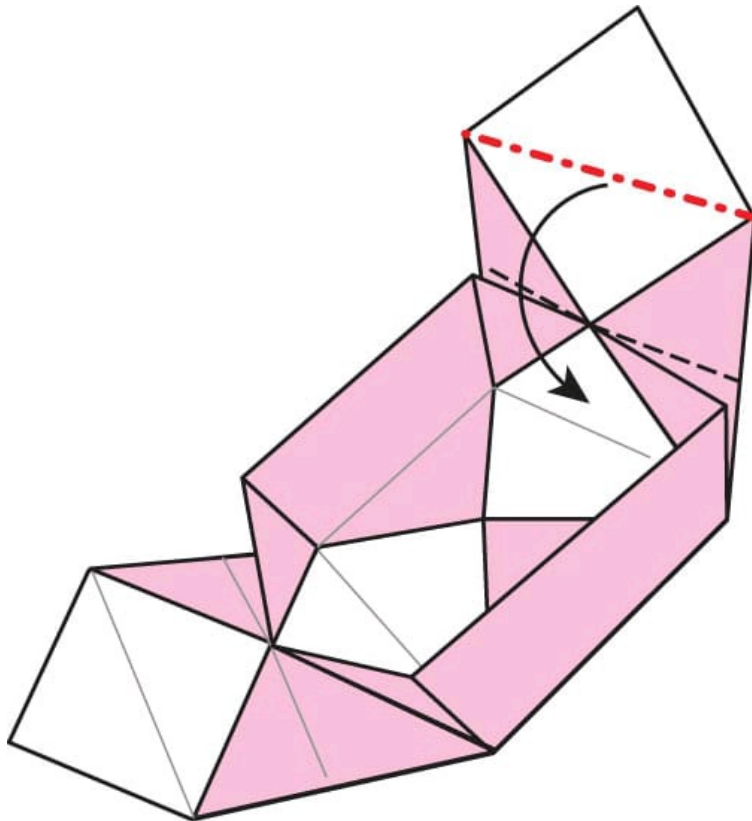
13. Using the existing diagonal creases, open up the middle section.



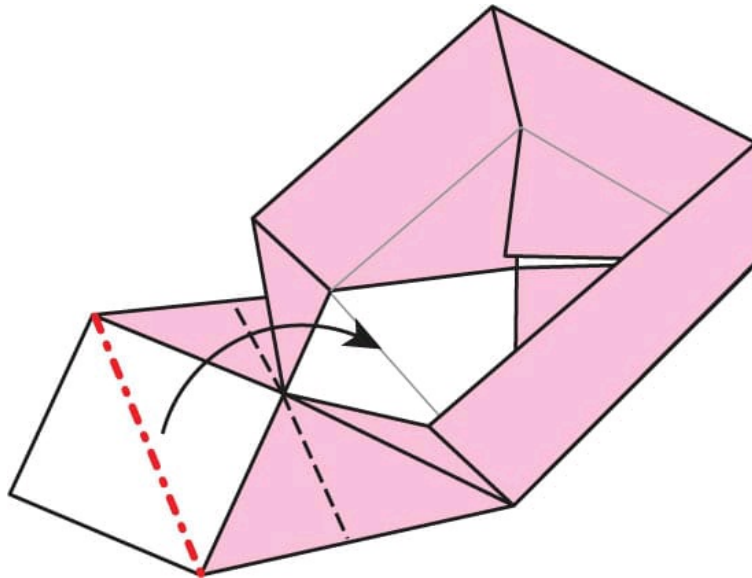
14. Lift up the left and right ends, making the model become three-dimensional.



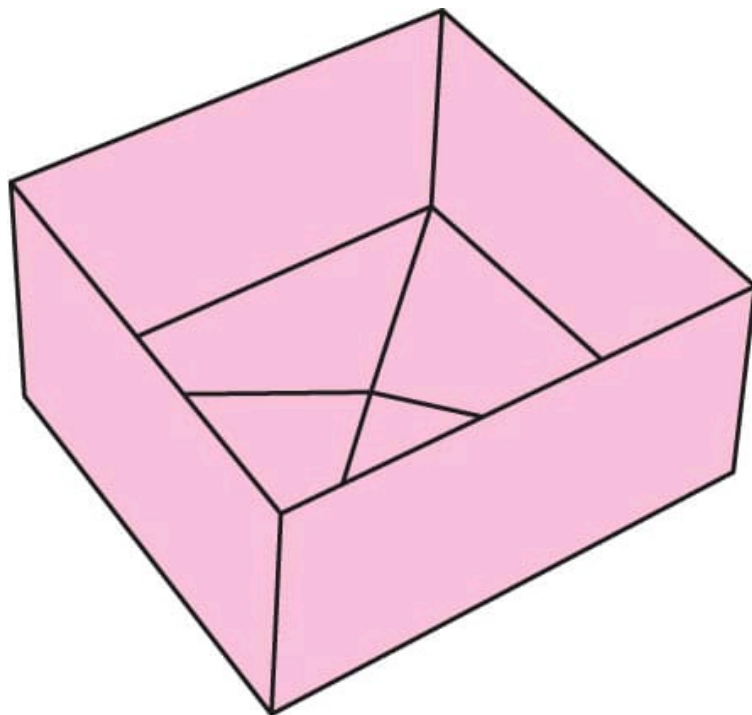
15. Continue to push the left and the right sides of the model together.



16. Fold the right end over and inside the model, locking it into place.



17. Repeat on the left side to complete your masu box.

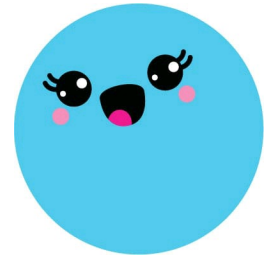


Lucky Stars

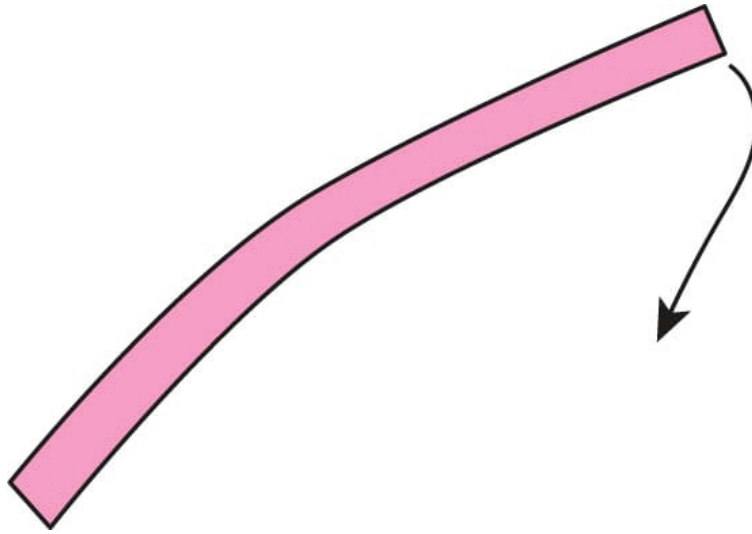
A traditional origami lucky star is made using a long strip of paper. You can cut strips from your own paper using scissors; they do not need to be exact. These cute, little stars make for perfect ornaments or little tokens of good luck for family and friends!

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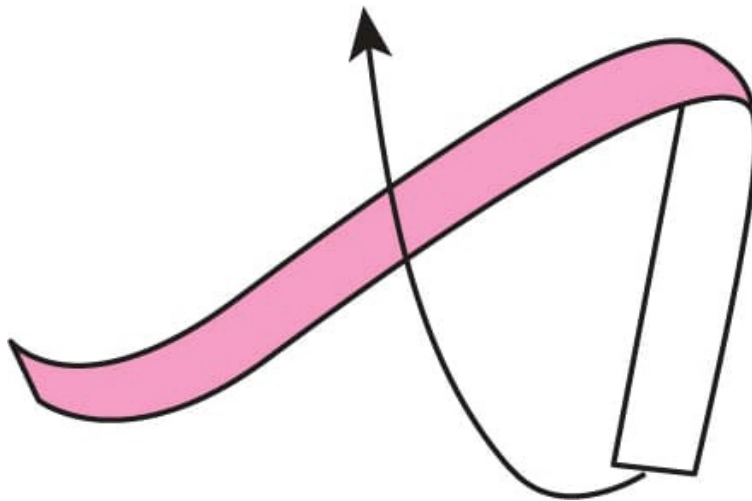
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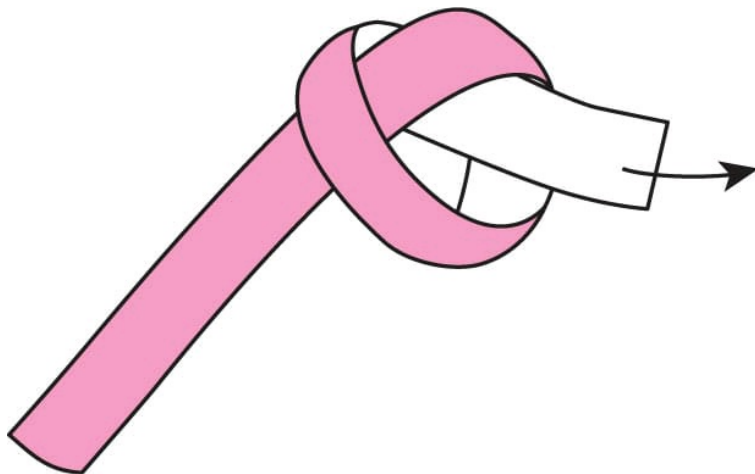
1. With your strip color side up, bring the right end of the strip down and to the back.



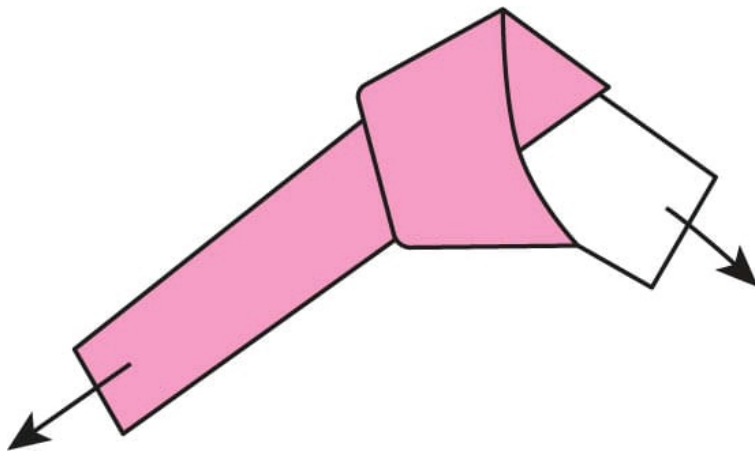
2. Bring that same end up and over the left end.



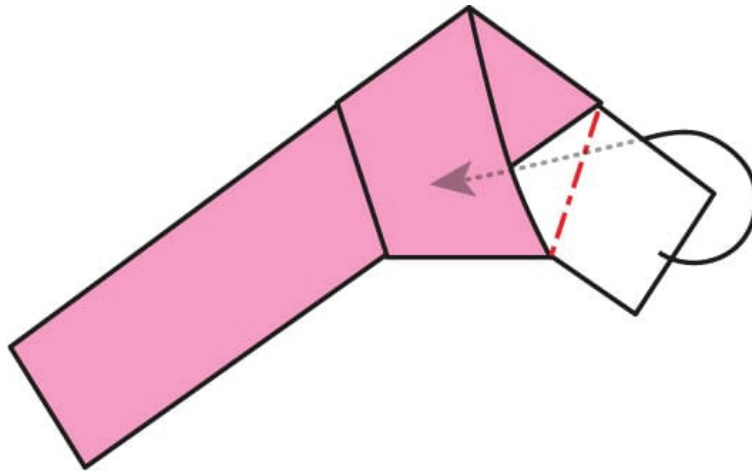
3. Bring the same end under and through the loop.



4. Pull the end through, tightening the loop.



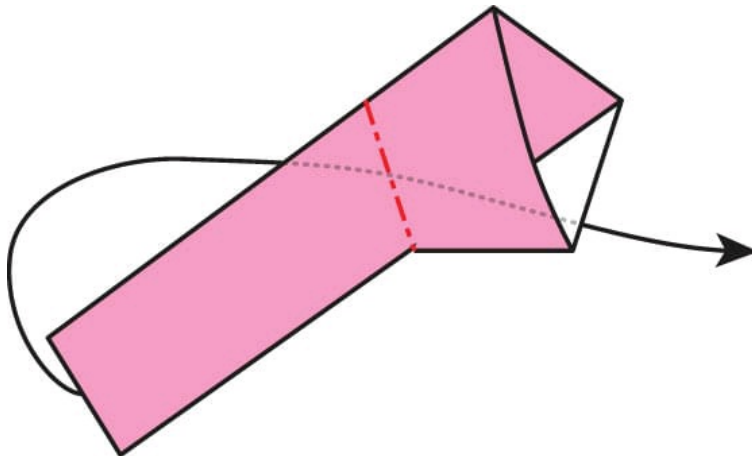
5. Continue to tighten the loop by pulling both ends of the strip, until you have a pentagon-shaped knot. Do not flatten the knot too tightly. You should only have a little overhang on the right side and a good amount of paper on the left.



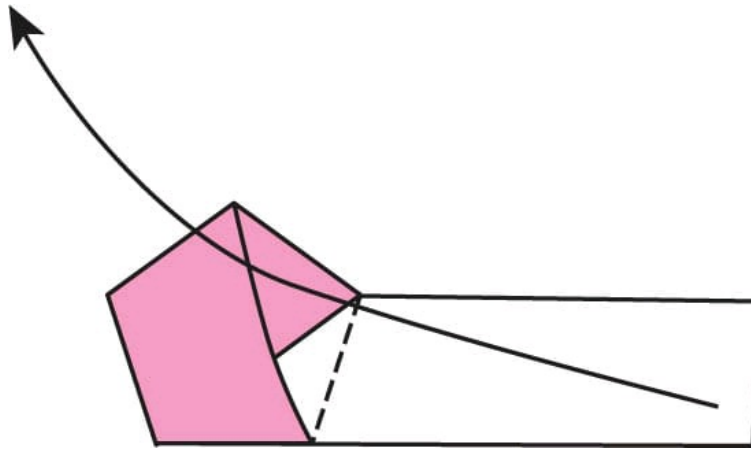
6. Fold the right end of the paper backwards behind the pentagon.

FOLDING TIP

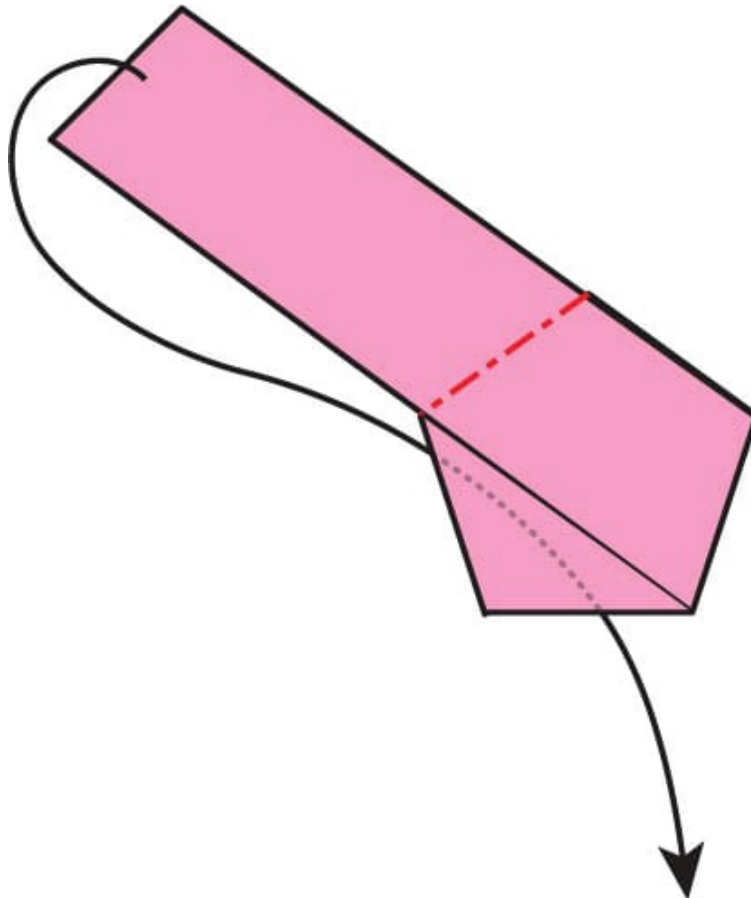
If your lucky star does not take shape when you push in the sides, you may have wrapped the star too tightly or too loosely. Just unwrap and try again. You'll get the hang of it in no time!



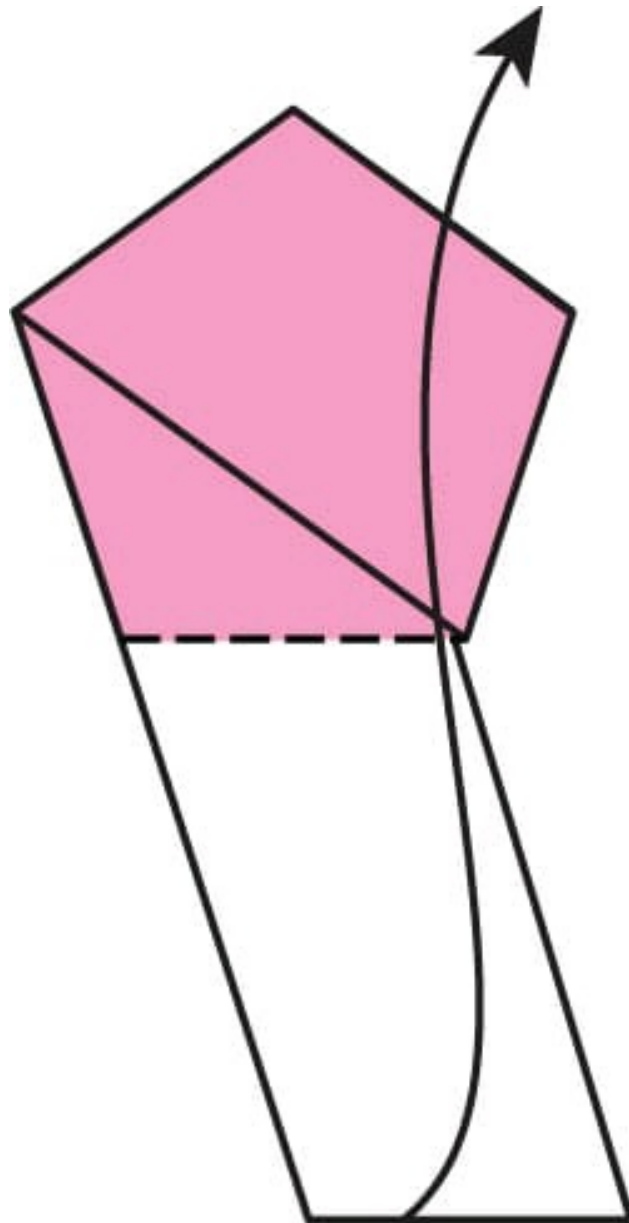
7. Next fold the left end of the strip behind to the right.



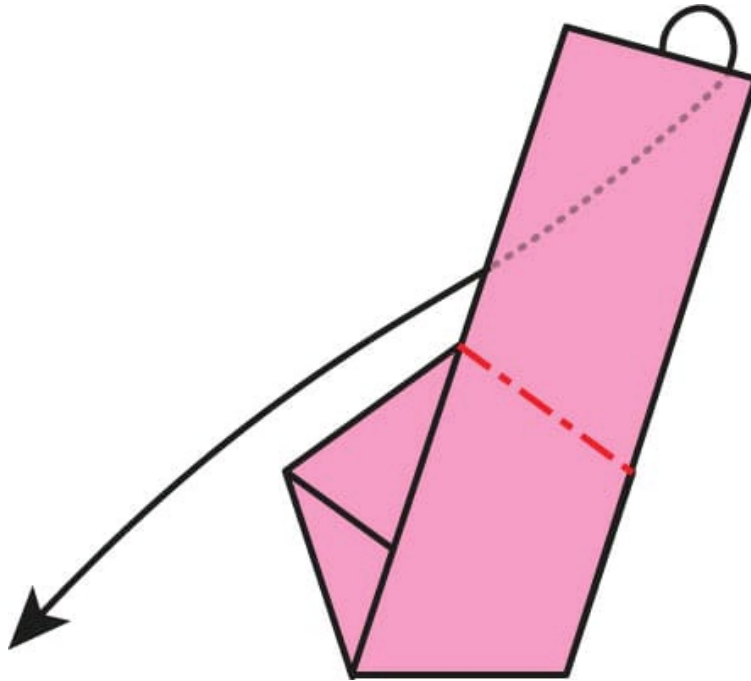
8. Fold the strip diagonally up to the left.



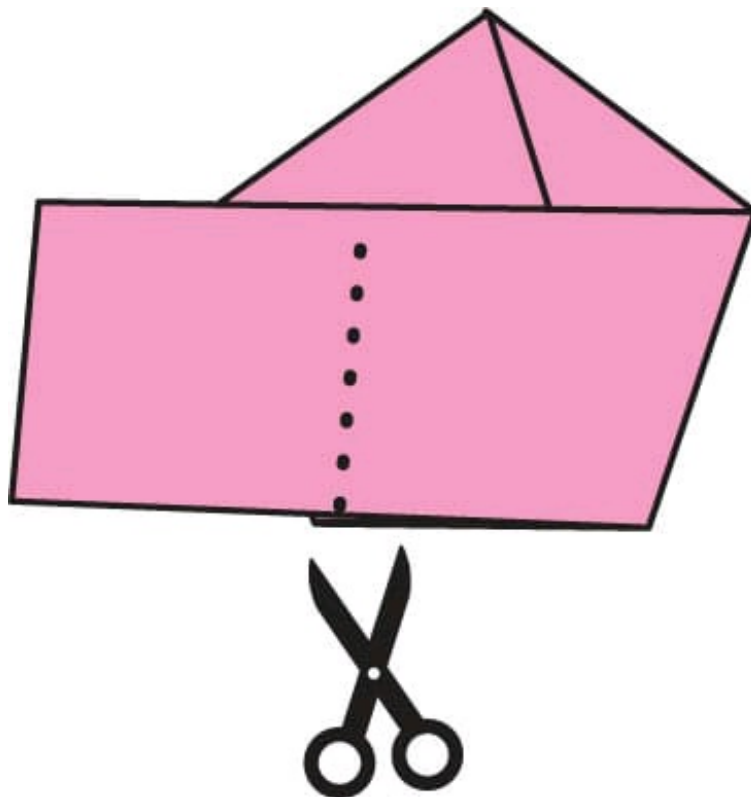
9. Fold the strip diagonally down behind.



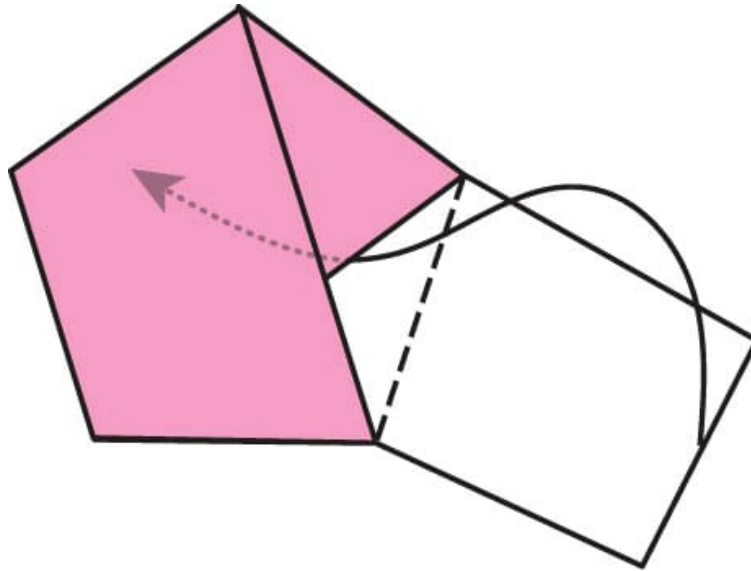
10. Fold the strip up and to the right.



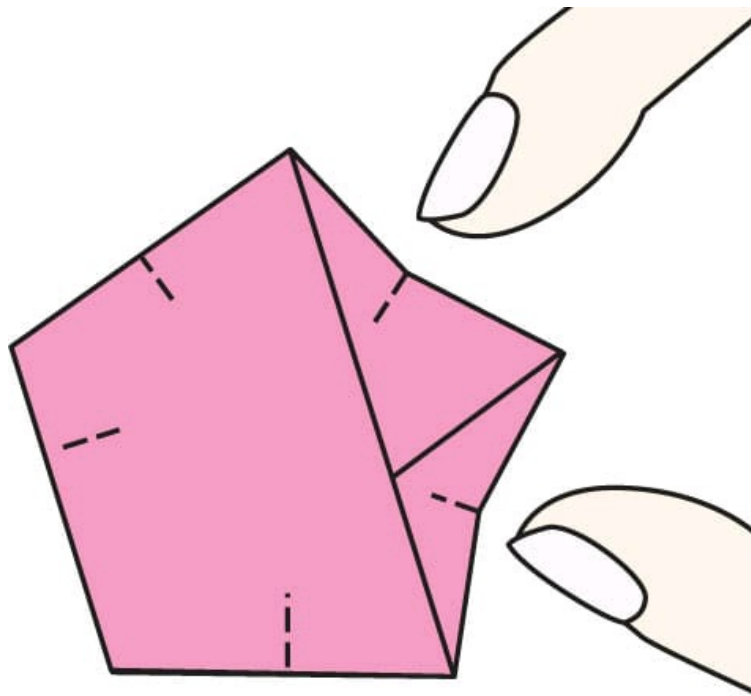
11. Continue wrapping the star in the same manner until only a small tail remains.



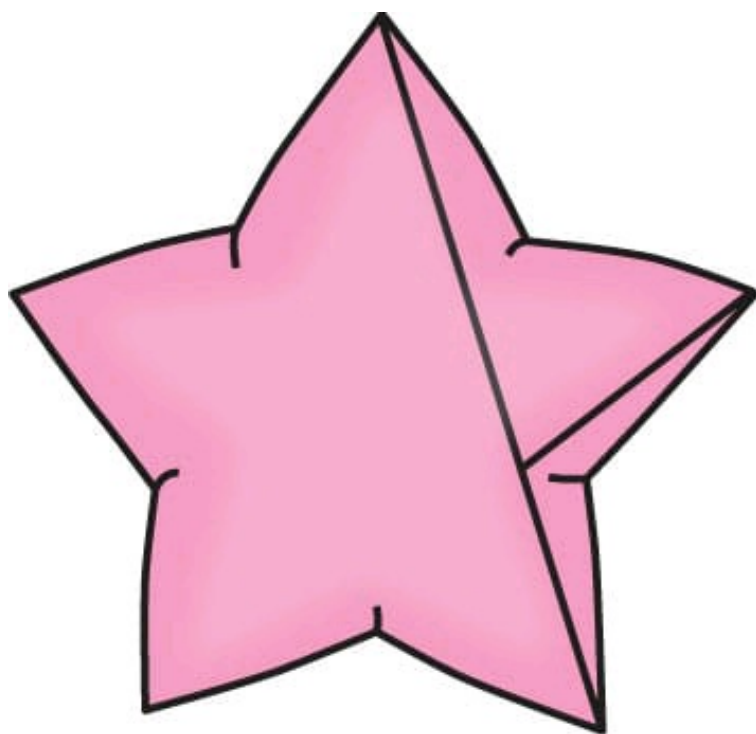
12. If needed trim off some excess paper.



13. Lastly tuck the end of the strip inside the pocket.



14. Use your fingers to push the sides of the model in firmly but gently, causing the lucky star to puff up into shape.



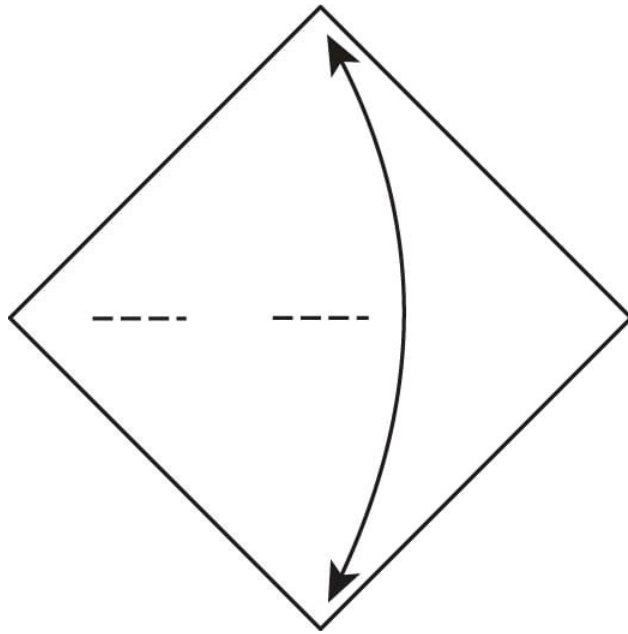
Kawaii Envelopes

These little envelopes are as easy to make as they are cute! They are great for party invitations, as their rounded corners allow for lots of ways to decorate the envelopes depending on the occasion. The envelopes can also be decorated like mochi, which is a round Japanese dessert—or you can draw a cute emoji face, donut, or cake on them!

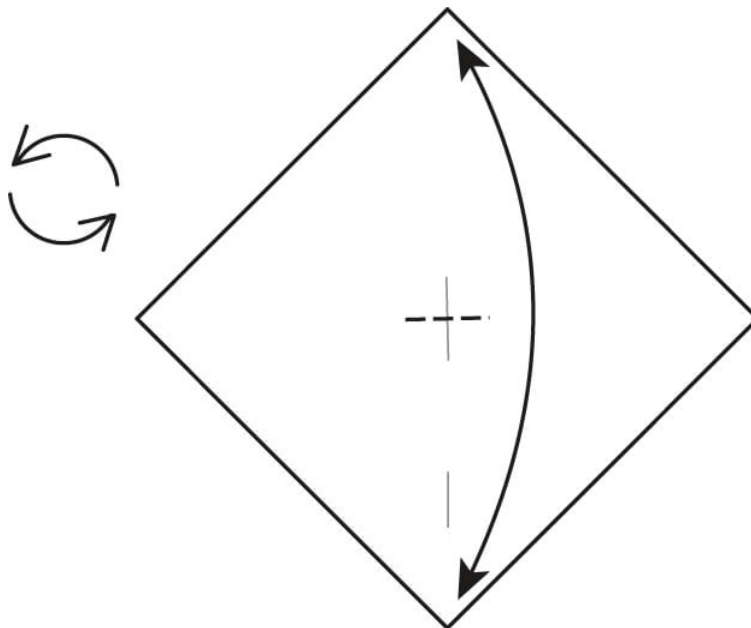


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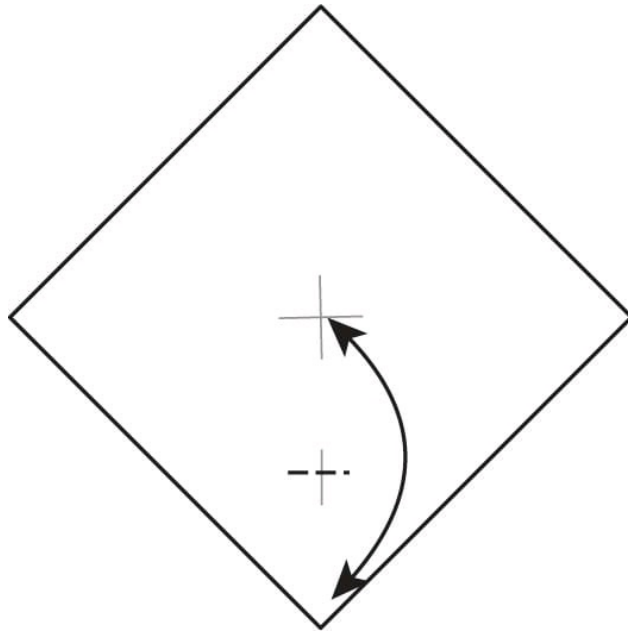




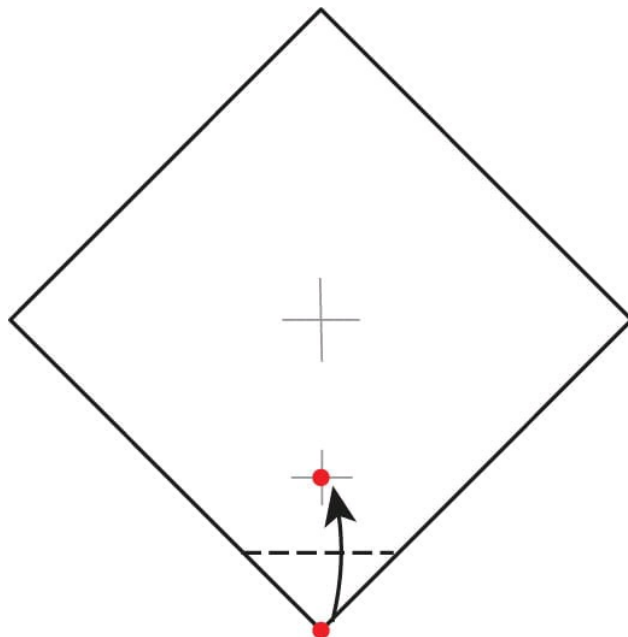
1. Create small horizontal creases by bringing the bottom point up to the top point and pressing your nail lightly across the paper where indicated.



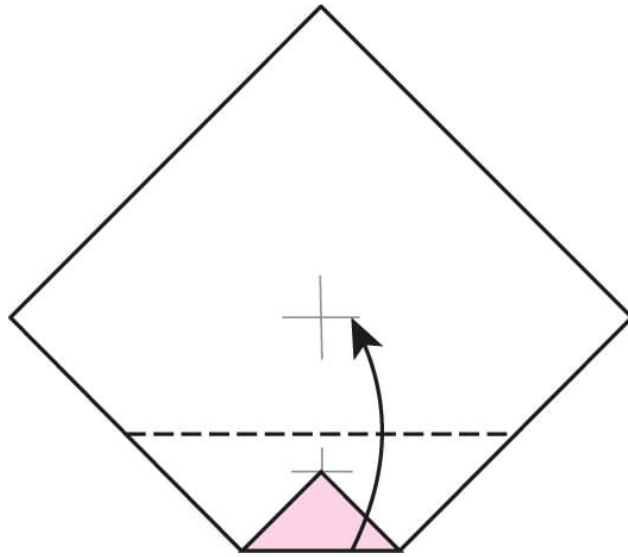
2. Rotate the paper so that the creases you made in the previous step are on the lower section, and create another small horizontal crease in the center.



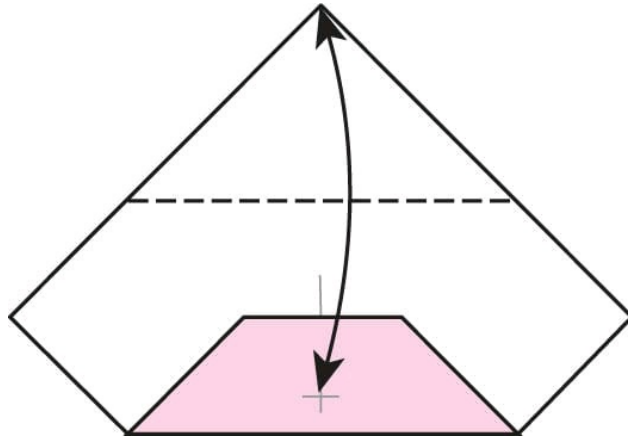
3. Bring the bottom point up to the middle, creating a small horizontal crease in the lower section. You should now have two plus-shaped creases.



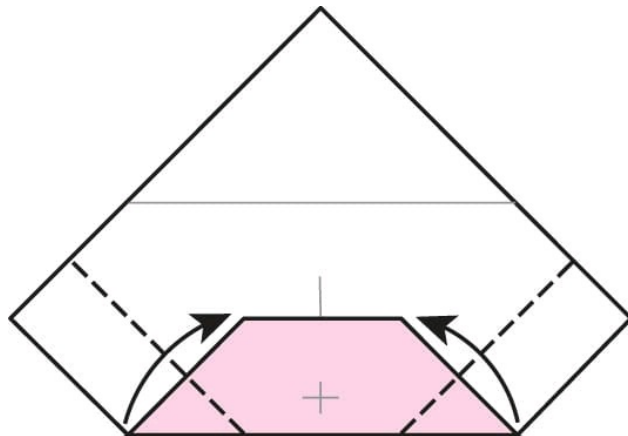
4. Fold the bottom point up to the middle of the lower plus-shaped crease.



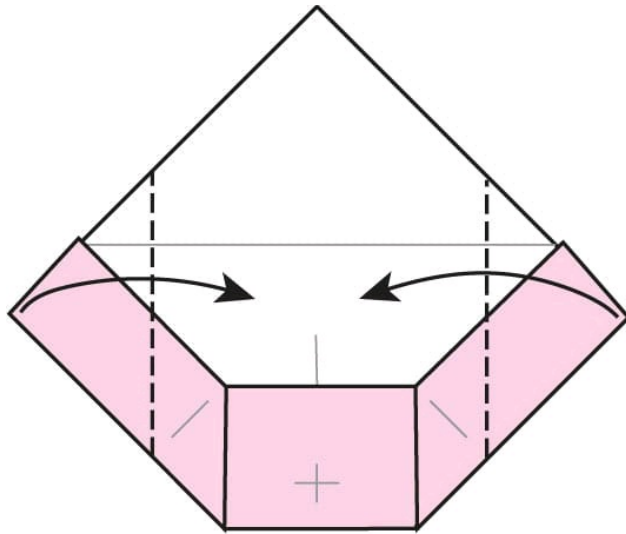
5. Fold the bottom edge up to the middle crease.



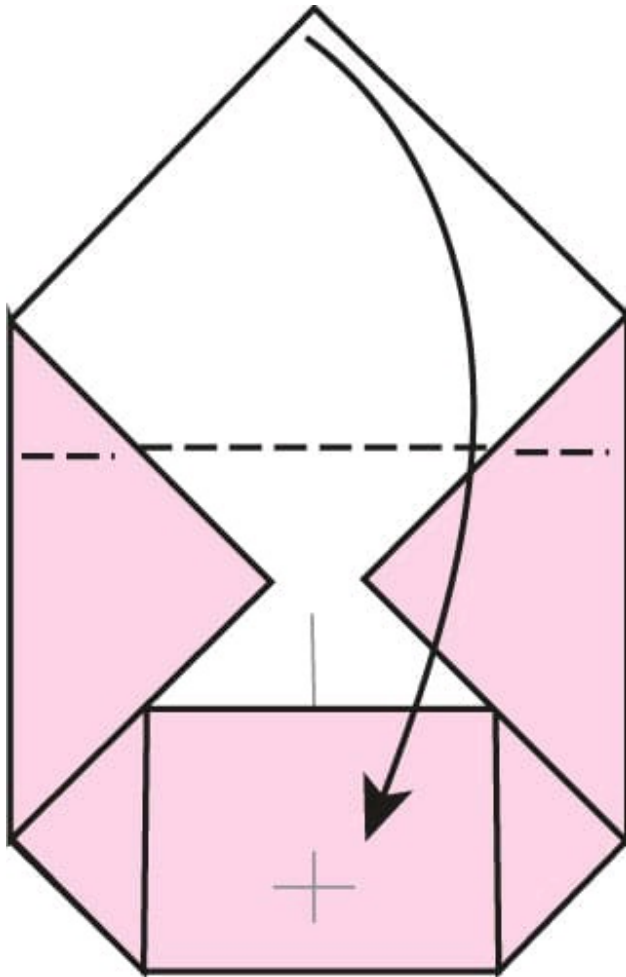
6. Fold the top point down to the lower plus-shaped crease and unfold.



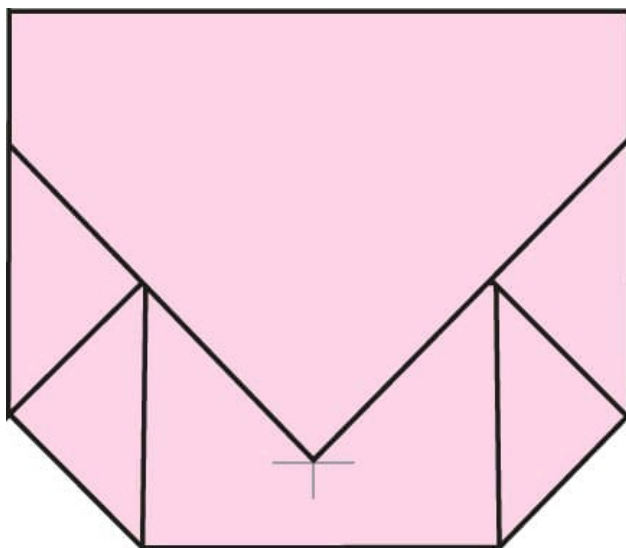
7. Fold the bottom left and right edges up diagonally.



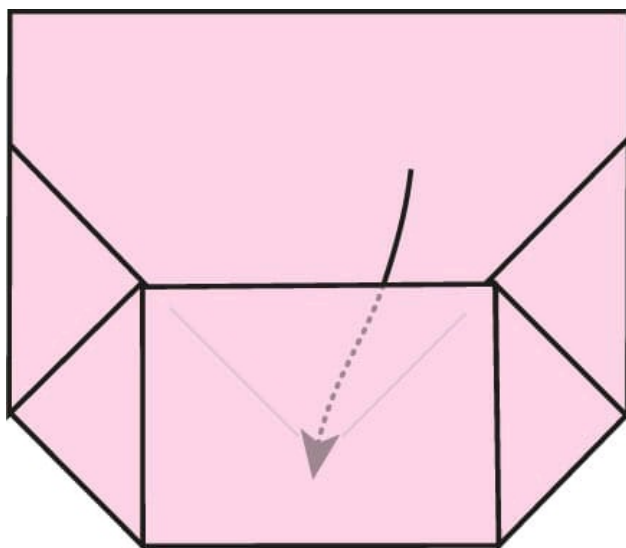
8. Fold the left and right edges inward, using the layer underneath as a guide.



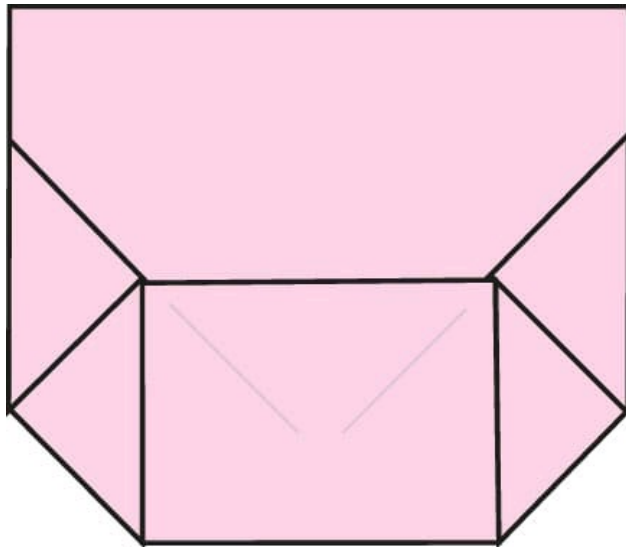
9. Fold the top point down. It should reach the lower plus-shaped crease.



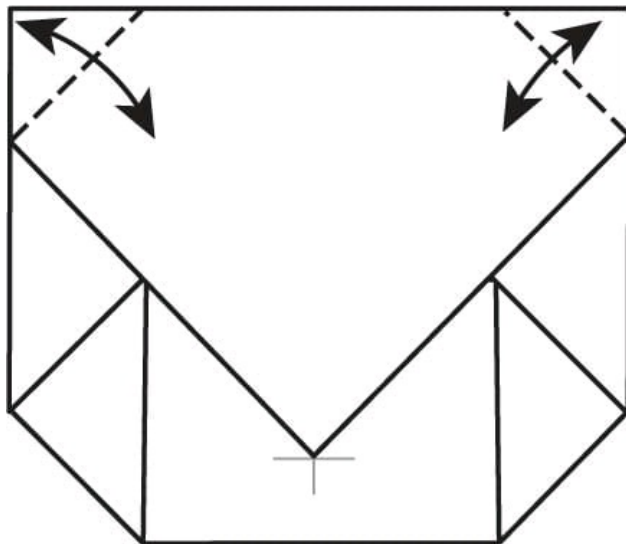
10. Now you've got a super-cute Kawaii envelope!



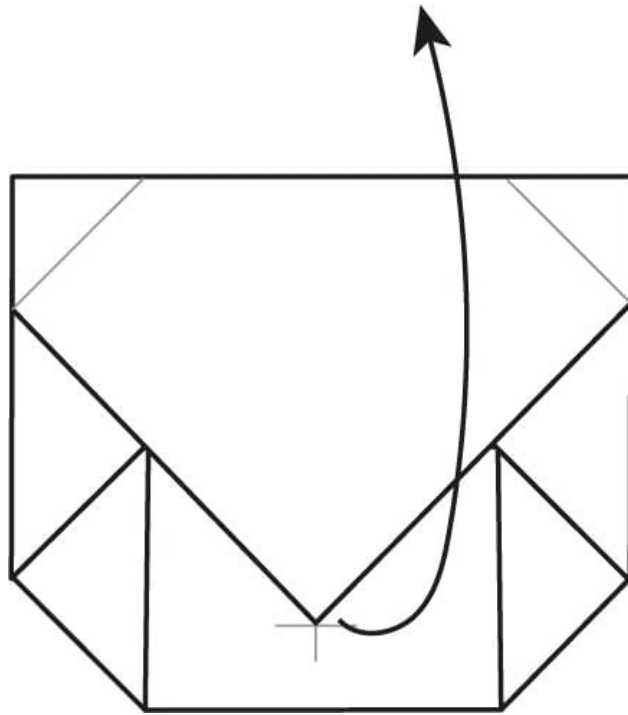
11. You can insert the point inside the envelope to secure it.



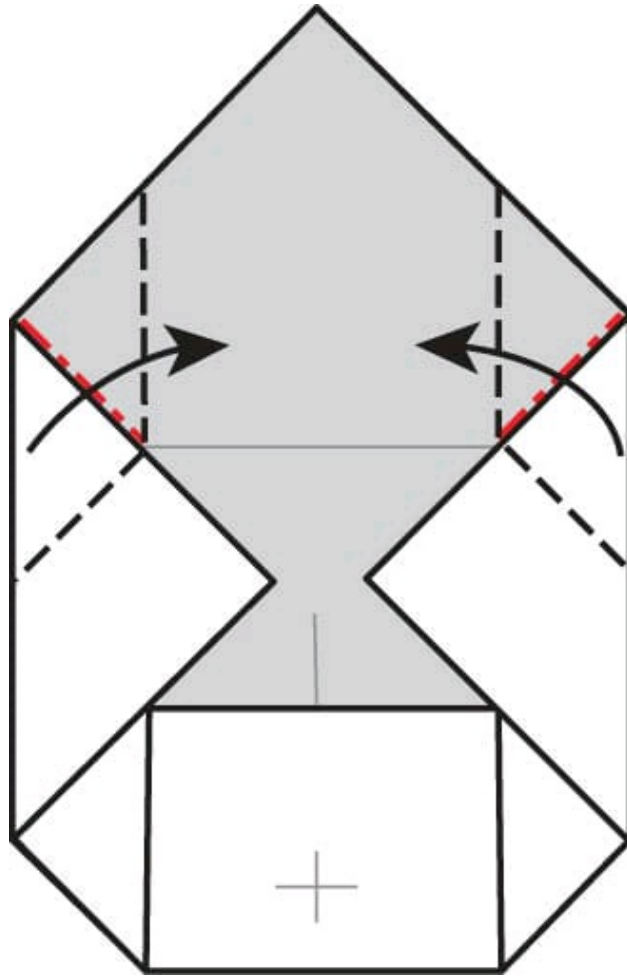
12. Here is what a closed Kawaii envelope looks like.



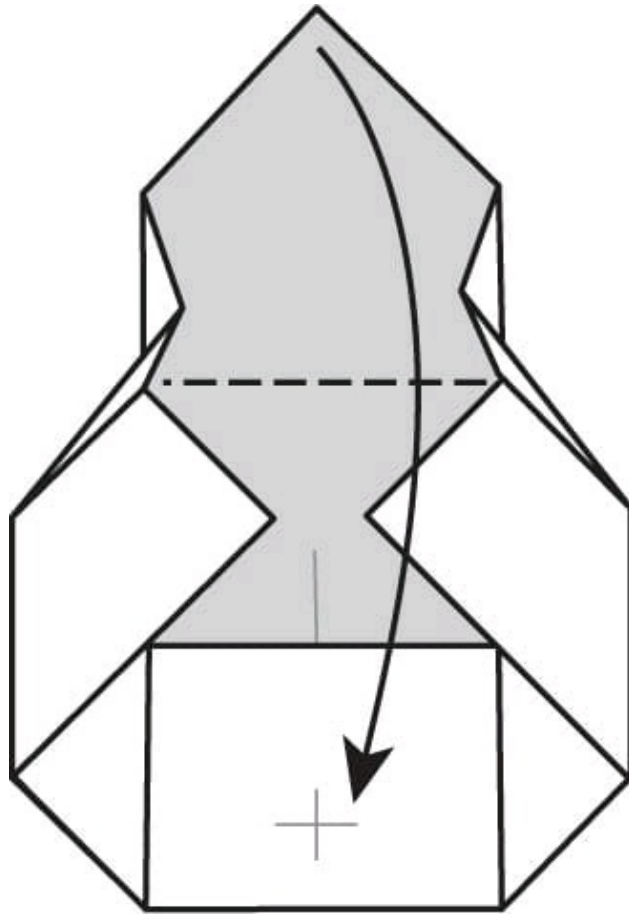
13. To make a rounded envelope, fold the top left and right corners diagonally inward and unfold.



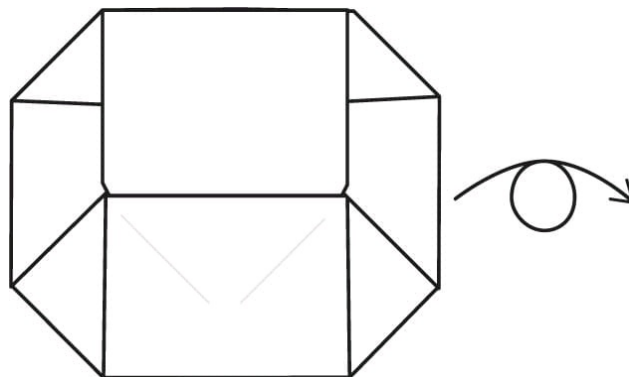
14. Unfold the top flap.



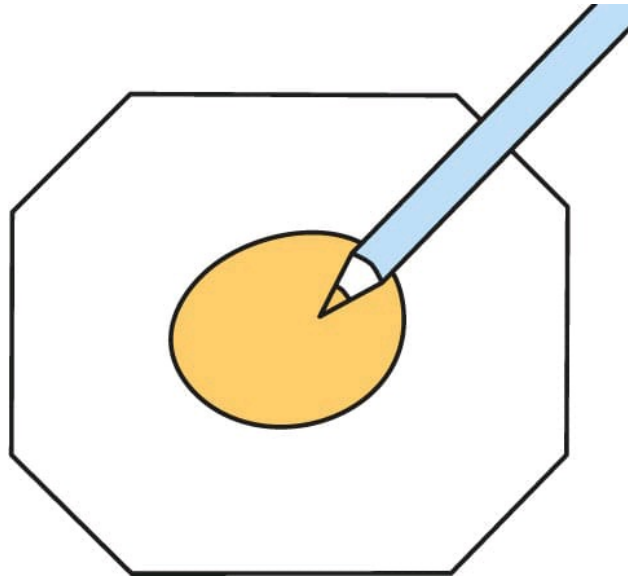
15. Fold the left and right points inward, creating new vertical creases where indicated.



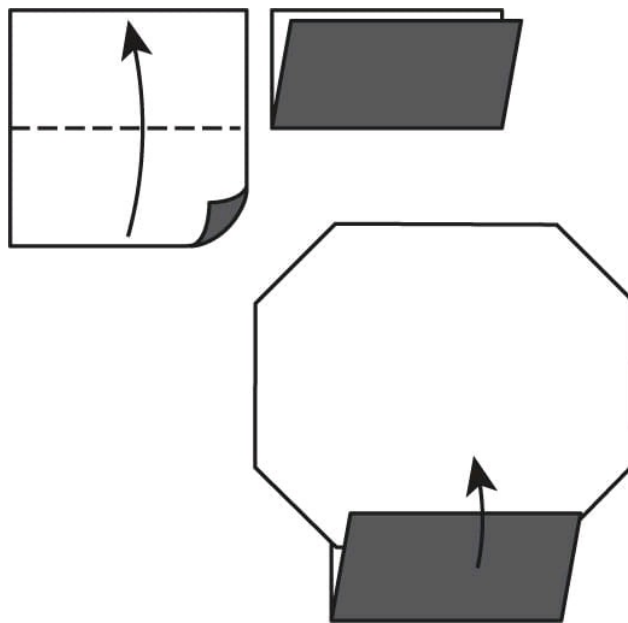
16. Refold the top flap down.



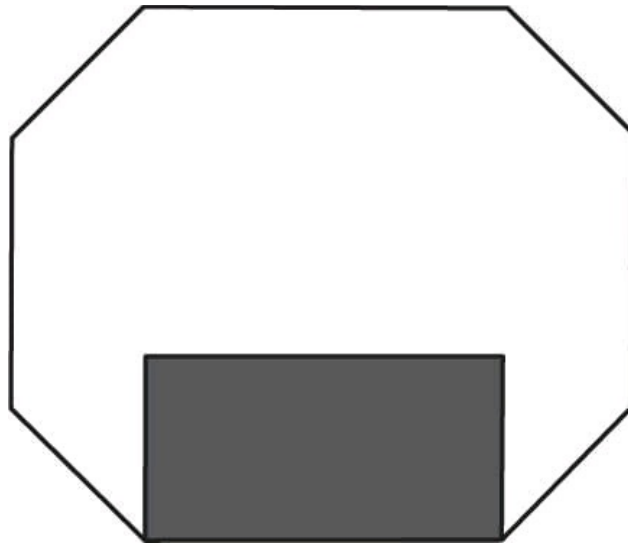
17. You can secure the envelope by inserting the point back into the pocket.



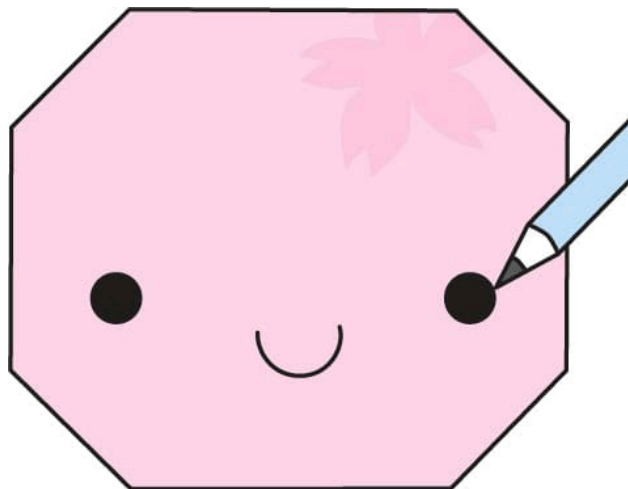
18. Flip the envelope over to the other side, and draw whatever you like here!



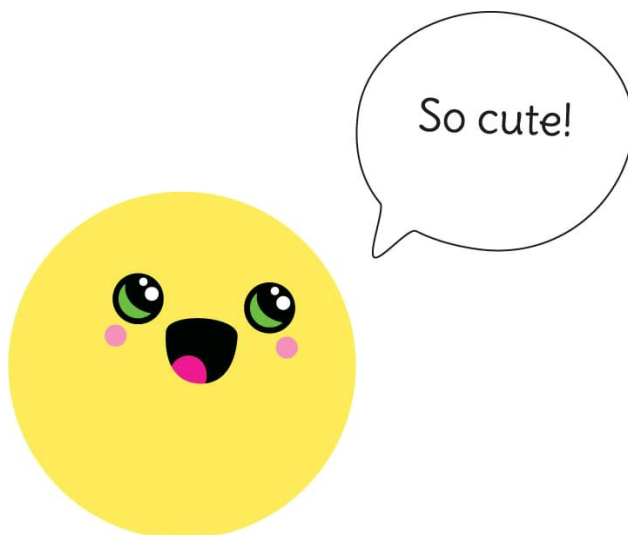
19. You can even make an onigiri rice ball by just folding a small sheet of black paper in half ...

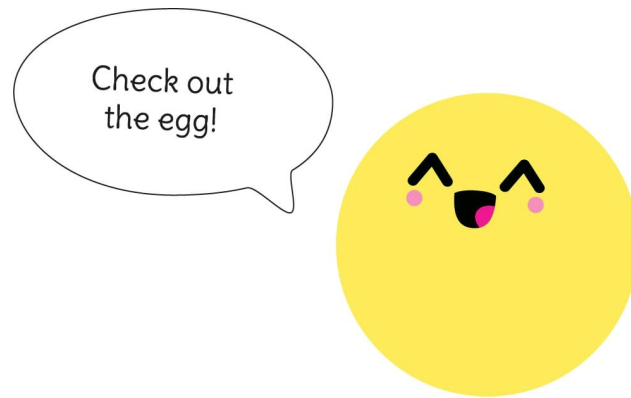


20. ... and gluing the black paper to the envelope!



21. Make a Japanese mochi by using pastel paper and drawing a cute face!





Water Balloon

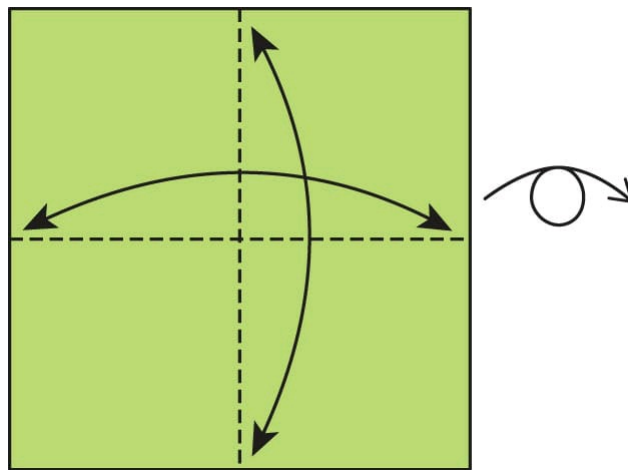
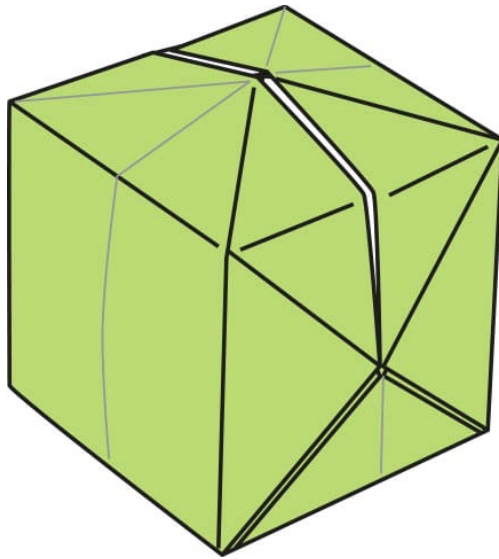
This traditional origami water balloon is easy to make, and you can use it as a hanging decoration, a round object such as an apple, or even a little cube of wasabi, as shown [here](#). What makes this origami model extra fun is that you have to blow into it to make it take shape!

WASABI VARIATION PAPER SIZE: 3 × 3 inches (7.5 × 7.5 cm)

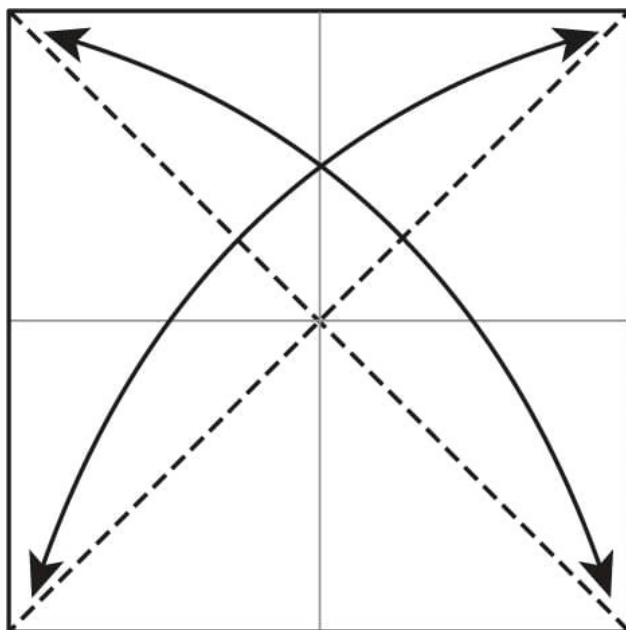
DIFFICULTY: ★★



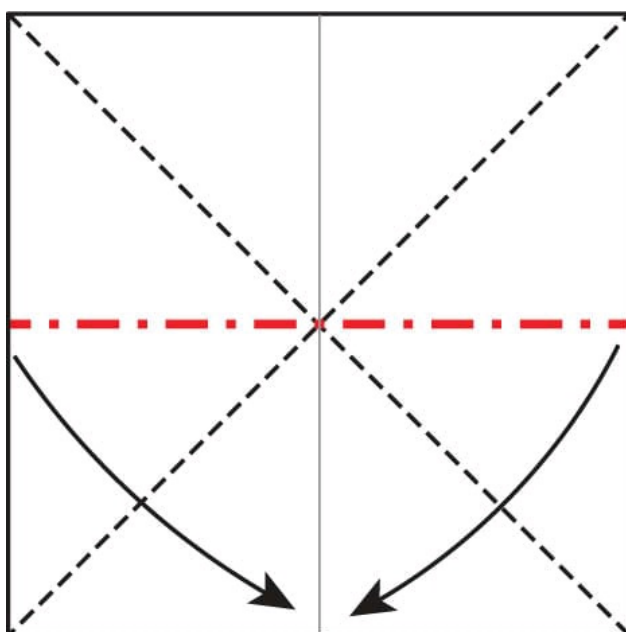




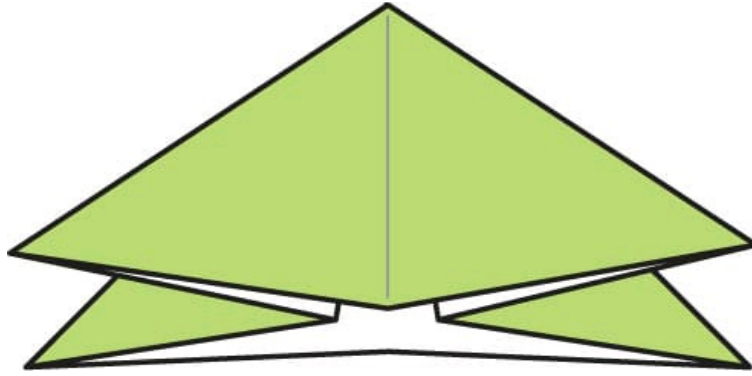
1. Starting colored side up, fold the paper in half from top to bottom and unfold, then fold the paper in half from left to right and unfold.



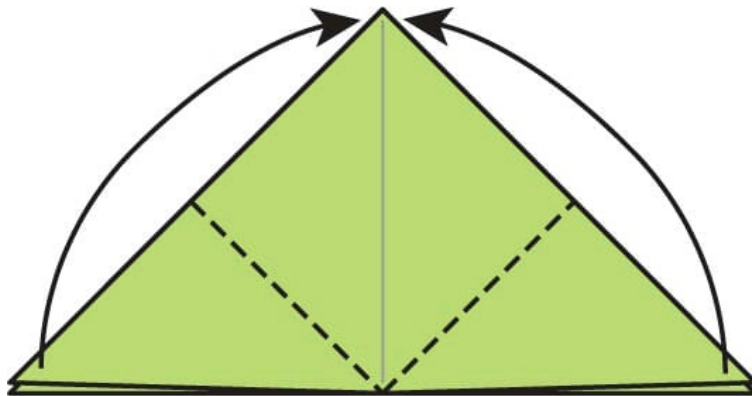
2. Flip the paper over to the other side. Fold the paper diagonally in half in one direction and unfold, then repeat in the other direction.



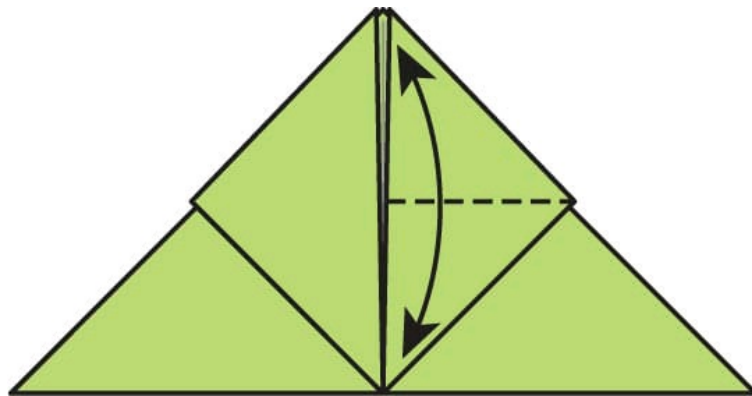
3. Bring the left and right folds diagonally down and inward while folding the top section down as well.



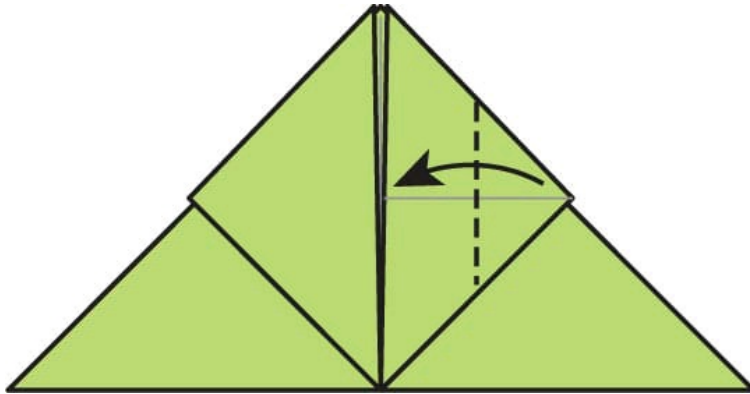
4. This is an origami water bomb base. Flatten the paper.



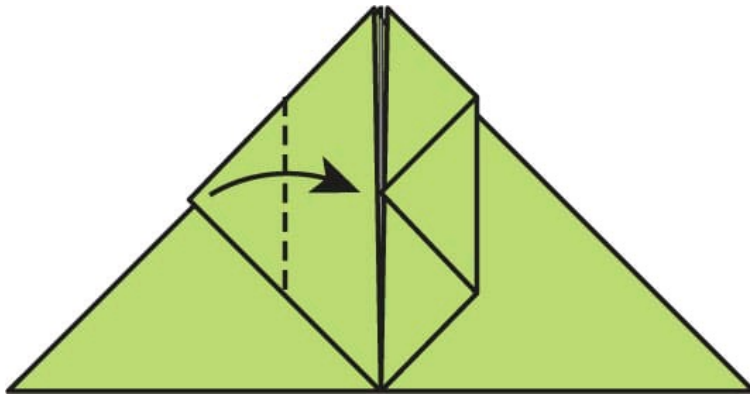
5. Fold the left and right lower points diagonally up to the top point.



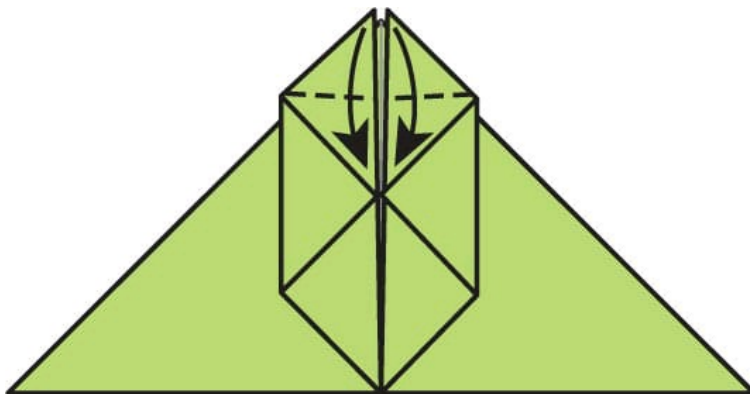
6. Next make a horizontal crease on the right flap by folding the top point down to the bottom and then unfolding it.



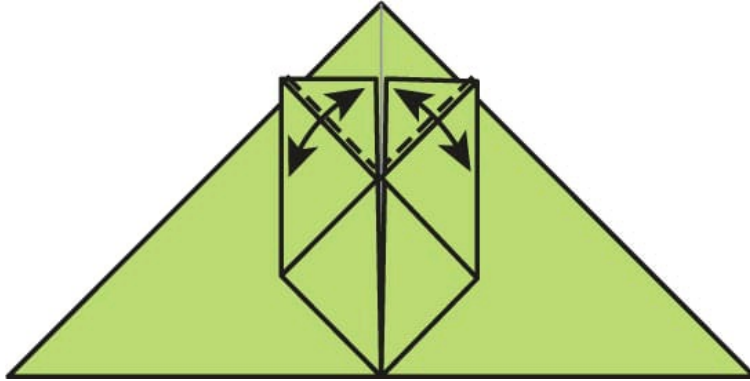
7. Fold the right point to meet the left end of the crease you made in the previous step.



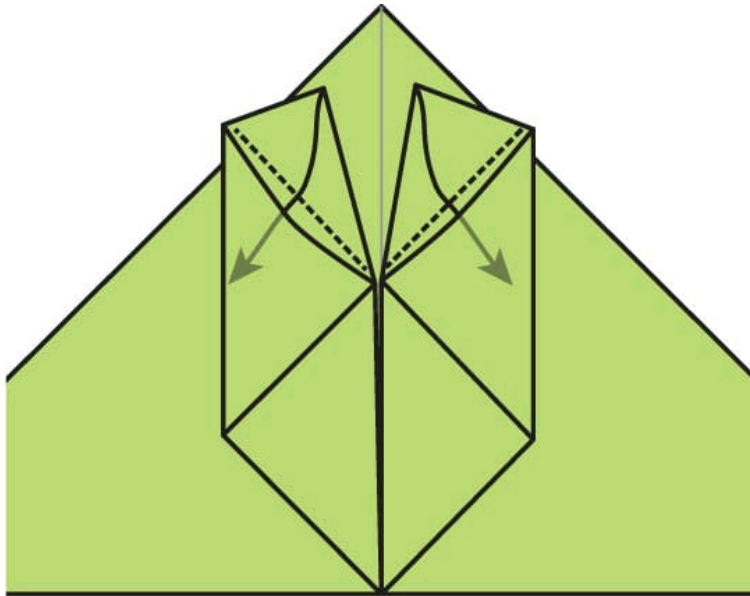
8. Fold the left point to match the right side.



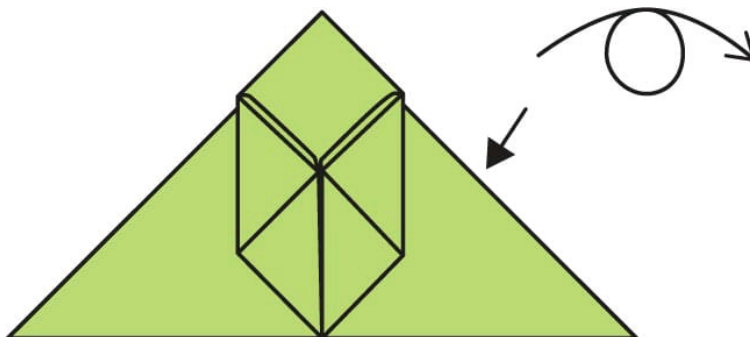
9. Fold the two top points down.



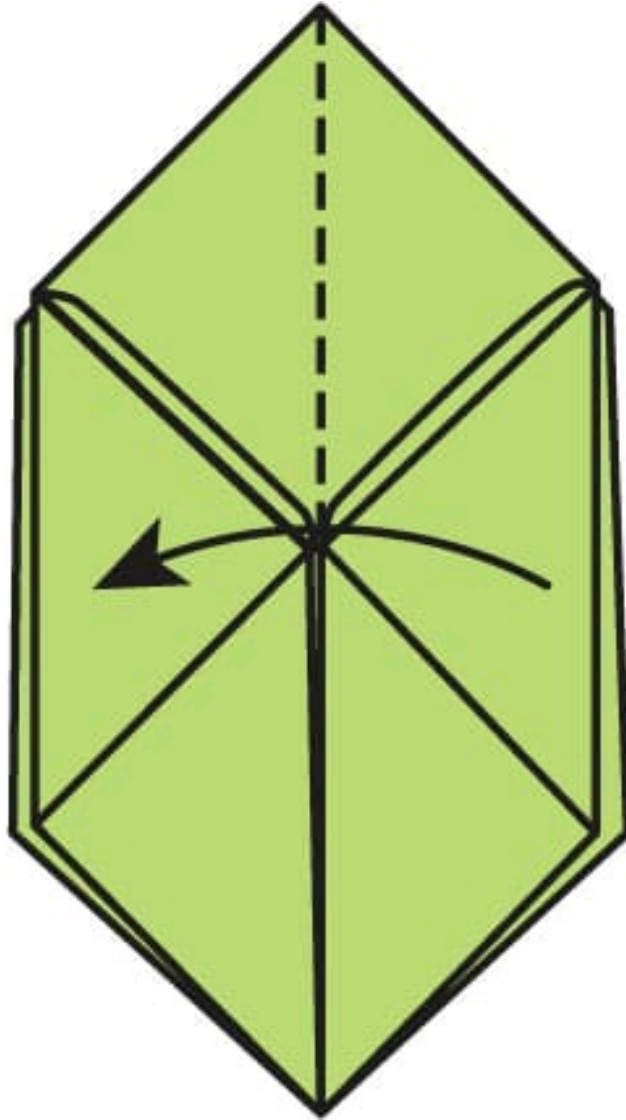
10. Fold the two top points diagonally down and unfold.



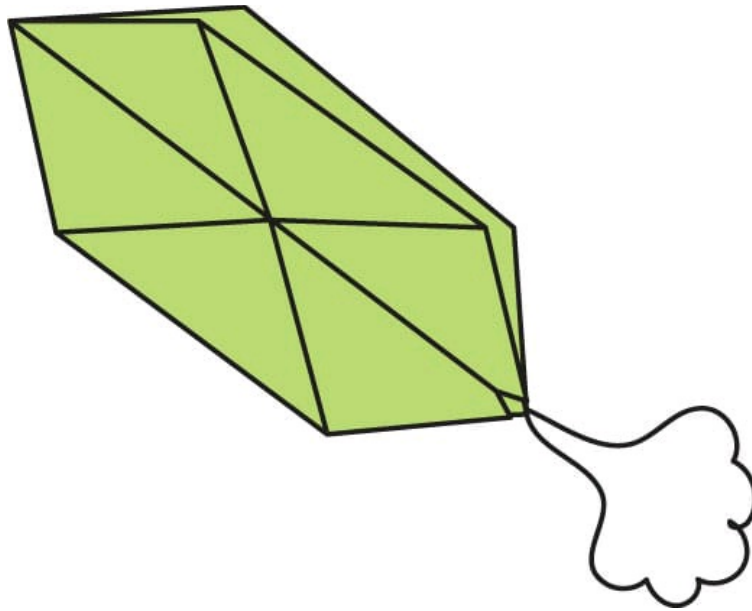
11. Insert the two top flaps down inside the pockets of the flaps underneath.



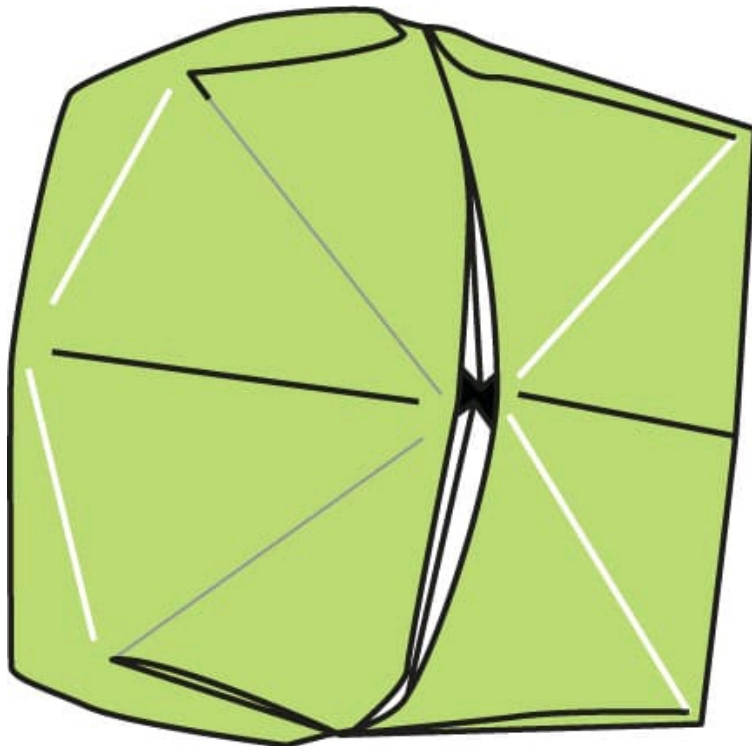
12. Flip the model over and repeat the same process on the other side.



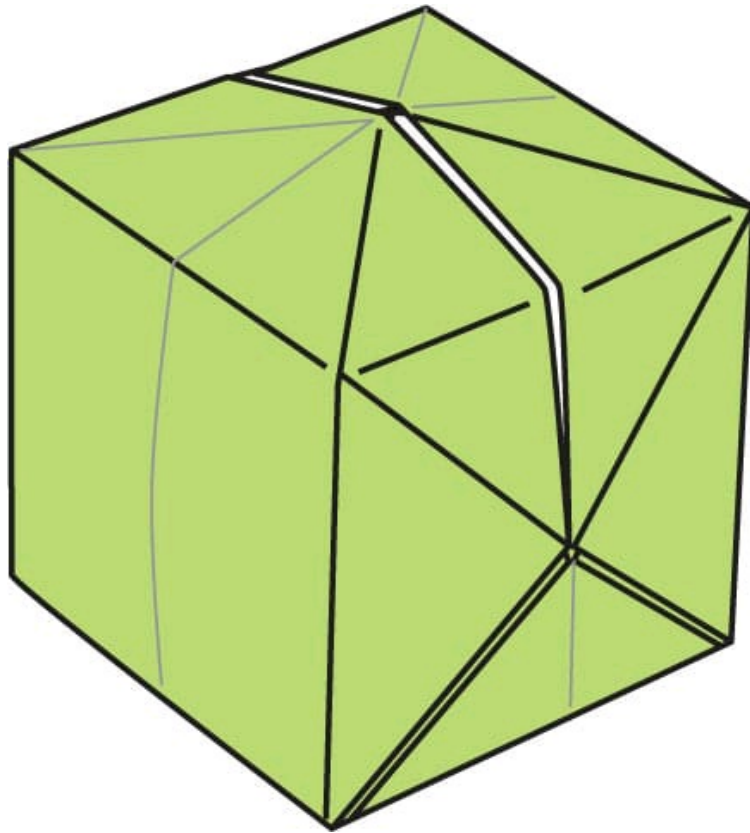
- 13.** Fold the right side over to the left, flip the model over, and repeat on the back so that the model becomes three-dimensional.



14. Pick up the model and hold it loosely. Blow into the end that has a little opening.



15. While blowing into the model, gently shape the sides into a cube.



16. You can straighten the edges now if you like.

Tea Bag

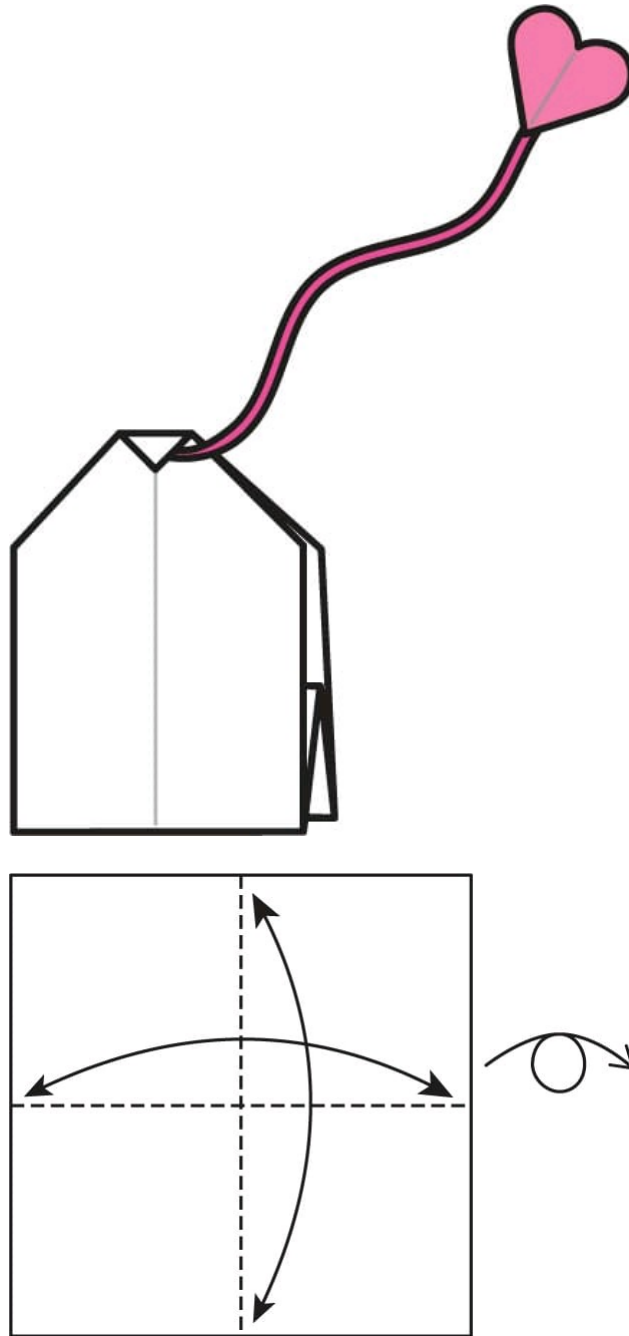
This cute little origami tea bag is a perfect gift tag! Or you can use it as a greeting card by writing your message on the tea bag. You can then make a special tea bag envelope (shown [here](#)) to send them in. It's best to use white paper or the white side of your paper for this tea bag. The colored side of the paper in the instructions is the back (unseen) side of the paper.



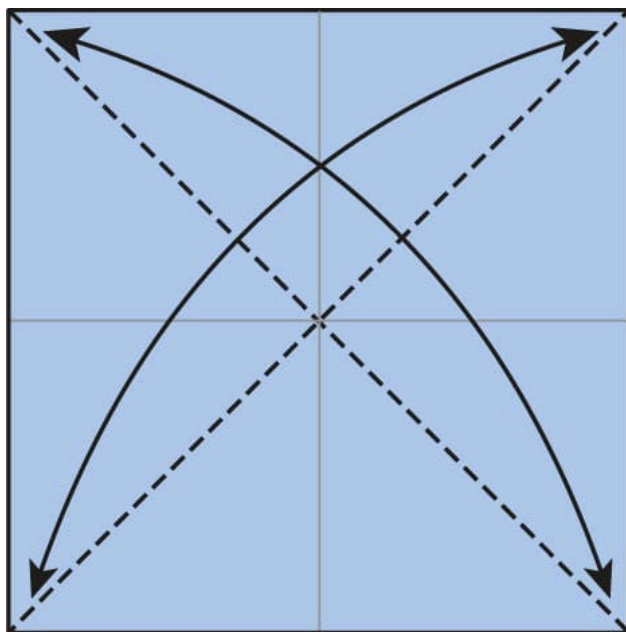
OPTIONAL HEART MATERIALS: 1 × 1-inch (3 × 3-cm) paper + 2 inches (5 cm) of string

DIFFICULTY: ★★

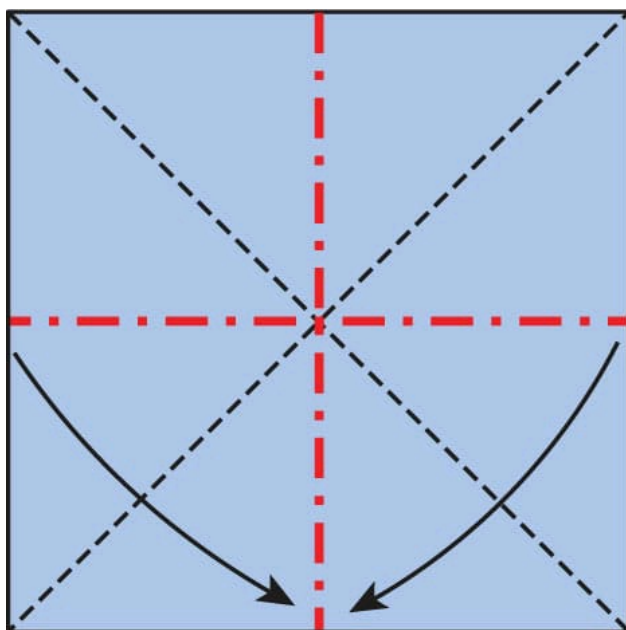




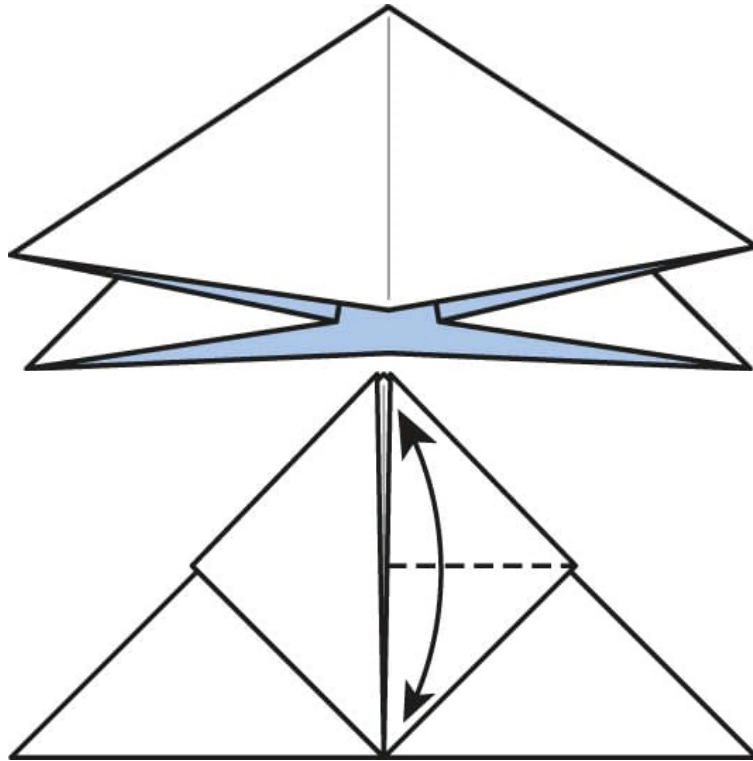
1. Fold the paper in half from top to bottom and unfold, then fold the paper in half from left to right and unfold.



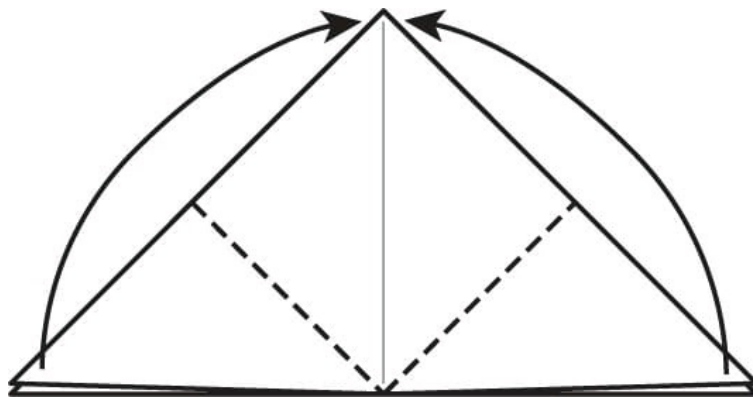
2. Flip the paper over to the other side. Fold the paper diagonally in half in one direction and unfold, then repeat in the other direction.



3. Bring the left and right folds diagonally down and in while folding the top section down as well.



4. This is an origami water bomb base. Flatten the paper.

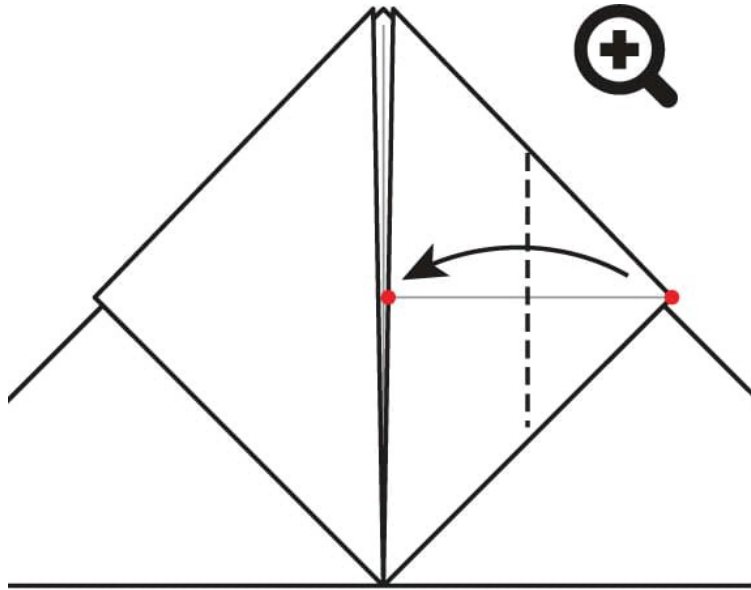


5. Fold the left and right lower points diagonally up to the top point.

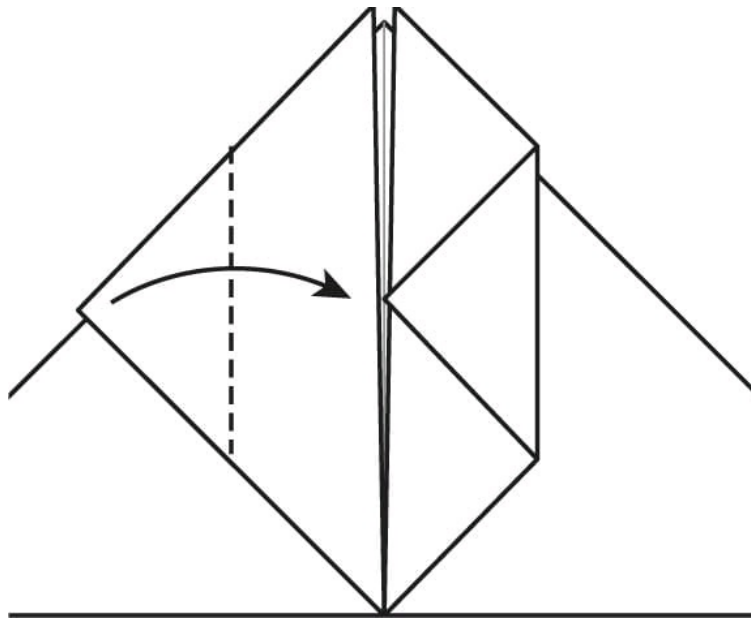
6. Make a horizontal crease on the right flap by folding the top point down to the bottom and unfolding it.

SAFETY NOTE

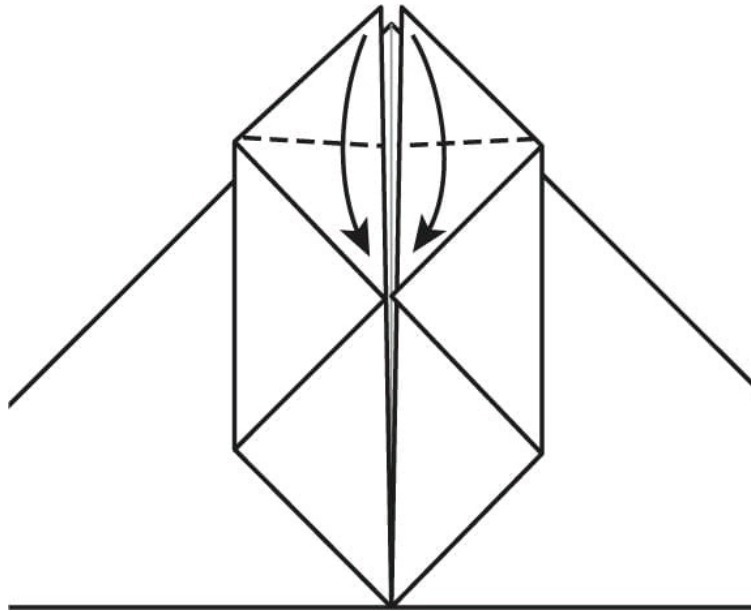
If you plan to use this origami tea bag to actually make tea using your own custom blended tea or to create herbal bath soaks, you must make sure all your material is suitable for the purpose and nontoxic.



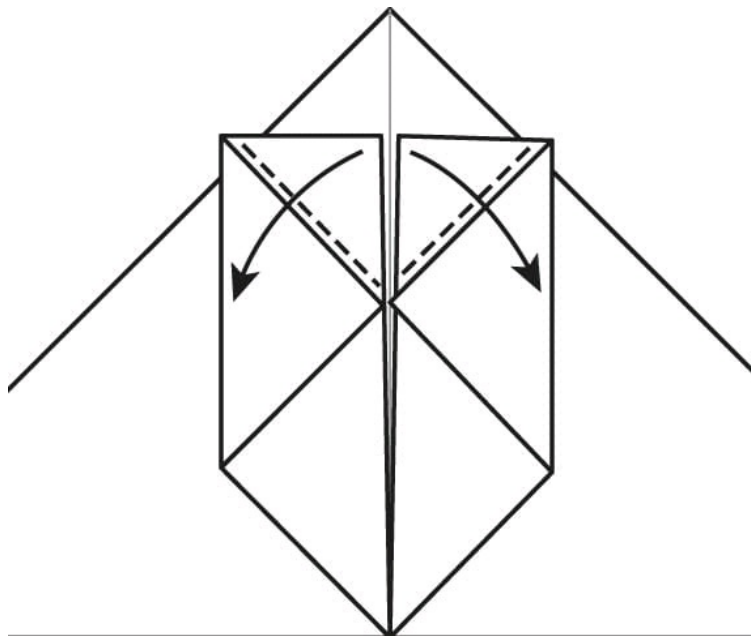
7. Fold the right point to meet the left edge of the crease you made in the previous step.



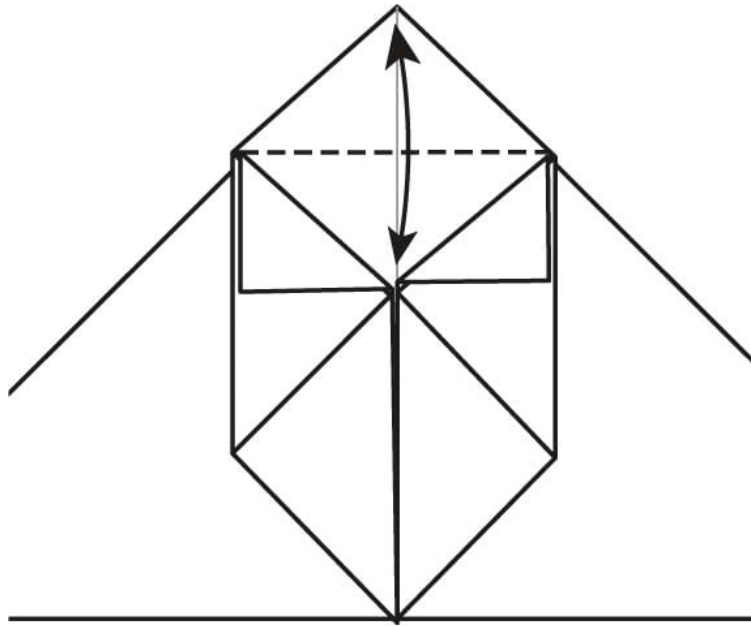
8. Fold the left point to match the right side.



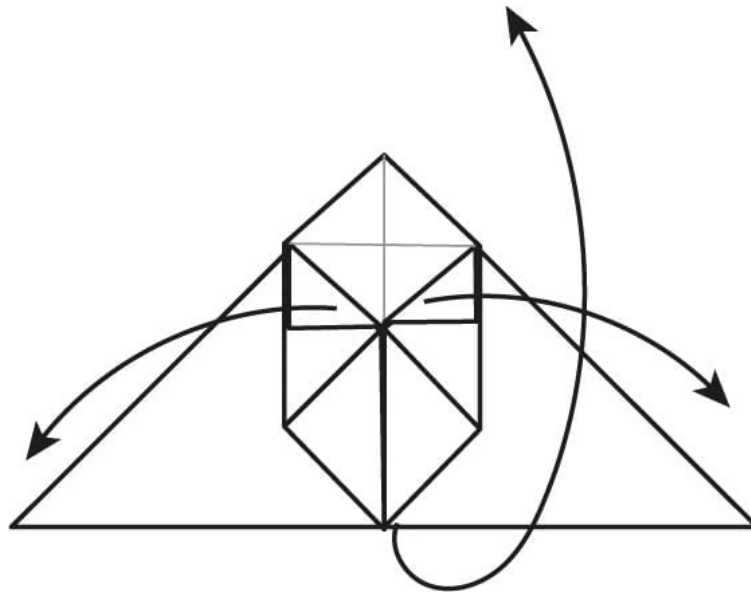
9. Fold the two top points down.



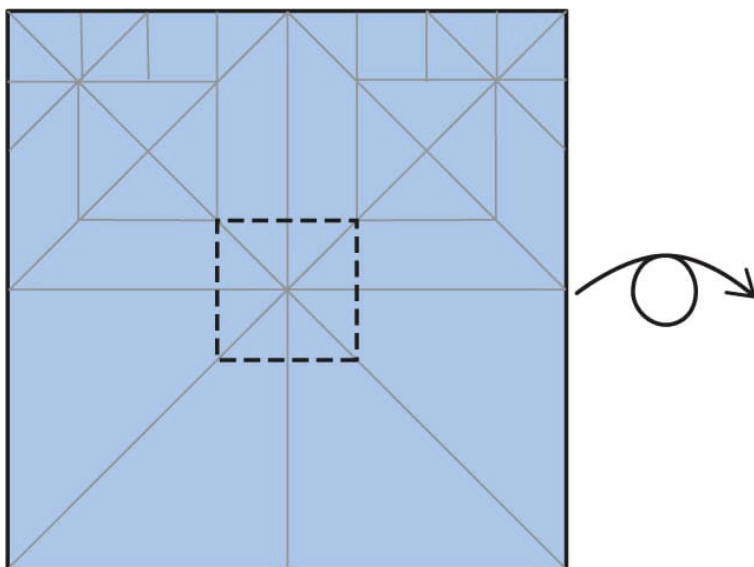
10. Fold the two top points diagonally down.



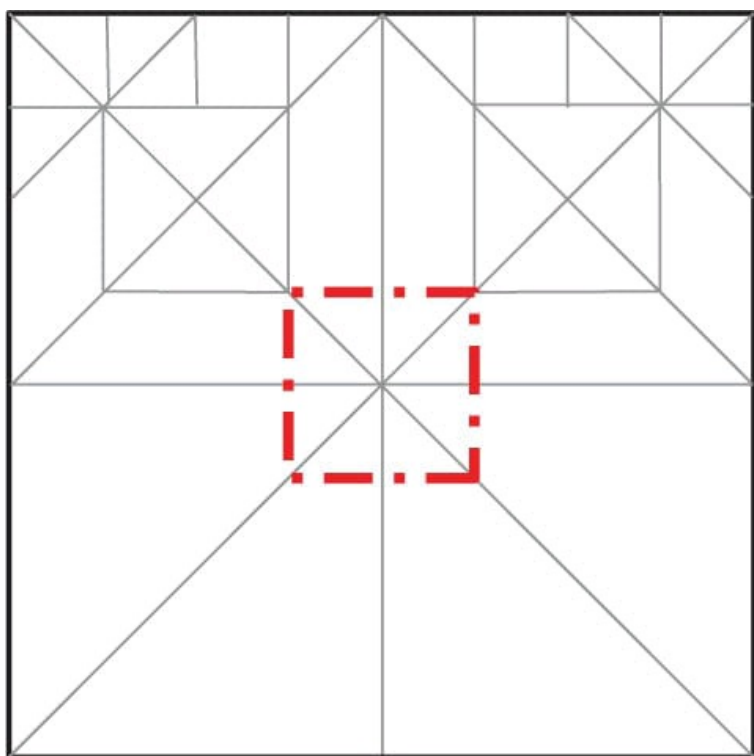
11. Fold the top point down, make a strong crease, and unfold.



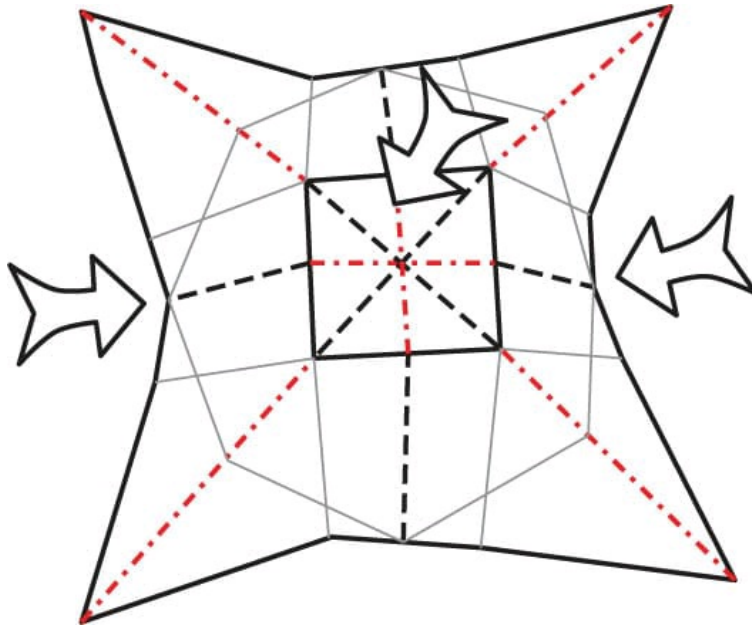
12. Open the paper completely.



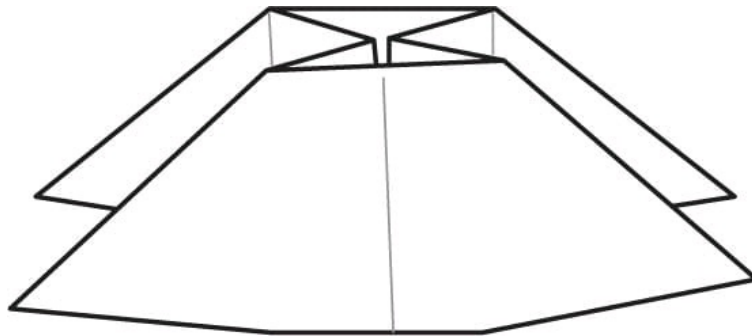
13. With the back of the paper (the colored side in this diagram) facing up, refold the central square shape.



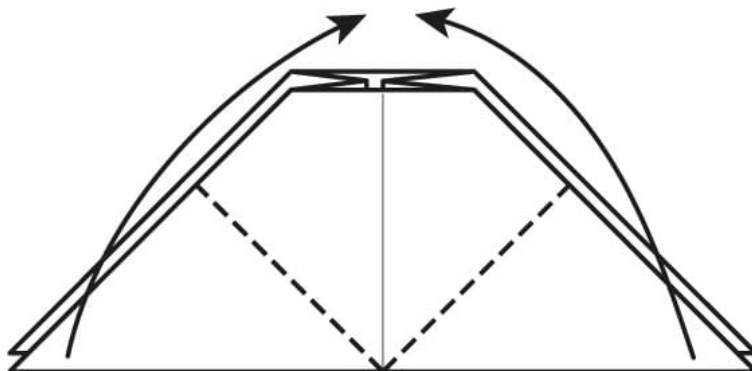
14. Flip the paper over to the front (the white side in this diagram).



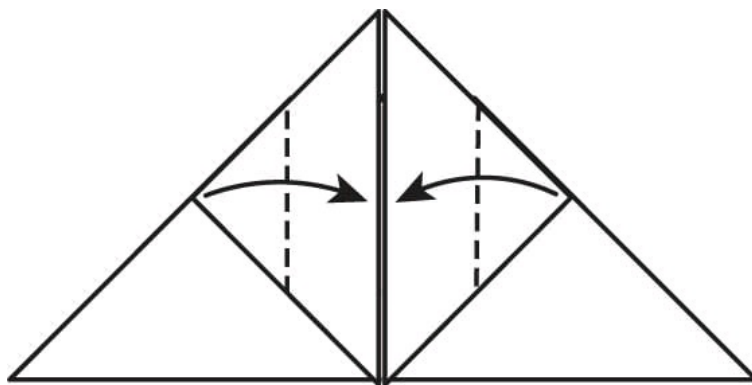
15. Sink fold the small square down inside while reforming the water bomb base.



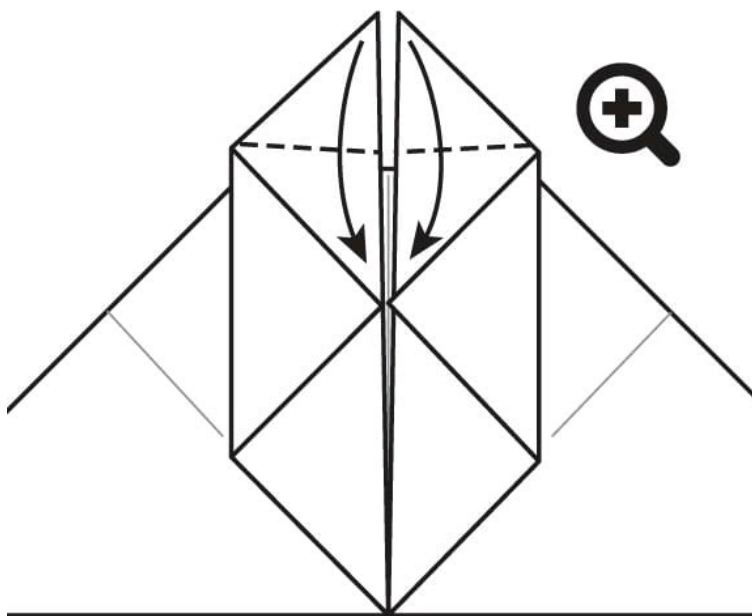
16. Find the two sides of the model that have no extra creases and work with them facing up.



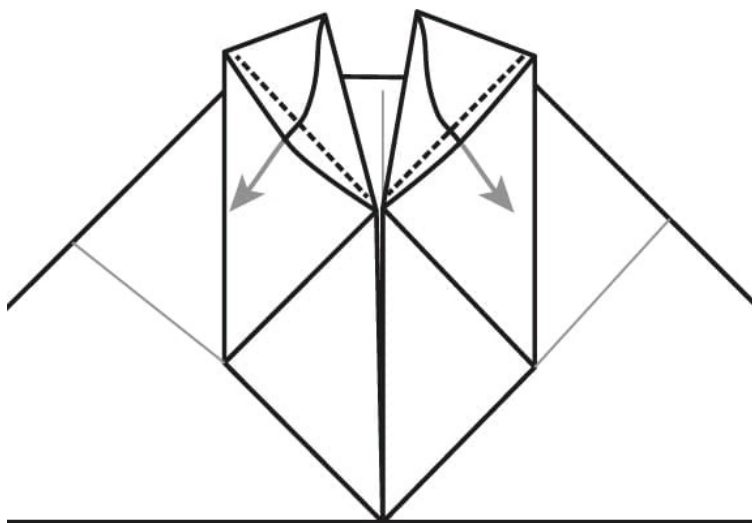
17. Fold the bottom left and right points diagonally up.



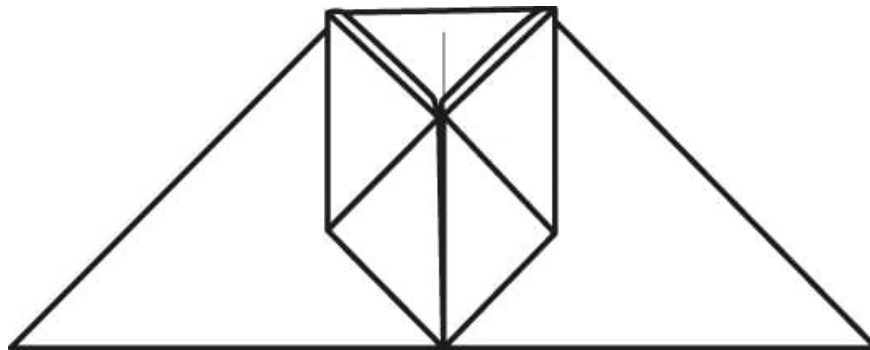
18. Fold the left and right points in to the center.



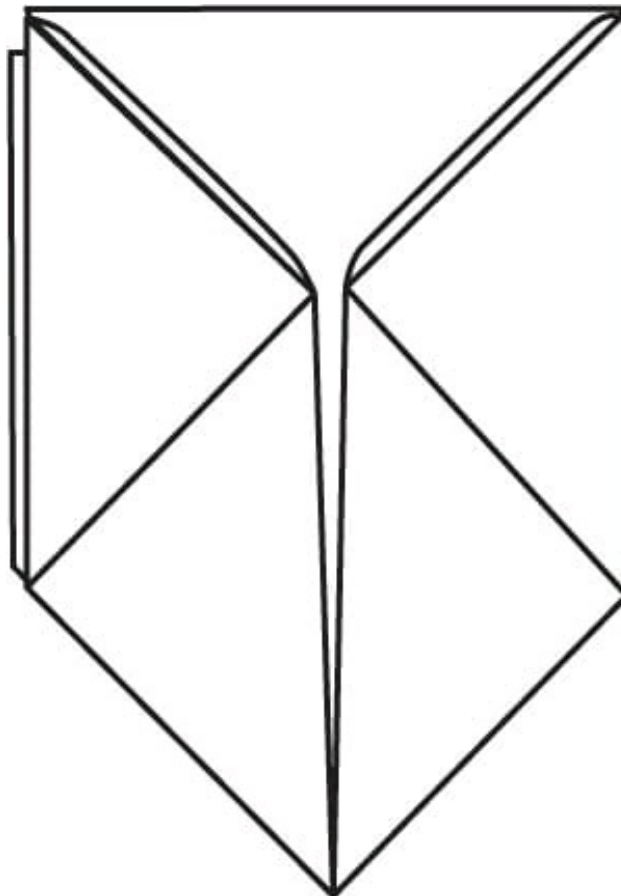
19. Fold the two top points down.



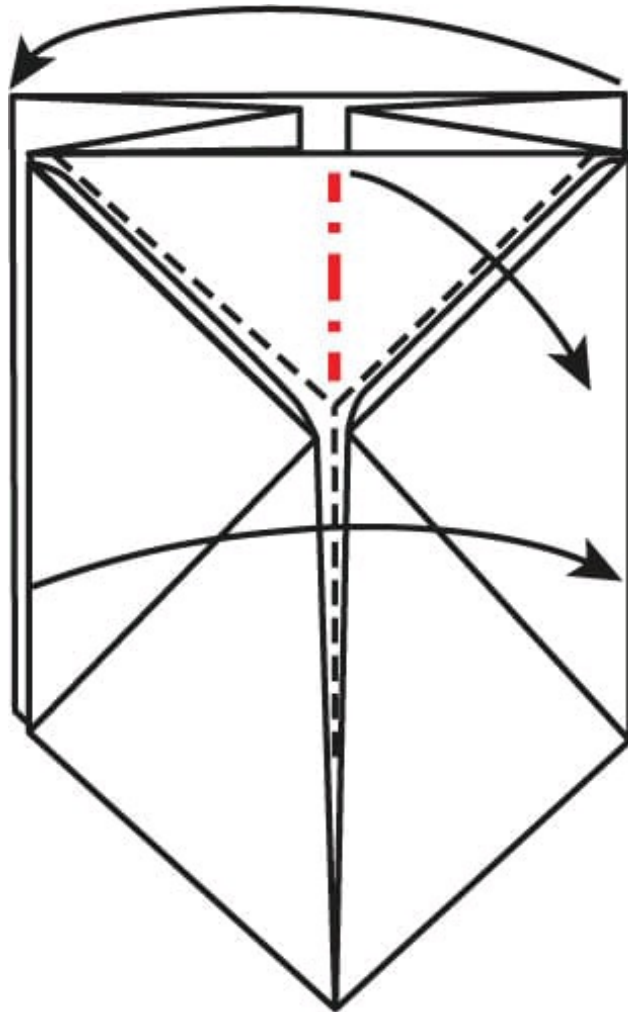
20. Fold the two top points diagonally down and insert them into the pockets of the flaps underneath.



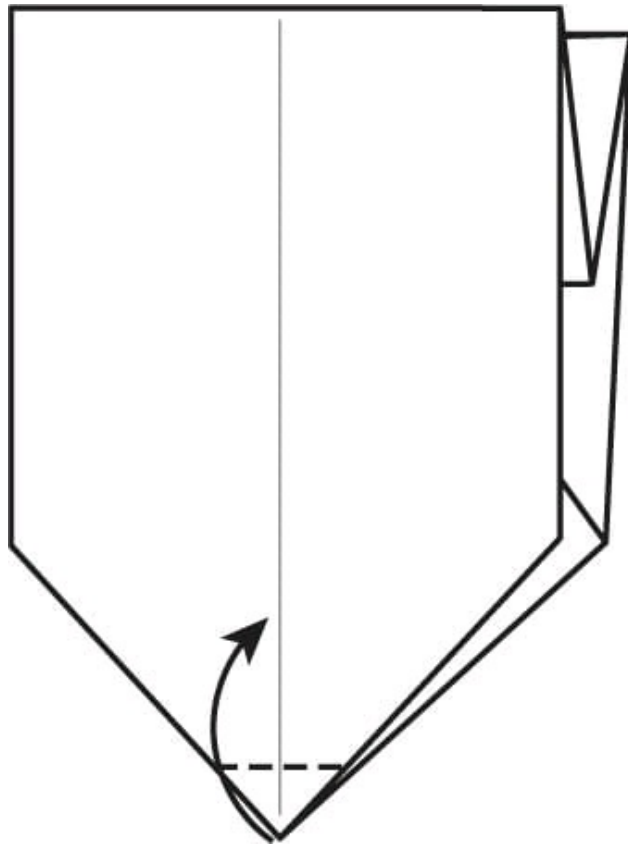
21. Repeat the process on the other side.



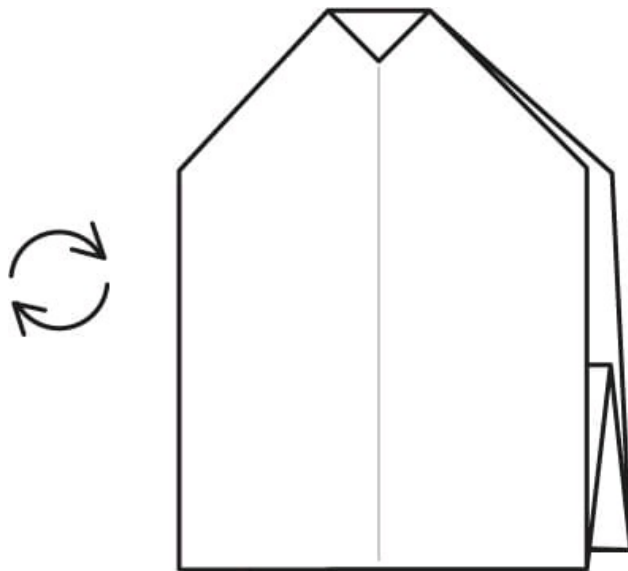
22. Your model should now look like this.



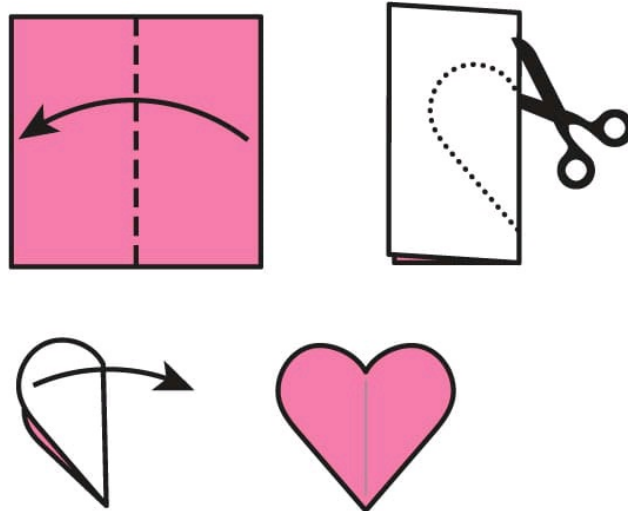
23. Fold the left side over to the right while squashing the upper triangle down. Repeat on the back.



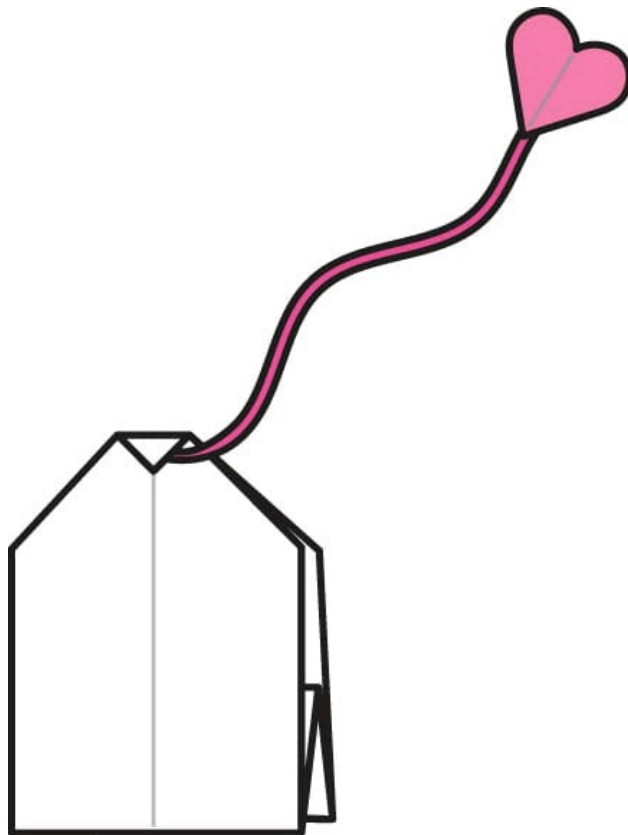
24. Fold the bottom point up a little.



25. Rotate the model.



- 26.** To make a little heart for the tag, fold a little square in half, cut out a half-heart shape. Open the paper back up to reveal a perfect heart.



- 27.** You can attach a string to the heart and the tea bag using a dab of glue.

Tea Bag Envelopes

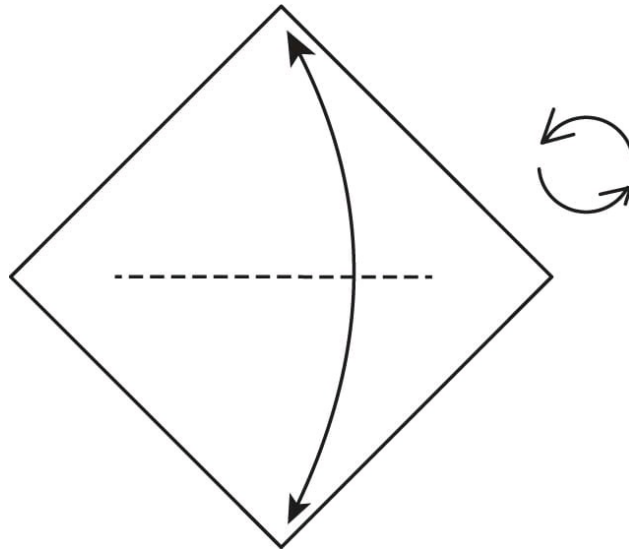
These origami envelopes just happen to be the right size to keep your little origami tea bags in! They also make great envelopes in general. Here are two versions of this easy-to-make envelope, the first is the basic version and the second is a more secure version.



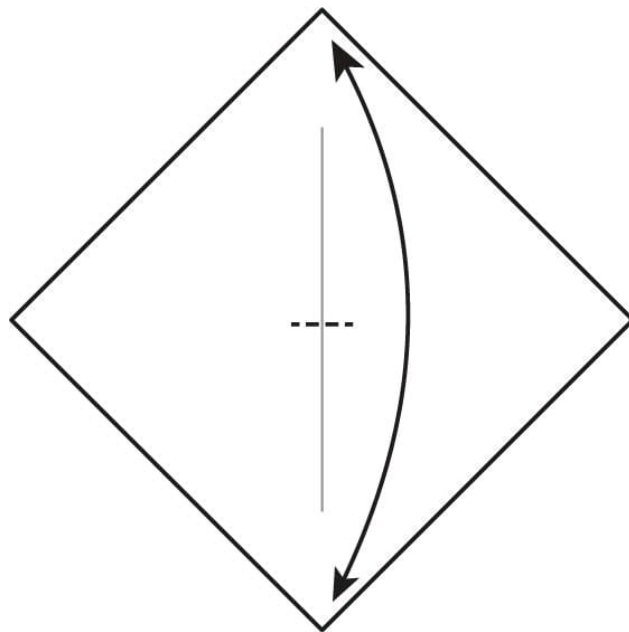
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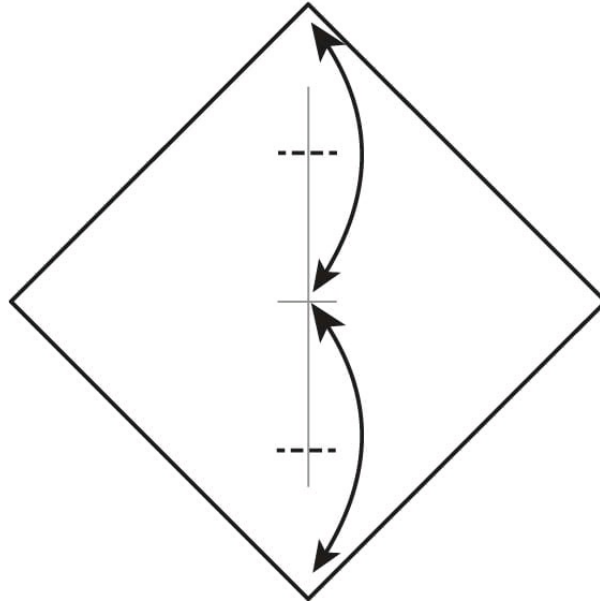
BASIC VERSION



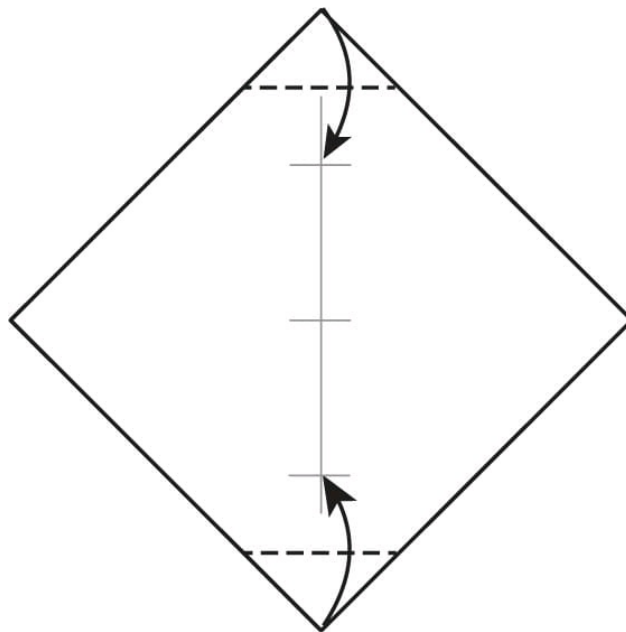
1. Make a horizontal crease by folding the bottom point up to the top point and then unfolding it. Avoid creasing the left and right ends for a cleaner result.



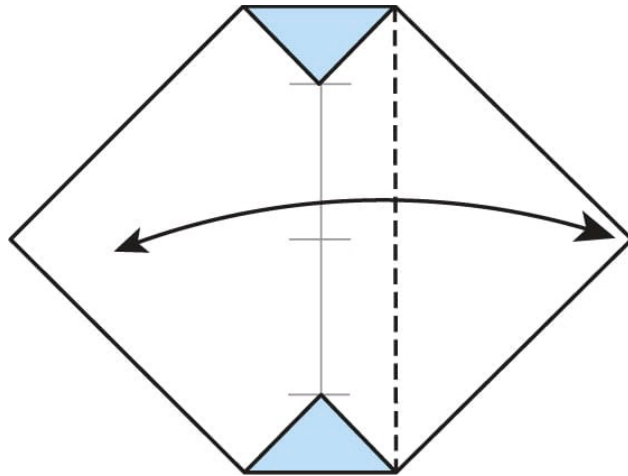
2. Rotate the paper so that the crease you made in the previous step is now vertical. Bring the bottom point up to the top point, make a small crease in the center, and unfold.



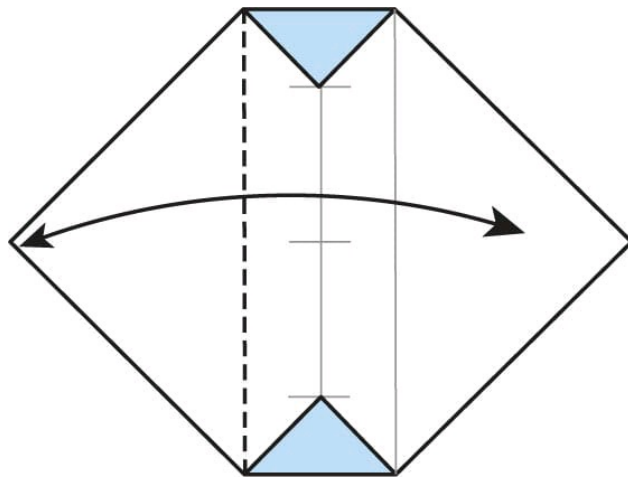
3. Bring the top point and the bottom point to the center, make two small creases, and then unfold.



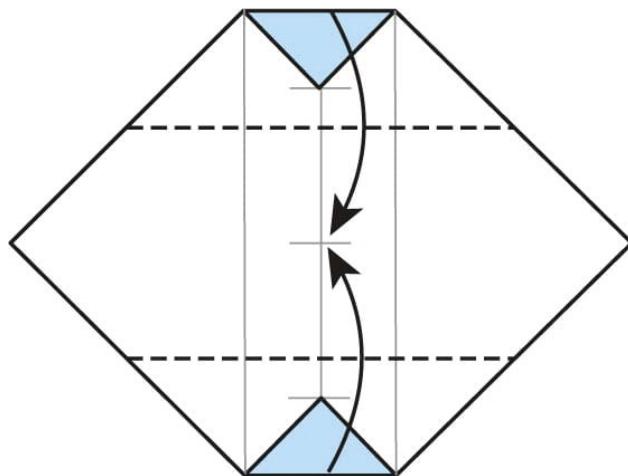
4. Fold the top point and the bottom point to the creases you made in the previous step.



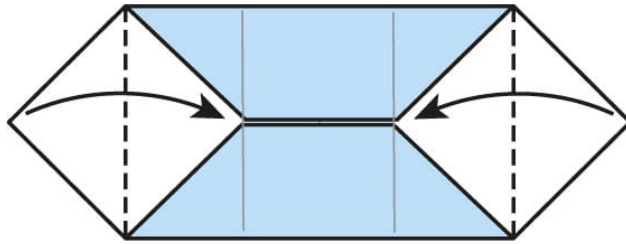
5. Fold the right point over to the left, aligning the diagonal edges to the triangular flaps, and unfold.



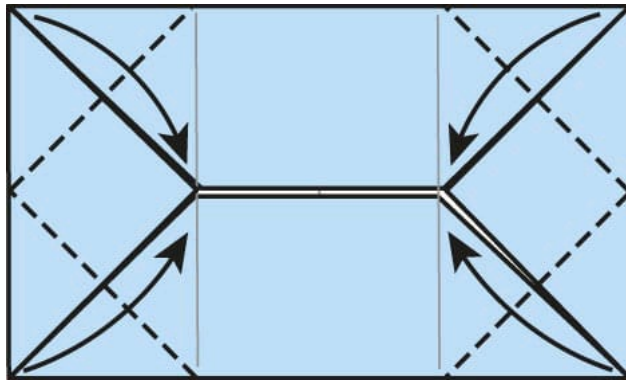
6. Repeat the previous step on the left side.



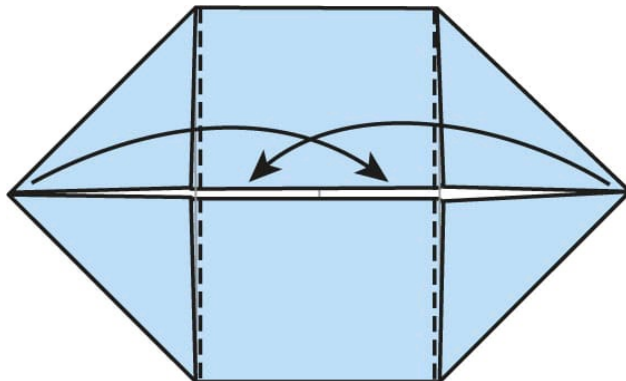
7. Fold the top and bottom edges to the middle.



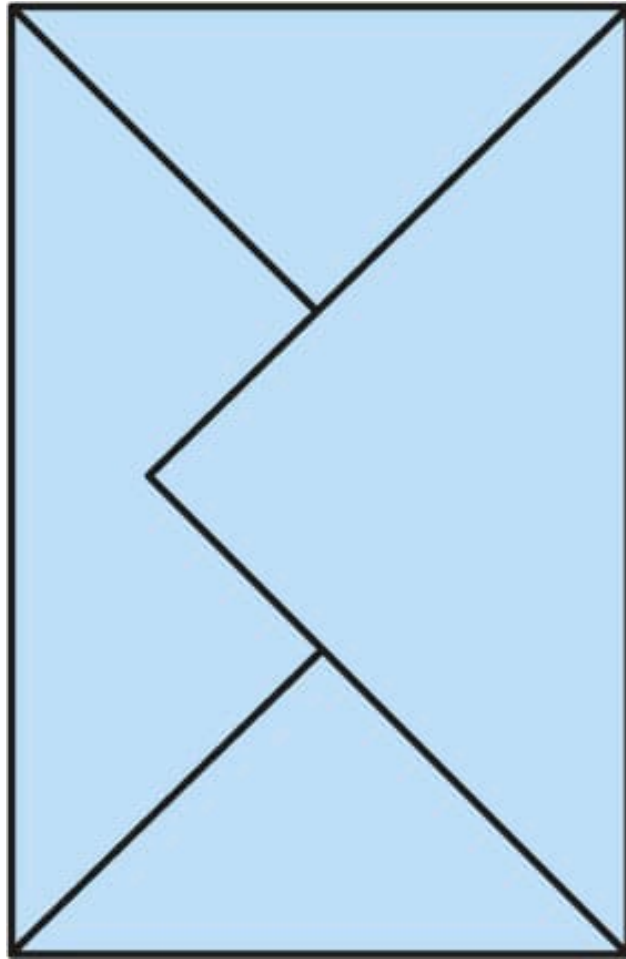
8. Fold the left and right points to align with the top and bottom sections.



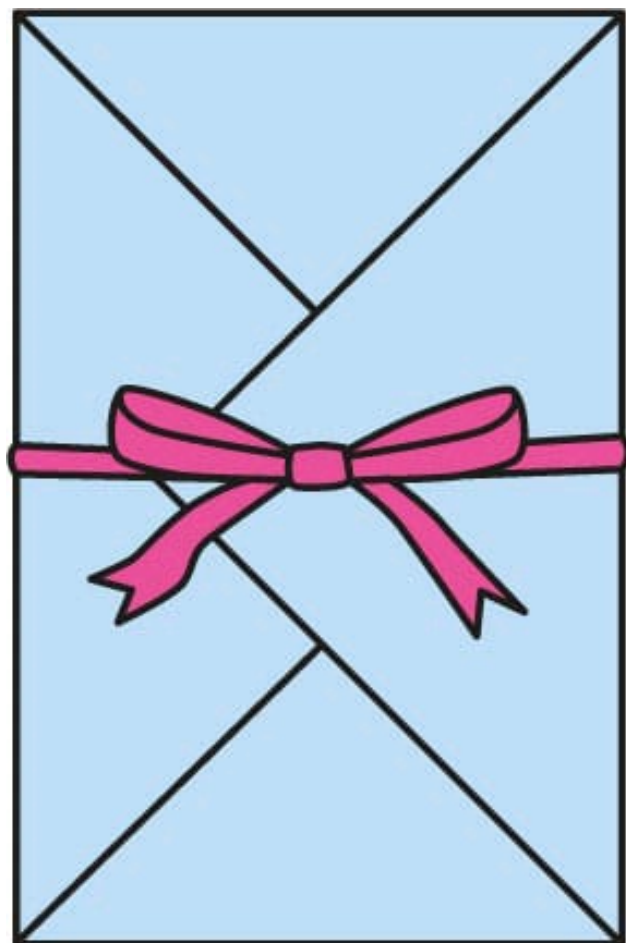
9. Fold all four corners diagonally inward.



10. Fold the left and right points inward so one overlaps the other.

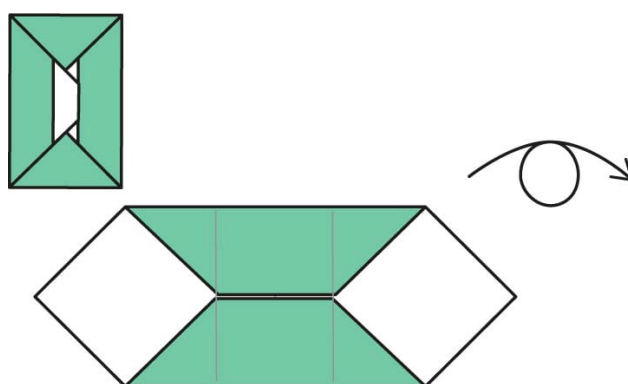


11. Here's your very own basic origami envelope!

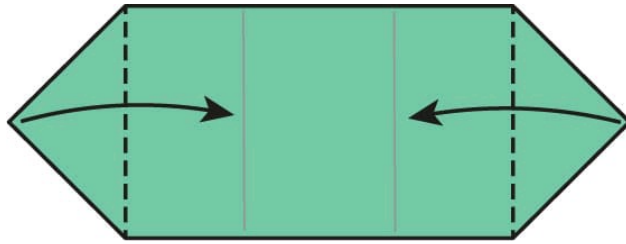


12. You can use ribbon to secure the envelope shut.

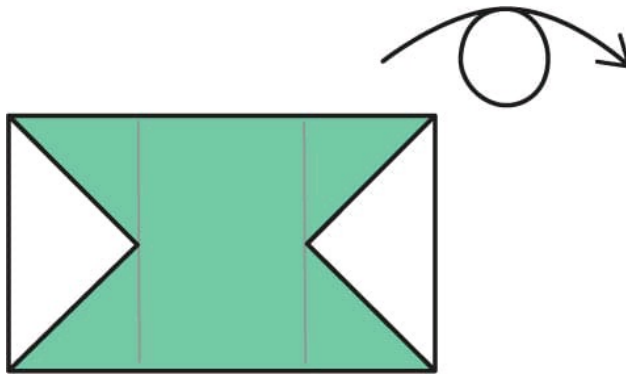
SECURE VERSION



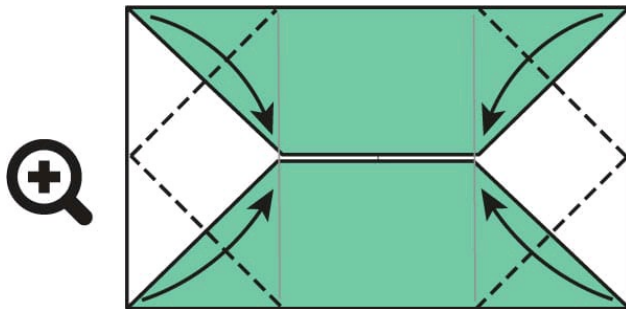
1. Unfold the envelope back to step 8, or fold a new envelope up to step 8.



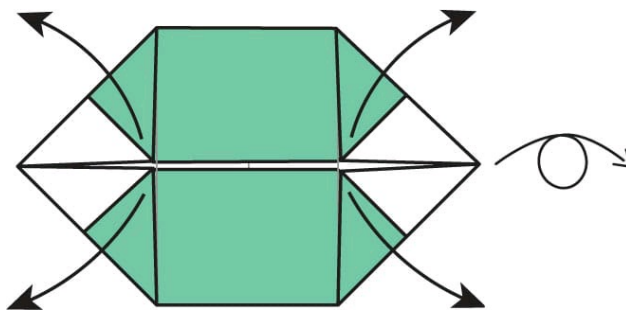
2. Flip the paper over and fold the left and right points inward.



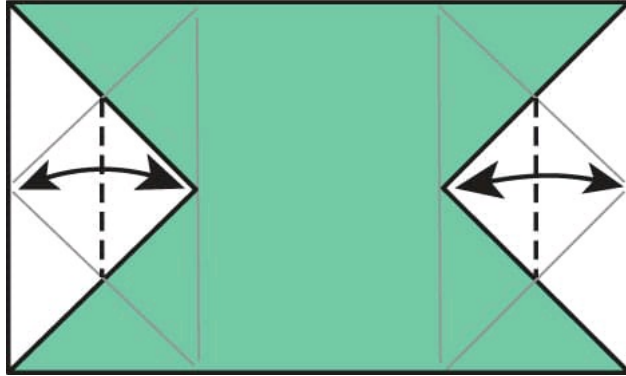
3. Flip the paper back over.



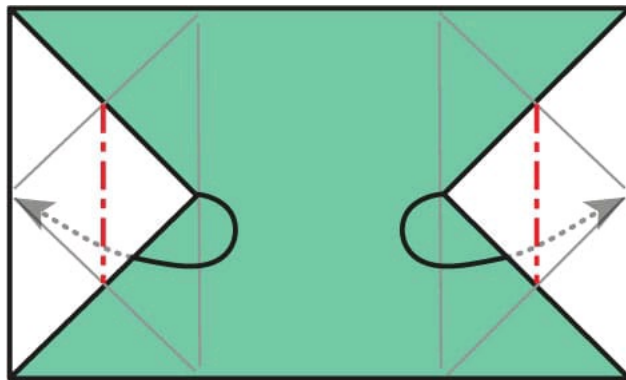
4. Fold all four corners diagonally inward.



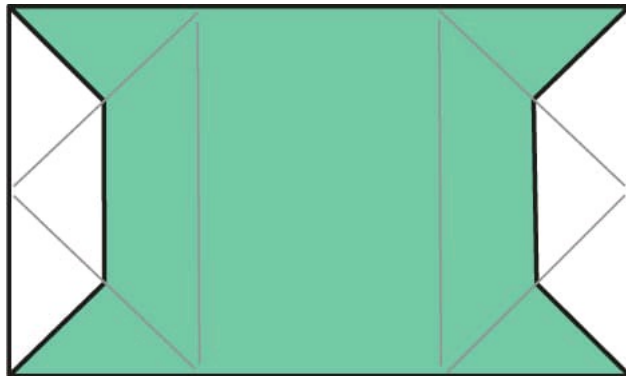
5. Unfold the previous step.



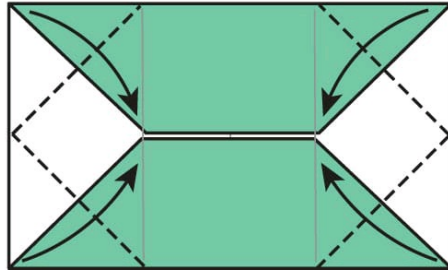
- 6.** Flip the paper over. Make a vertical crease on the left and right triangular flaps as indicated.



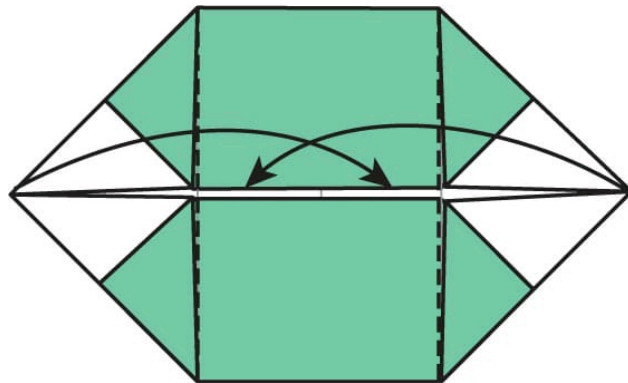
- 19.** Tuck the two creases you created in the previous step behind.



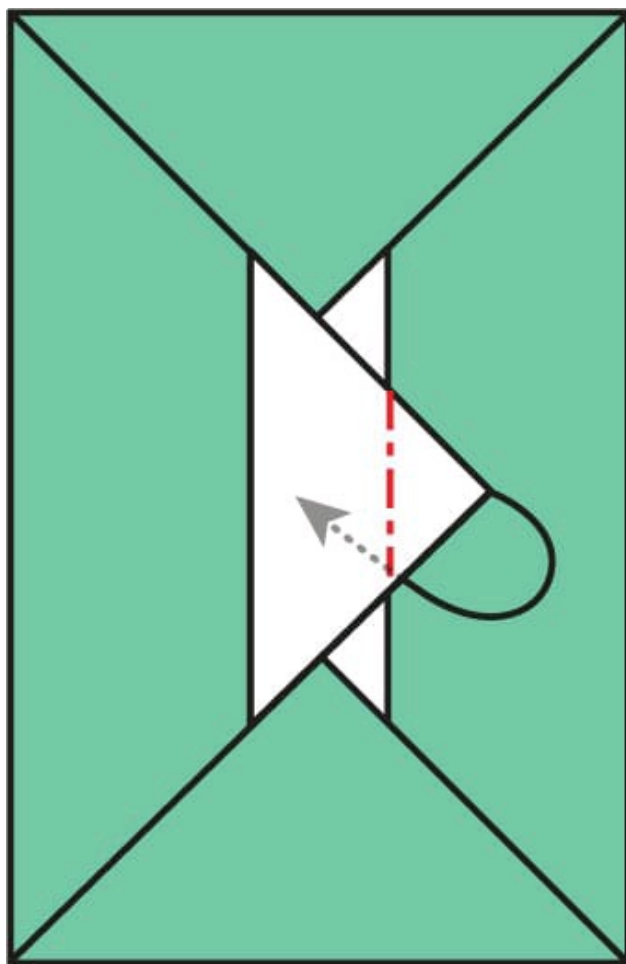
- 20.** Here's how your model should look now.



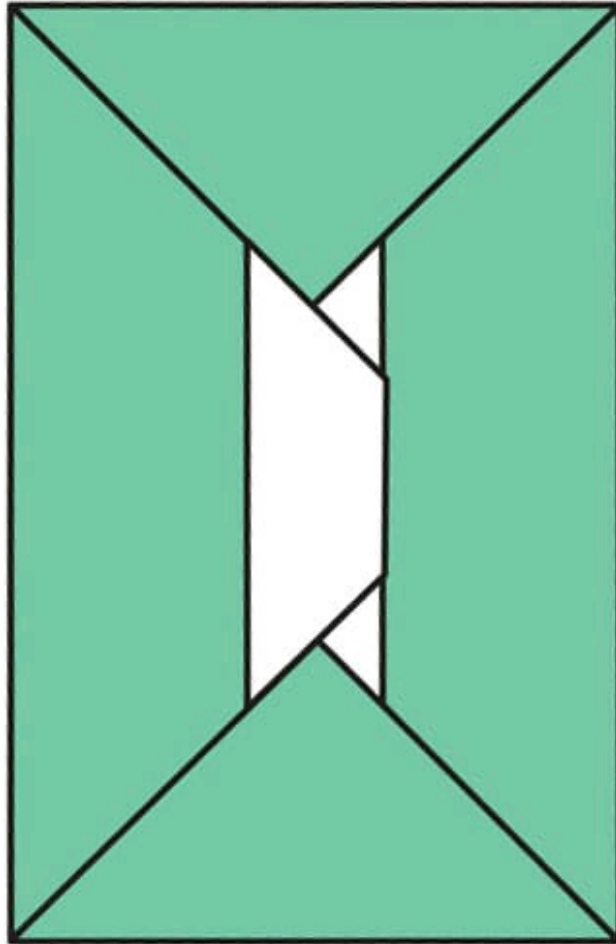
21. Flip the paper over and refold all four corners diagonally inward.



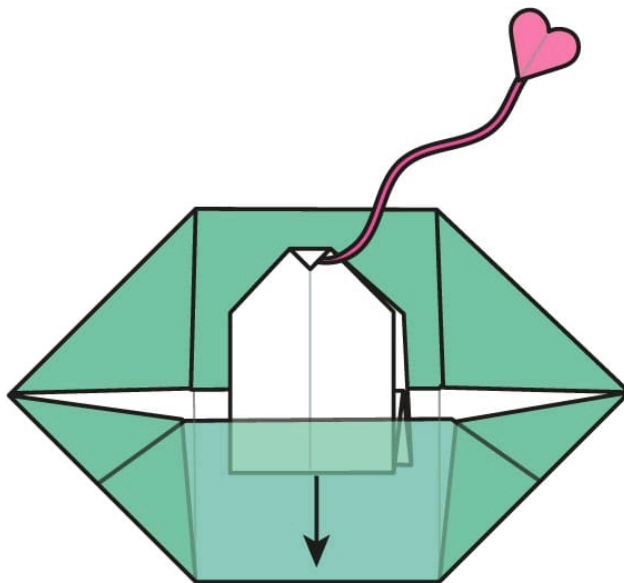
22. Fold the left and the right points inward, so one overlaps the other.



- 23.** Fold the point on the top layer behind and underneath the pocket on the layer behind it.

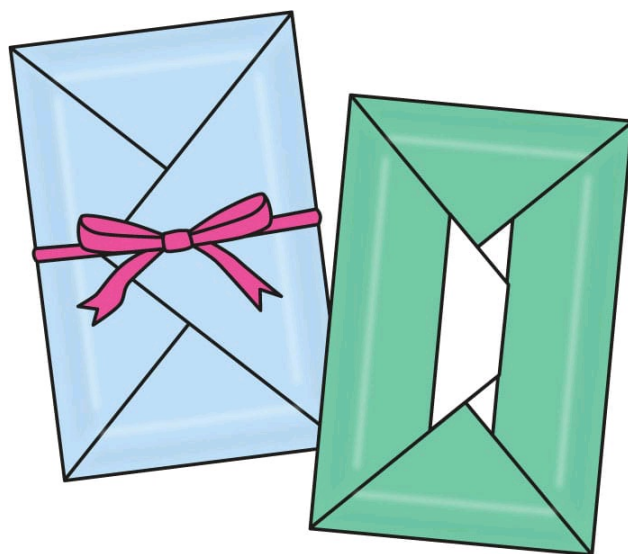


24. Here's your super-secure origami envelope!



25. You can open your envelope and place an origami tea bag inside the lower pocket, or open the envelope's top section as well to completely secure it

inside.



Love Knots

These adorable, little love knots are sure to put a smile on anyone's face! You can use thin origami paper or thicker paper to make these sweet woven paper hearts. You can also use plastic ribbon or drinking straws. If you are using thicker paper or plastic, skip steps 1 and 2.

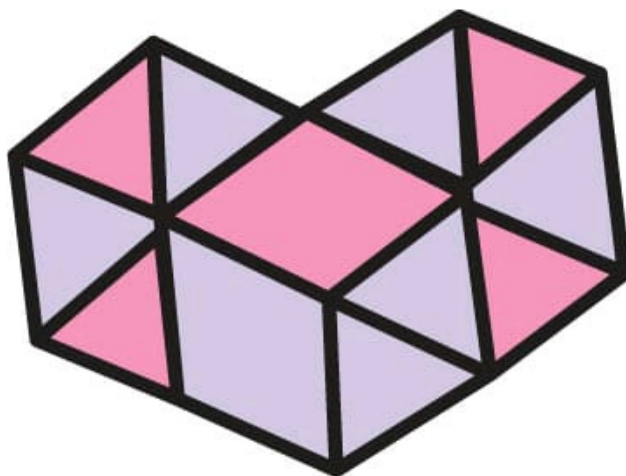
THIN PAPER SIZE: 2 strips, 11.5 × 1.5 inches (29 × 4 cm)

THICK PAPER SIZE: 2 strips, 11.5 × .5 to .75 inches (29 × 1 to 2 cm)

DIFFICULTY: ★★



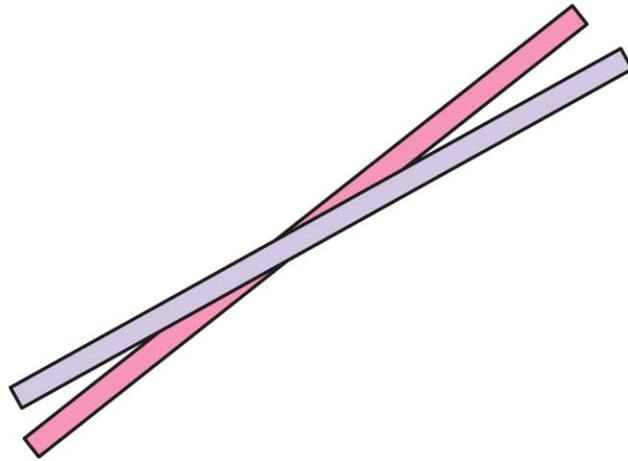




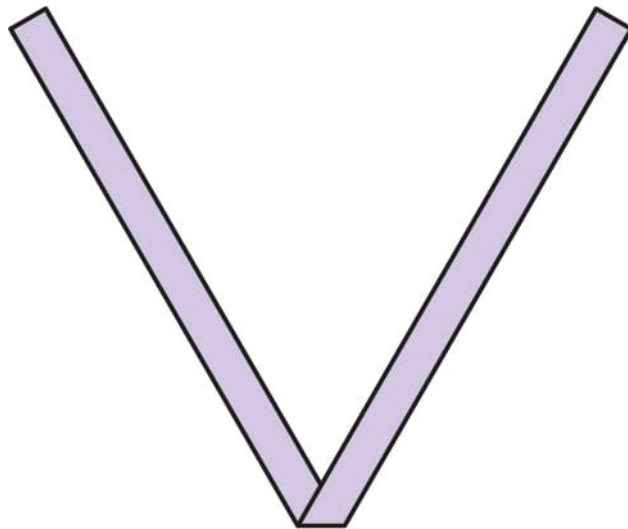
1. (a) Fold the bottom edge of the paper up to the top and unfold. (b) Fold the top and bottom edges to the middle.



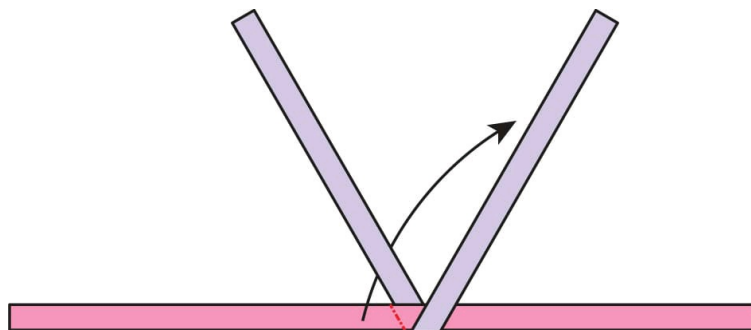
2. Fold the bottom edge up to the top.



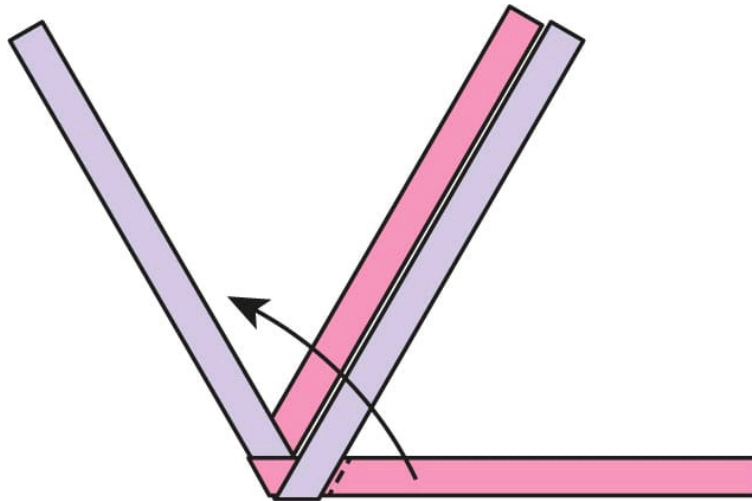
3. Repeat the process on a second strip. Use different colors to make it easier to follow the instructions.



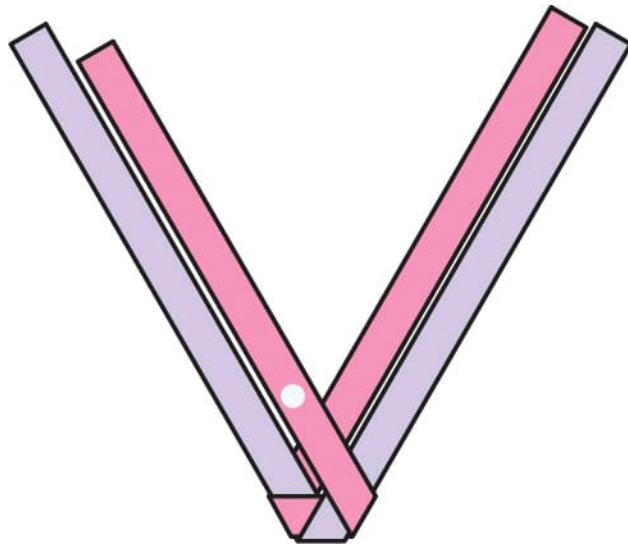
4. Take the first strip and bring the left end of it behind and up, creating a V shape.



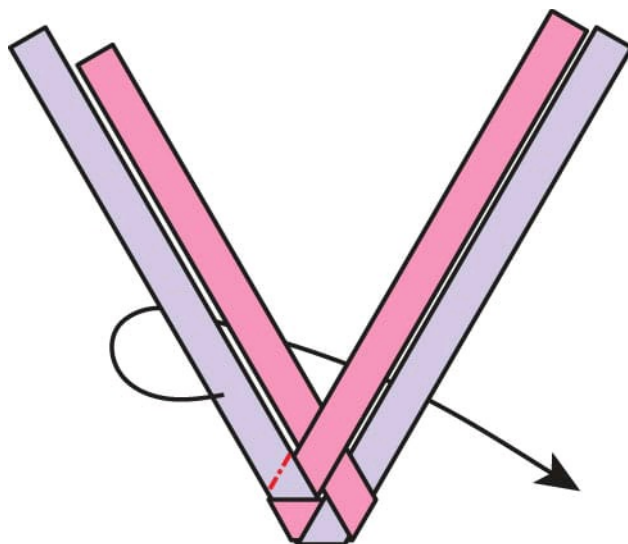
5. Position the second strip in the bottom of the V. The left end of the strip should be slightly longer. Bring the left end of the second strip diagonally up and behind the V.



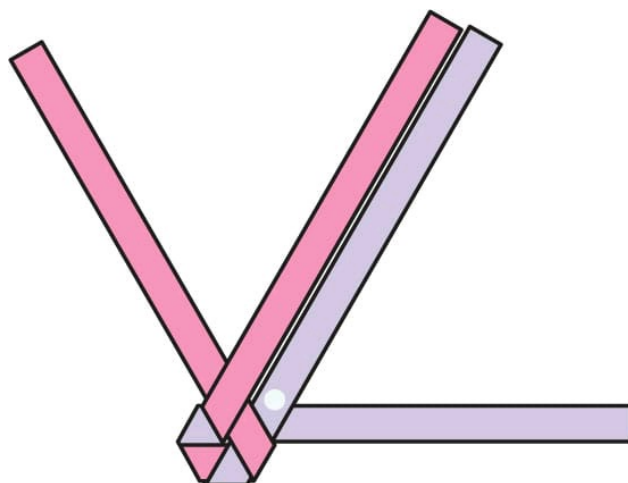
6. Next bring the right end of the second strip diagonally up along the edge of the first strip.



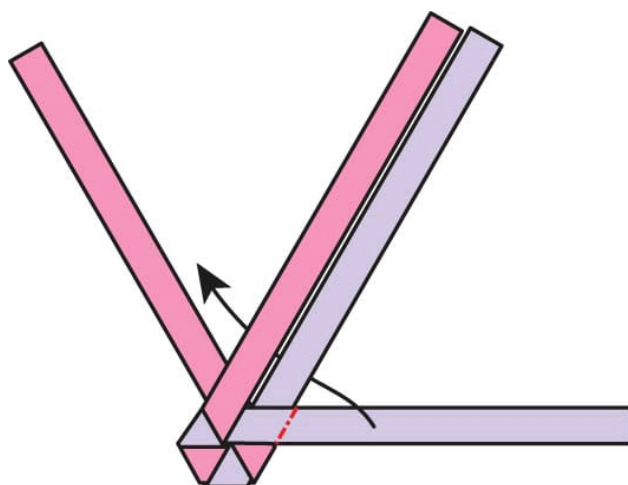
7. Tuck the strip indicated by the white dot behind the one underneath it.



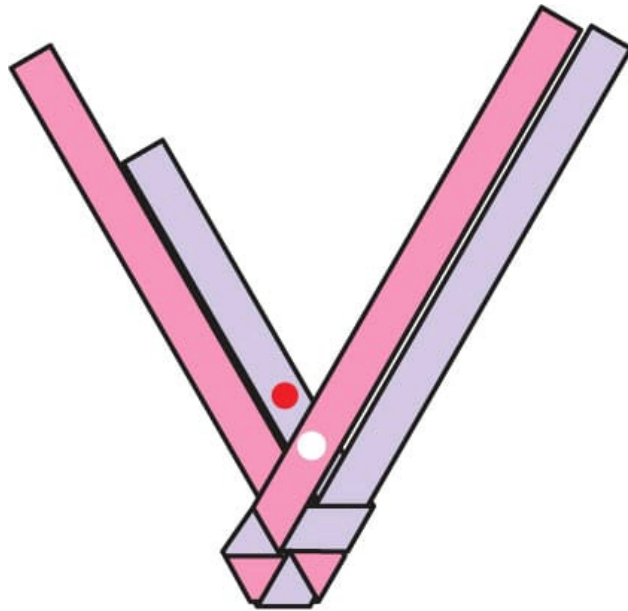
8. Fold the left-most strip diagonally down behind and to the right.



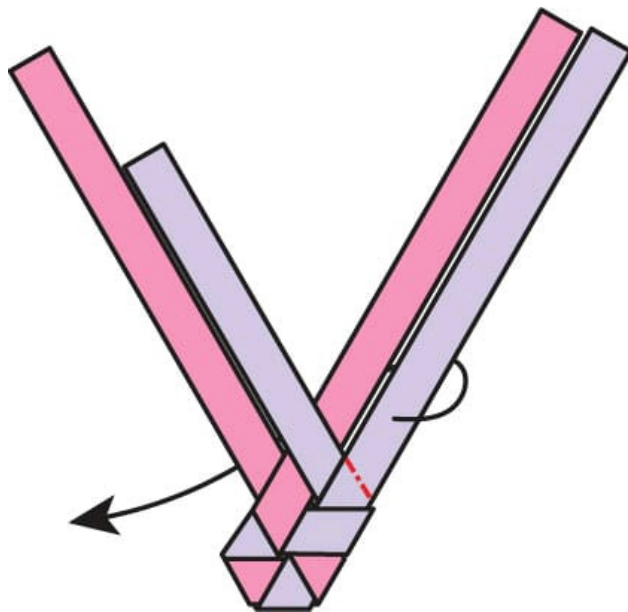
9. Tuck the strip indicated by the white dot behind the one underneath it.



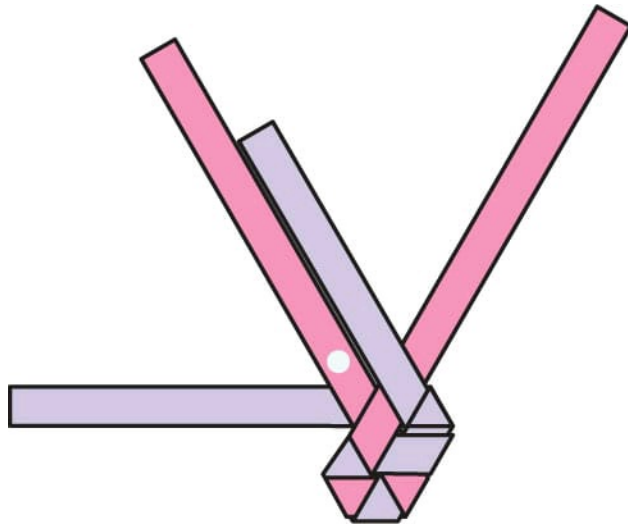
10. Fold the right-most strip diagonally up and behind to the left.



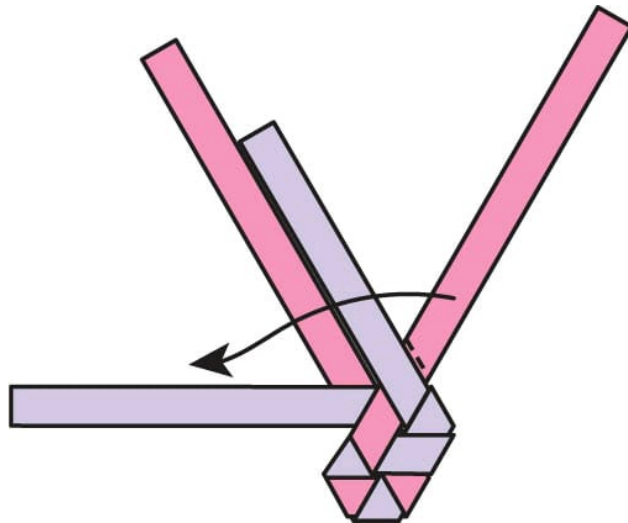
11. Bring the strip indicated by the white dot underneath the strip with the red dot.



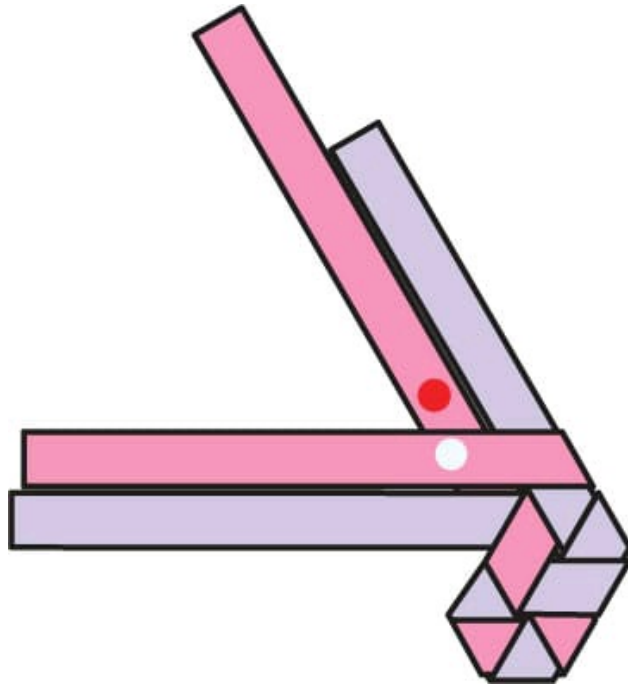
12. Bring the right-most strip diagonally behind to the left.



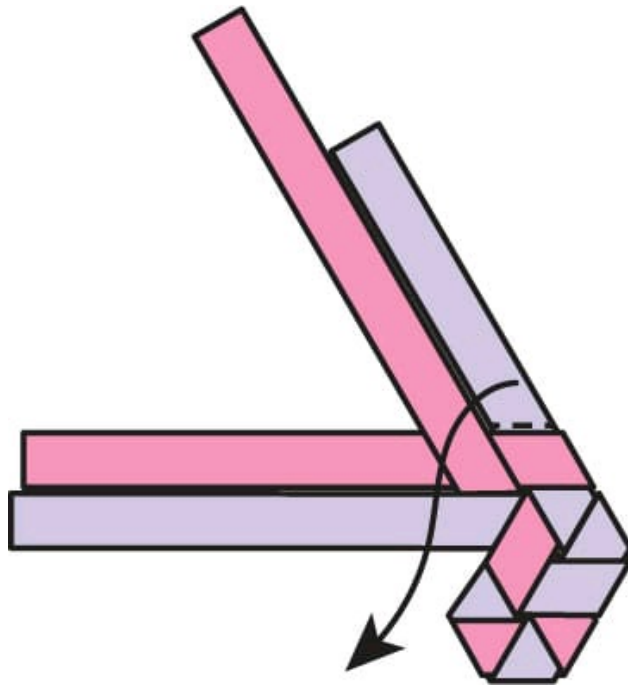
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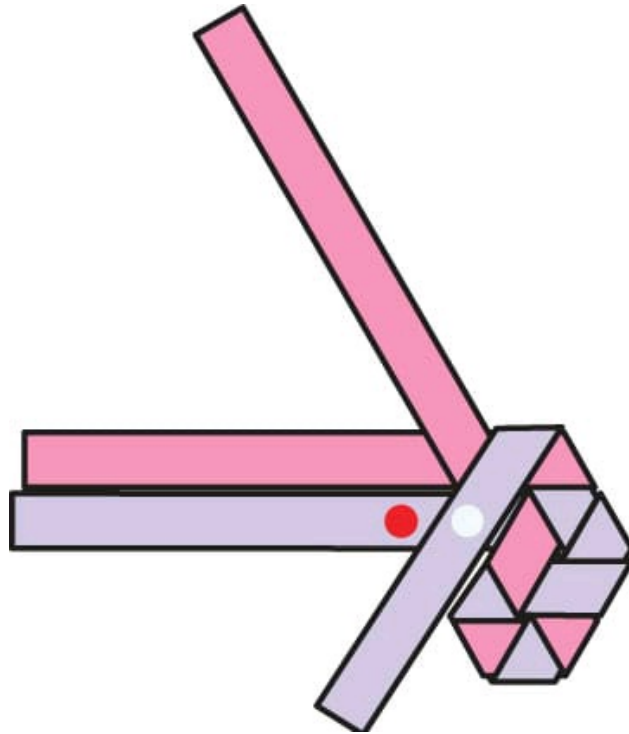
14. Fold the right-most strip diagonally over the top and to the left.



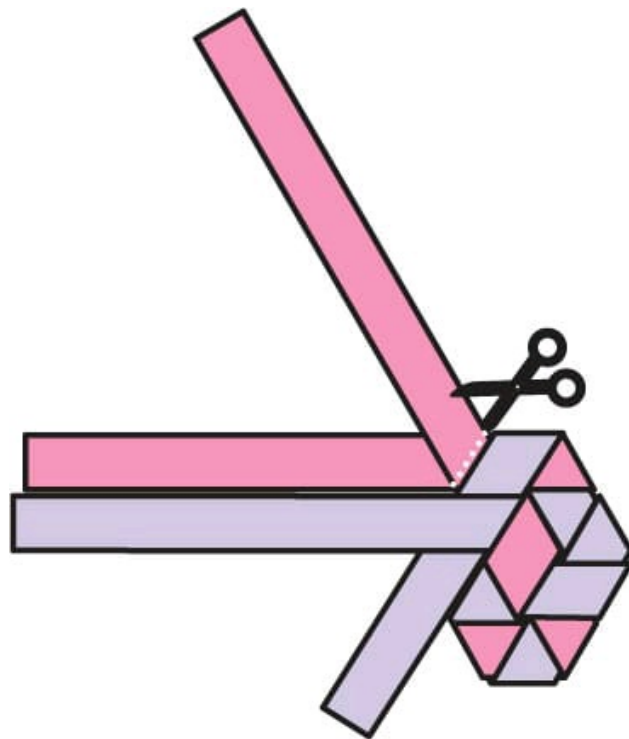
- 15.** Tuck the strip indicated by the white dot behind the one indicated by the red dot.



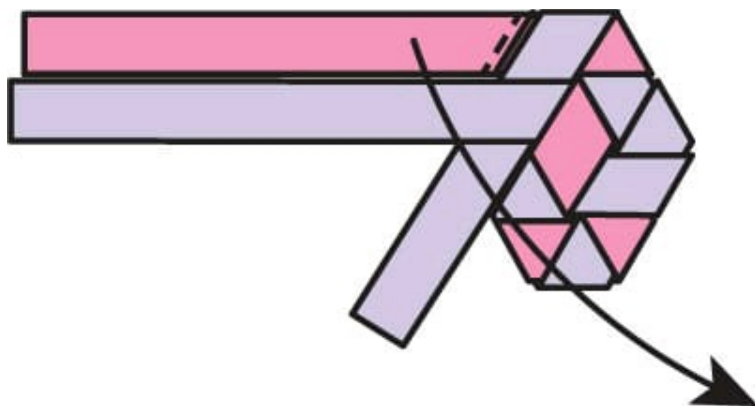
- 16.** Fold the top right strip diagonally down to the left.



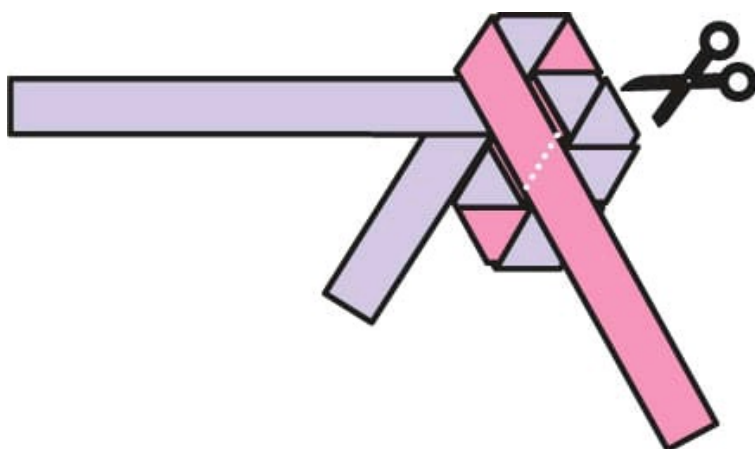
17. Tuck the strip indicated by the white dot behind the one indicated by the red dot.



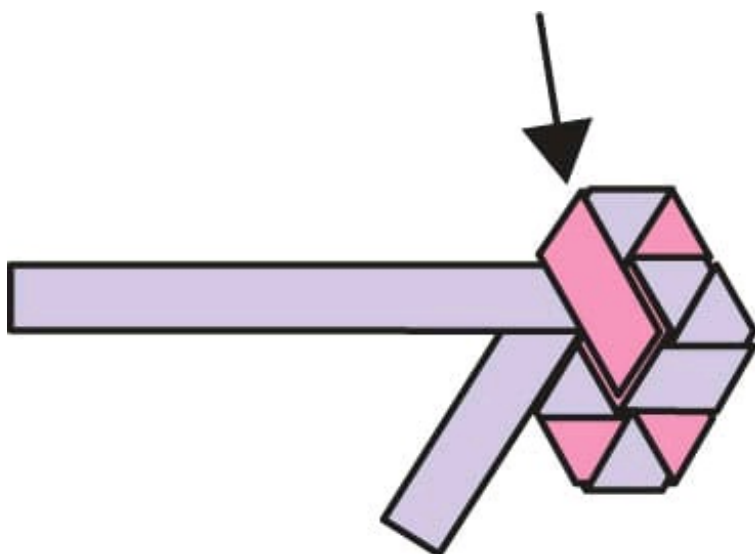
18. Trim the top diagonal strip as indicated.



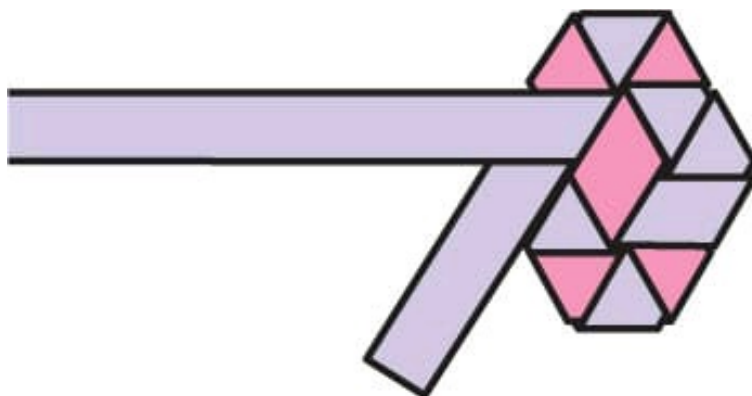
19. Fold the top strip diagonally down and to the right.



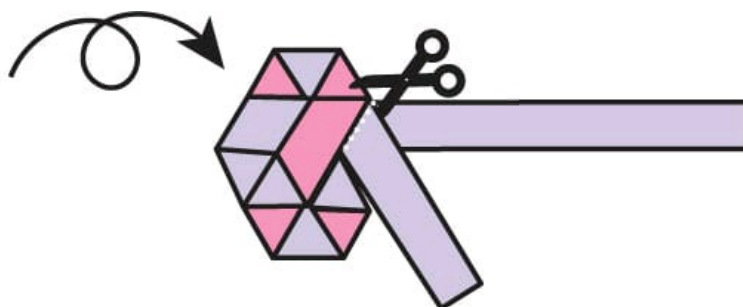
20. Trim the strip as indicated.



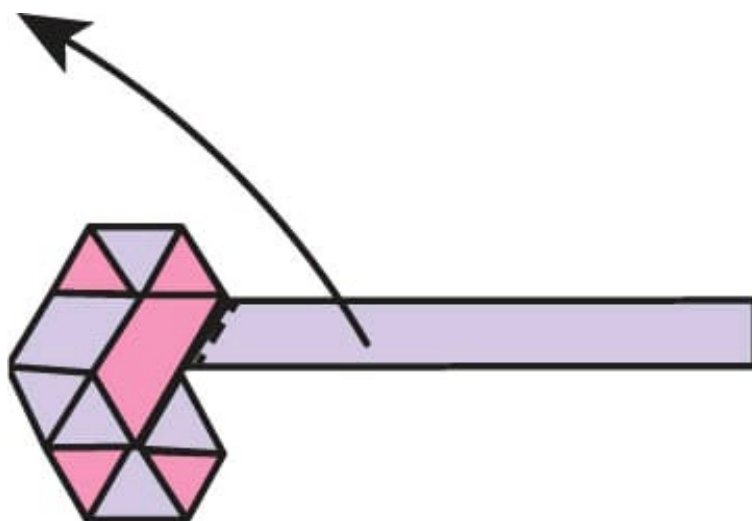
21. Slot the trimmed strip inside the heart.



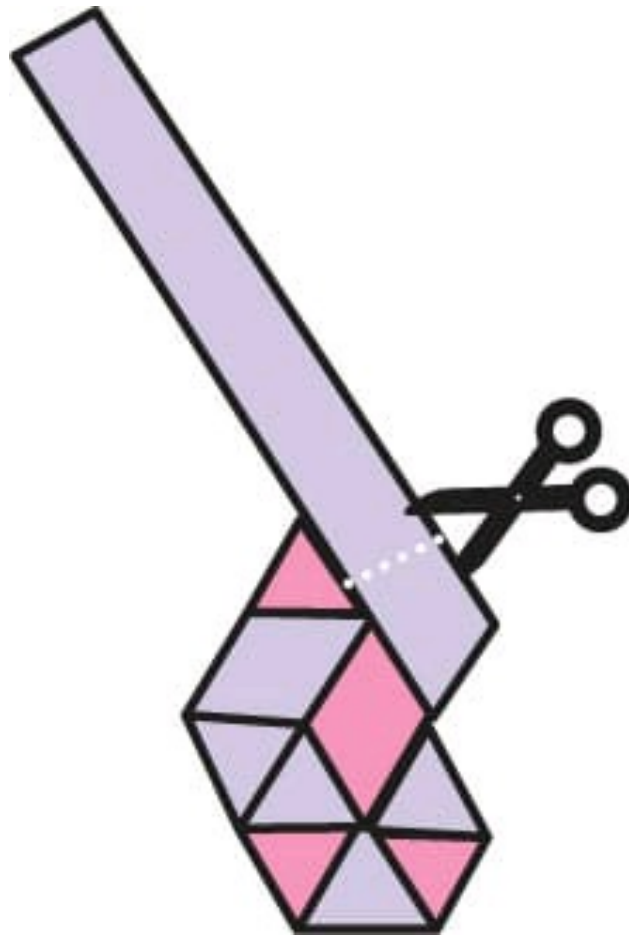
22. This is how your model should look. Now flip it over to the other side.



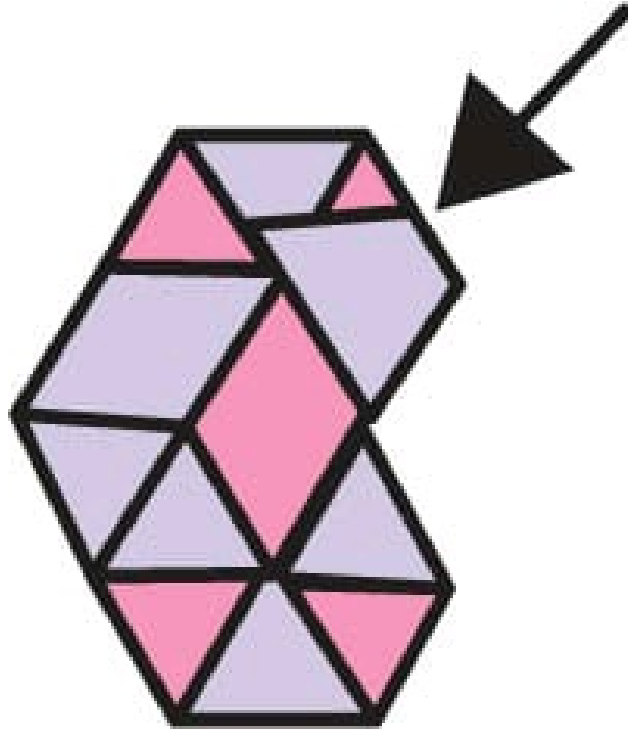
23. Trim the lower strip as indicated.



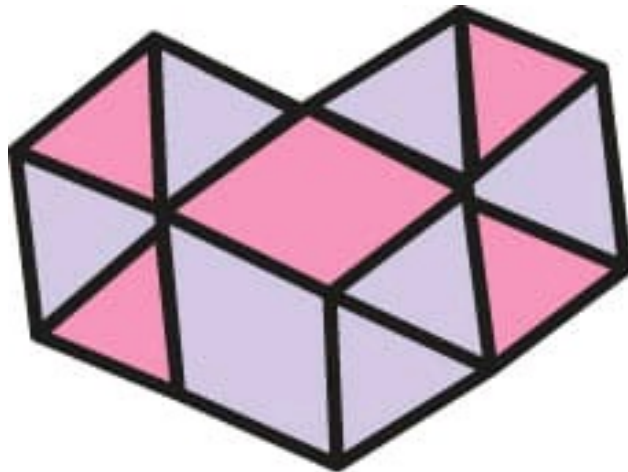
24. Fold the last remaining strip diagonally up and to the left.



25. Trim the strip.



26. Slot the strip underneath the top right triangular flap.



27. Love!

KAWAII TIP

To attach the love knot to a key chain, make a small hole at the top of the heart using a pushpin. Now you can attach a jump ring. You can also cover the heart in one or more layers of clear varnish to make it water resistant.

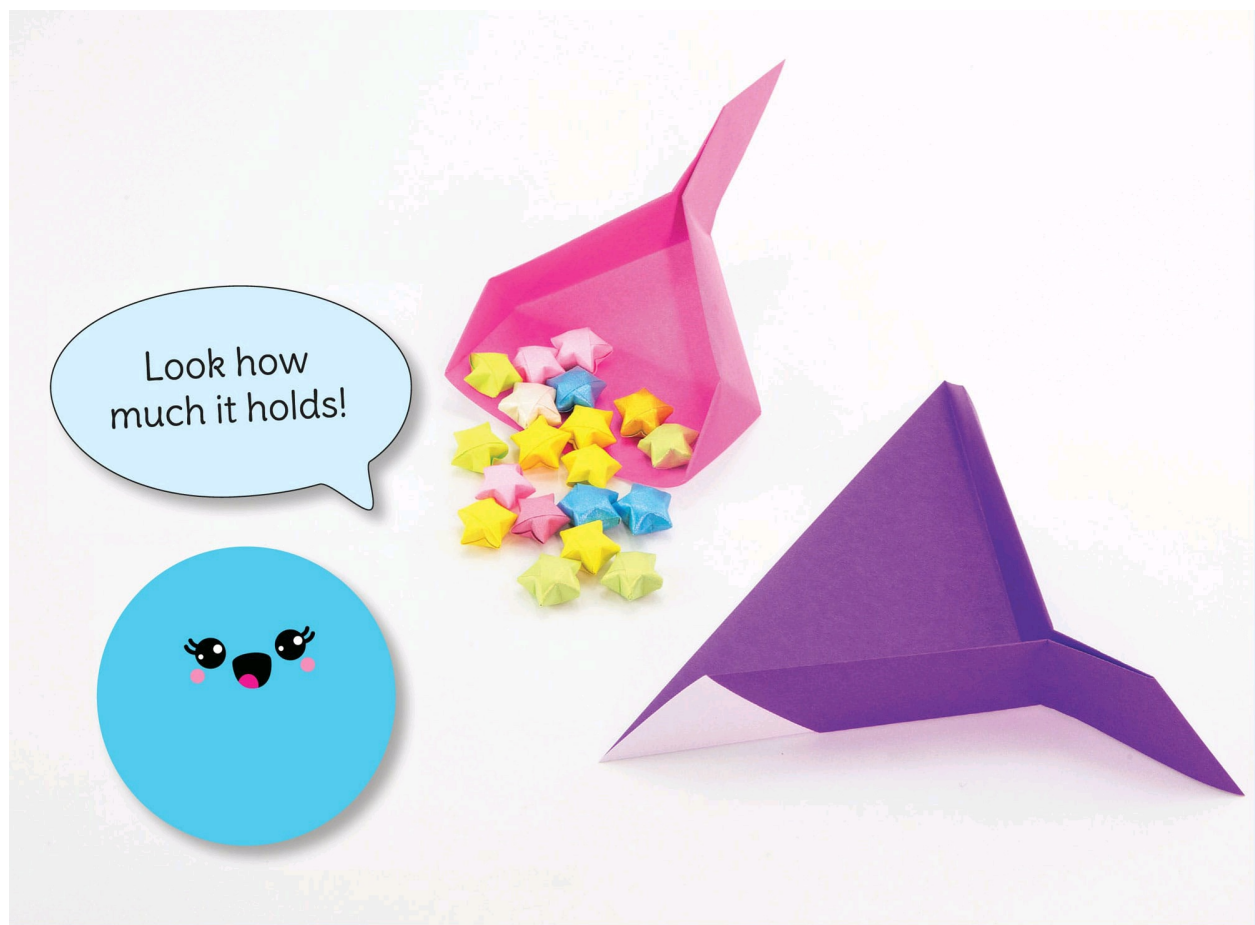
Dustpan & Scoop

Here are two origami models that can actually be used to clean up! The first is a simple dustpan which only takes a minute to make! The second one is a scoop, which is a continuation of the dustpan. Once you have mastered this bigger version, try making a mini dustpan to go with the mini origami trash bin shown [here](#)!

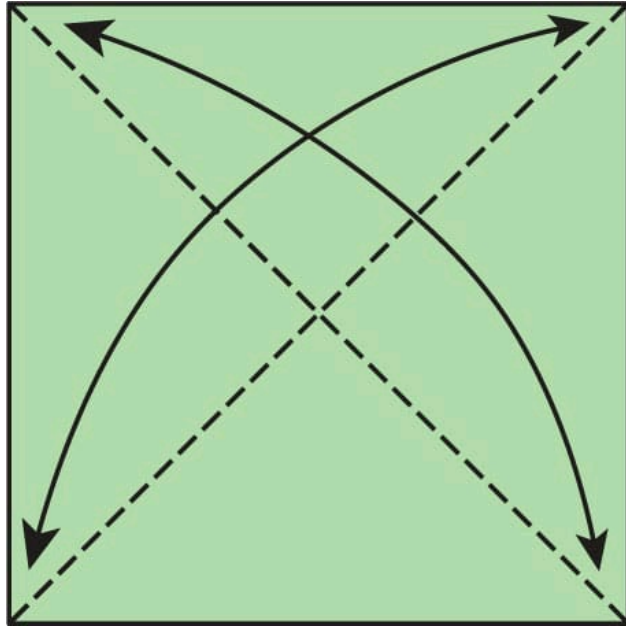


MINI DUSTPAN VARIATION PAPER SIZE: 3 × 3 inches (7.5 × 7.5 cm)

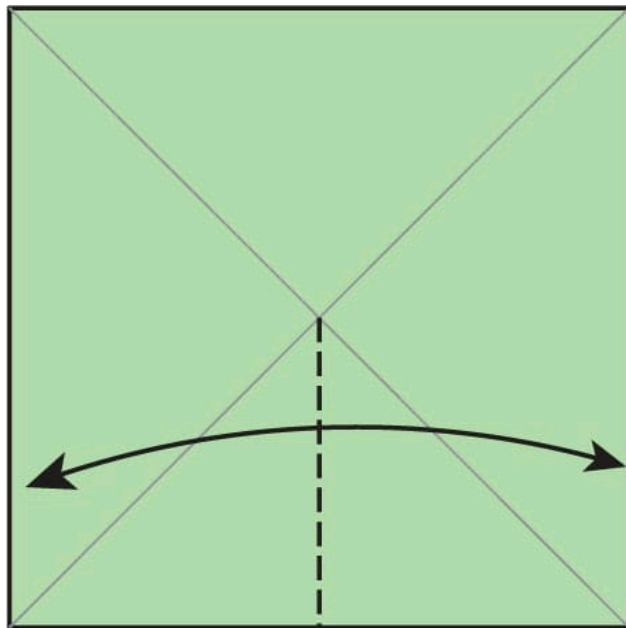
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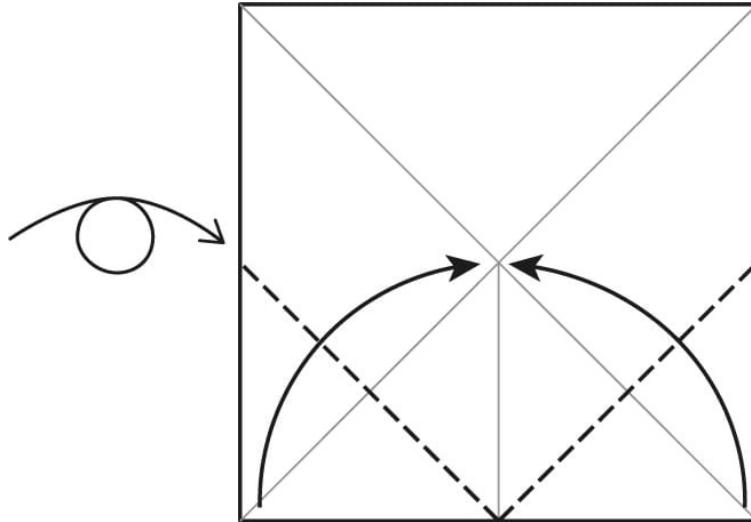
DUSTPAN



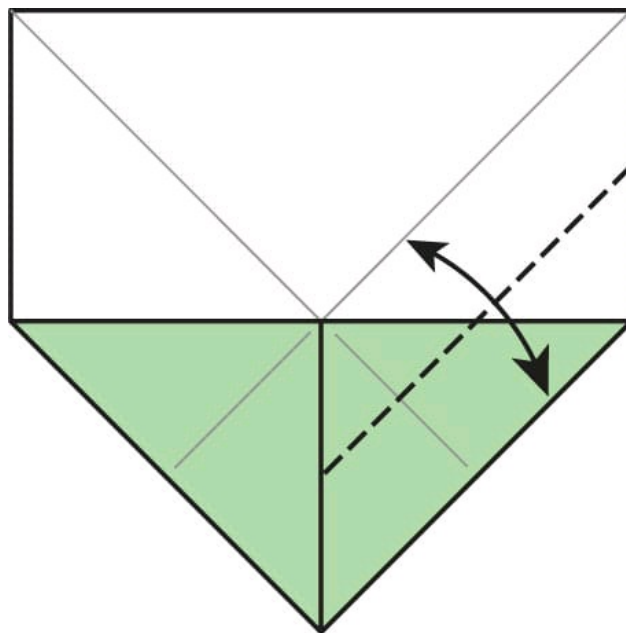
1. Start with the color side of your paper facing up. Fold the paper in half diagonally and unfold, then repeat in the other direction.



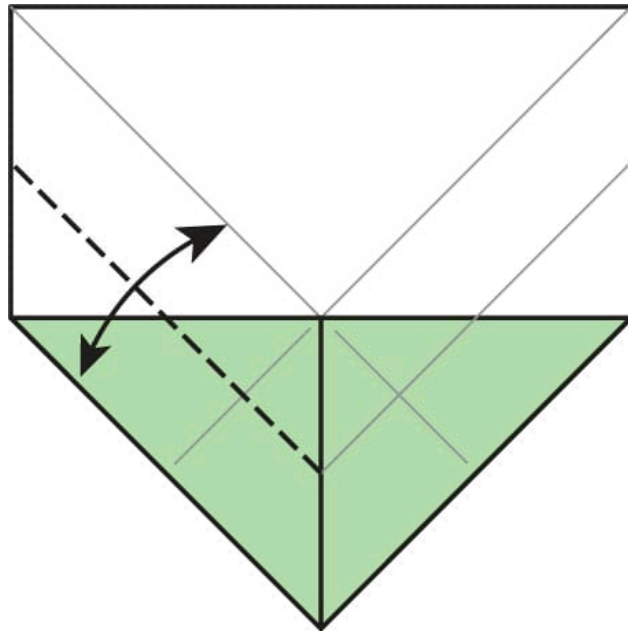
2. Fold the right edge over to the left edge, crease only the lower half, and unfold.



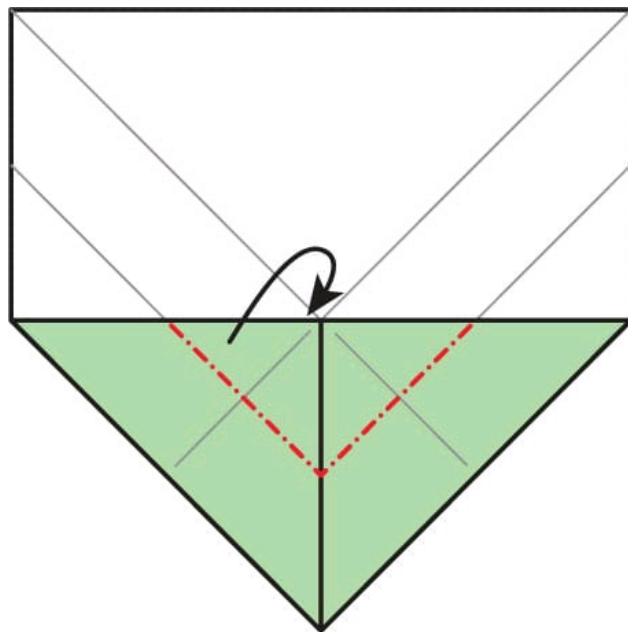
3. Flip the paper over to the other side from left to right. Fold the bottom left and right corners diagonally in to the center.



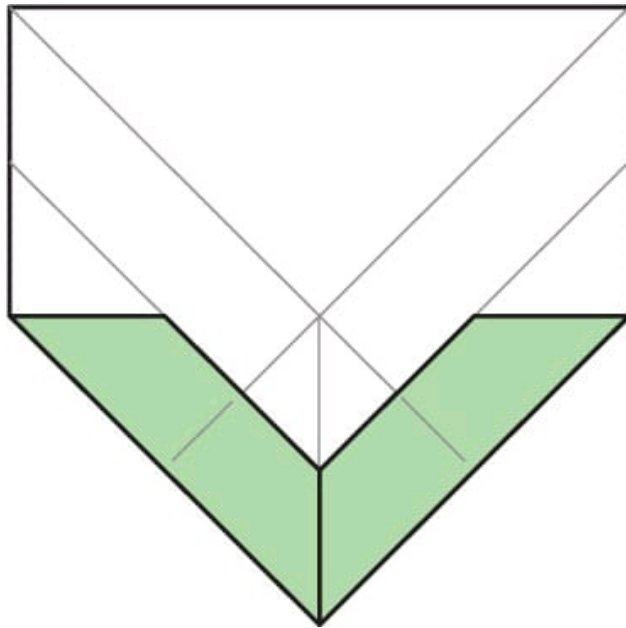
4. Take the bottom right diagonal edge and fold it diagonally up to meet the diagonal crease above and unfold. Do not fold the lower part of the paper; only make a crease where indicated by the dotted line.



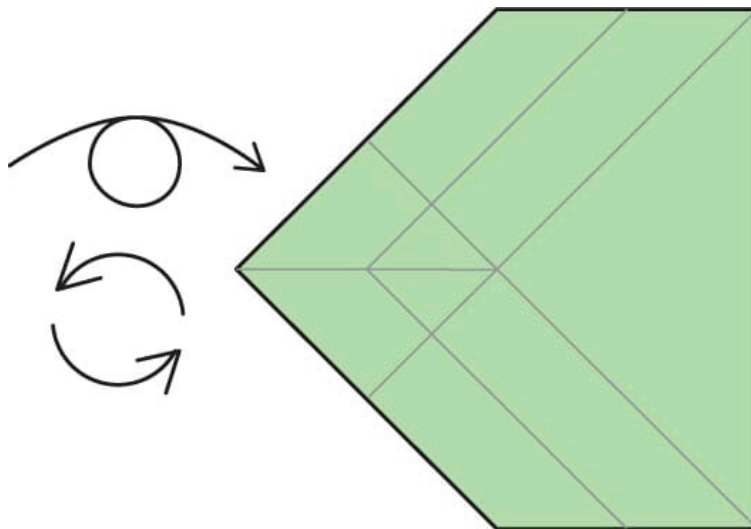
5. Repeat the previous step on the left side.



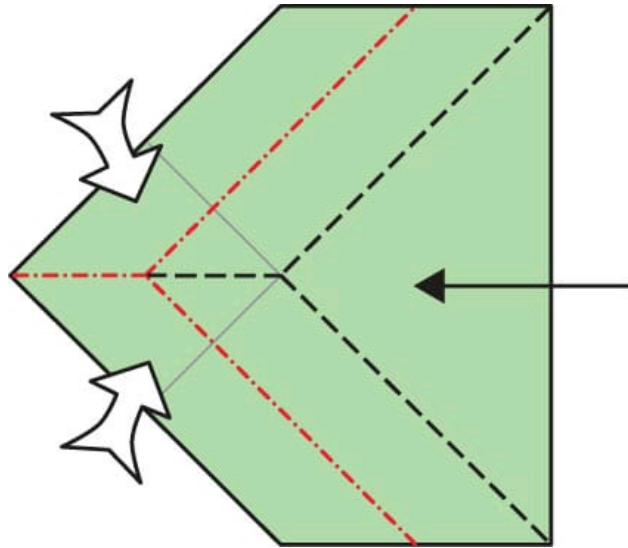
6. Fold the points of the two lower flaps behind, along the creases you created in the previous two steps.



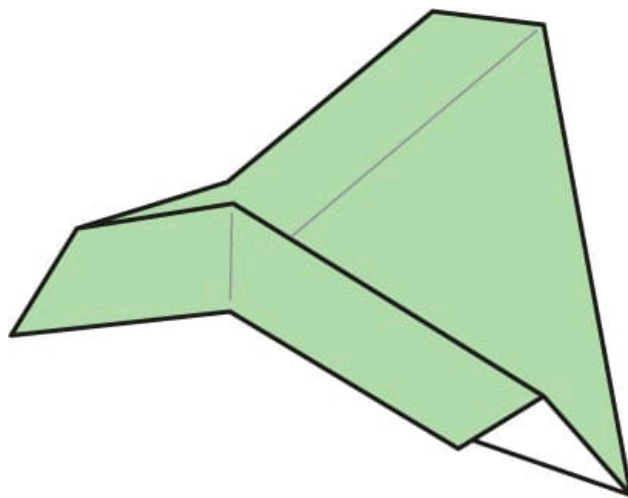
7. Here is what your model should now look like.



8. Flip the paper over to the other side and rotate it.

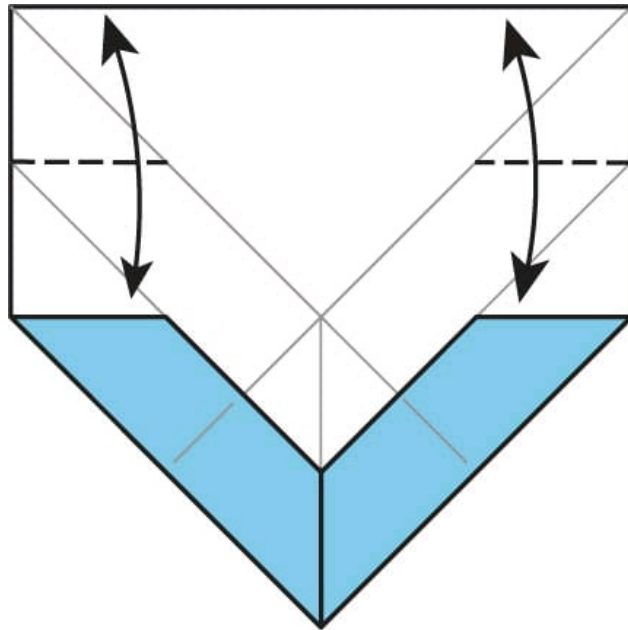


- 9.** Using the existing creases, push the right section while pinching the left section and pushing it toward the right.

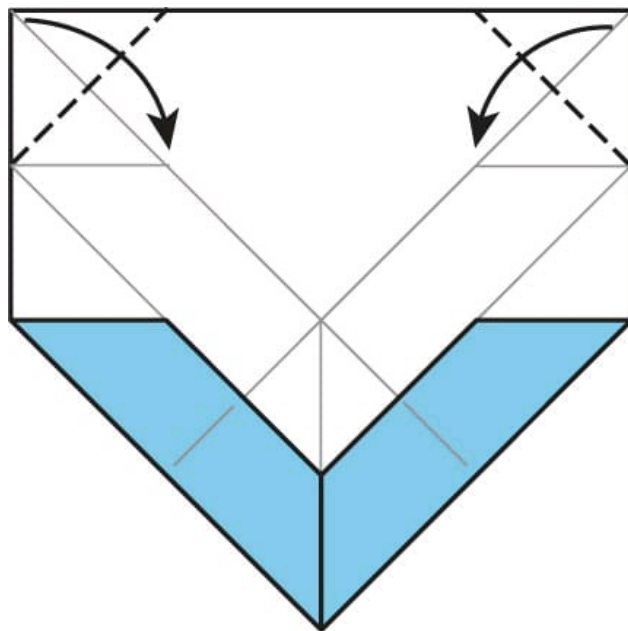


- 10.** Your simple origami dustpan is complete! You can now use it to create the scoop if you like.

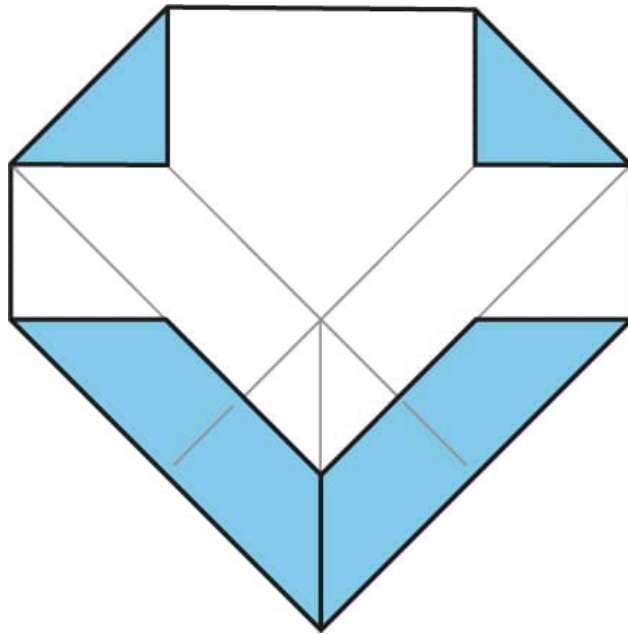
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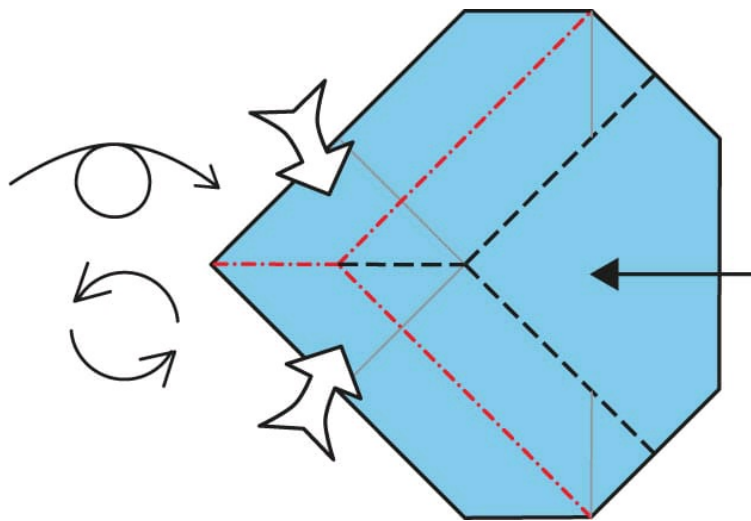
- 11.** Open the paper back out to step 7 (or start with a new paper and fold up to step 7). Fold the top edge down as indicated, only folding on left and the right sides. Unfold.



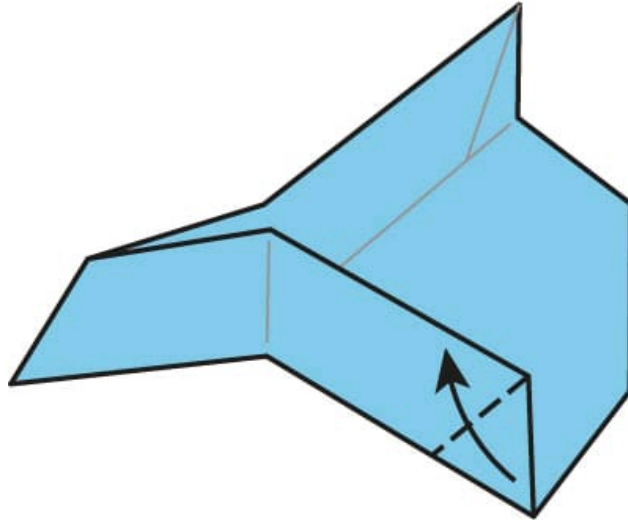
- 12.** Fold the top left and right corners diagonally inward.



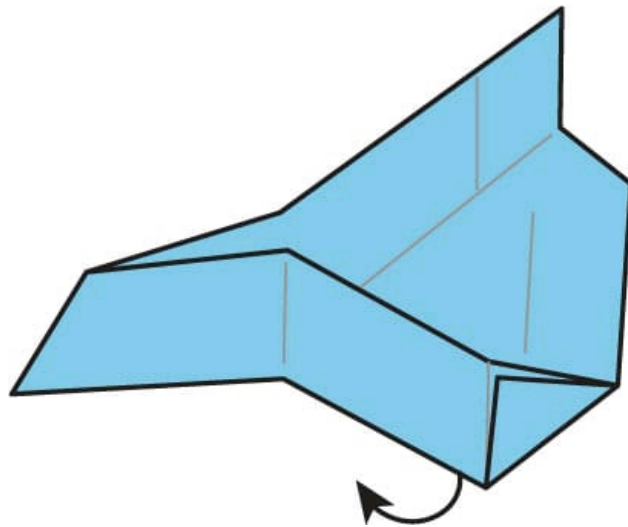
13. Here is what your model should now look like.



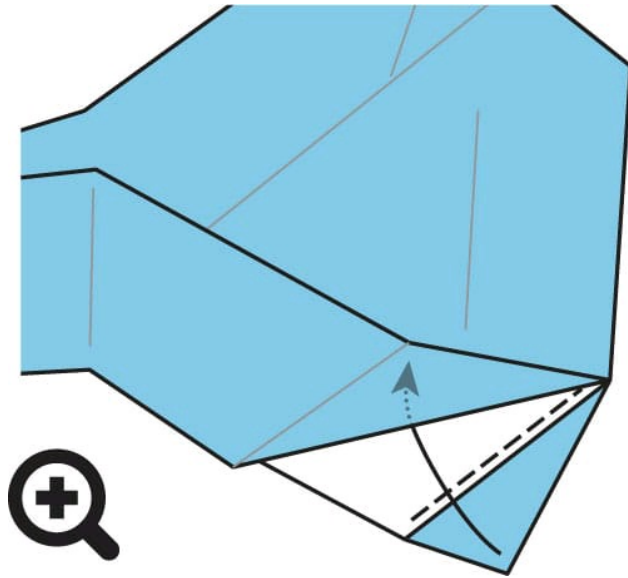
14. Flip the paper over and rotate it. Once again, push the left and right sections toward each other to make the scoop three-dimensional.



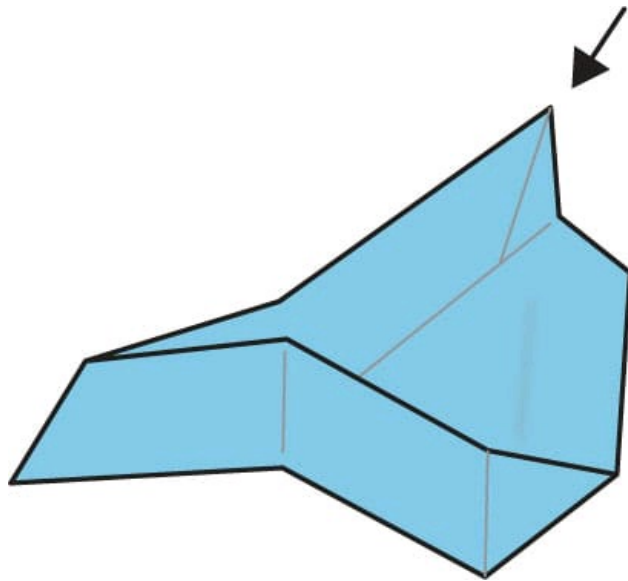
- 15.** With your dustpan positioned as shown, fold the front-most corner flap diagonally up along the crease.



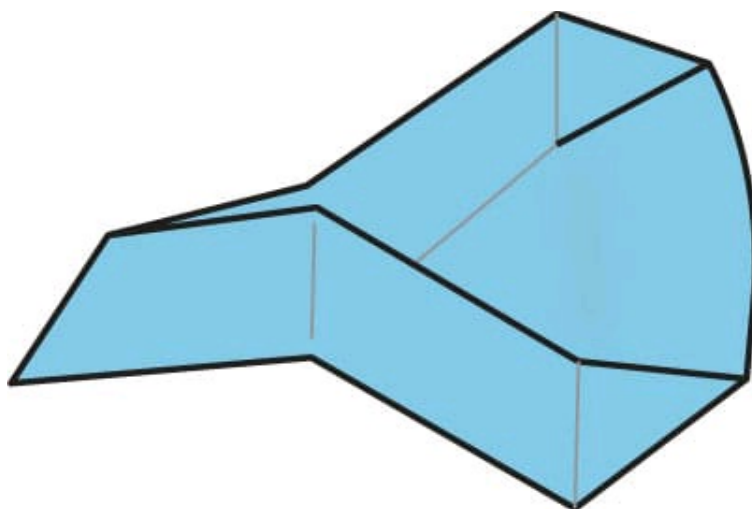
- 16.** Open the edge of the dustpan a little.



17. Refold the corner underneath the flap you just opened.



18. Repeat steps 15 to 17 on the other side of the scoop.



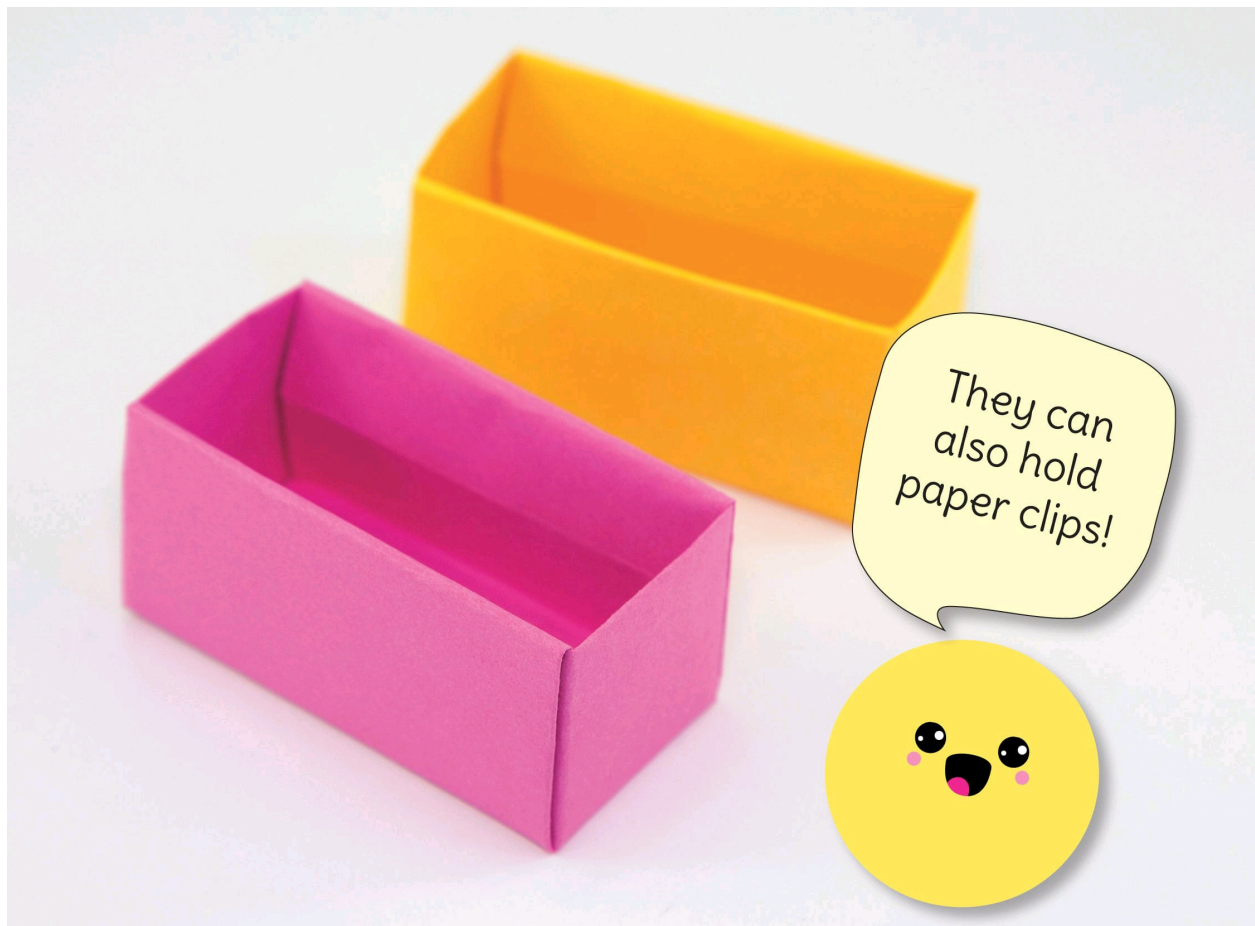
19. Voila! You're ready for tiny messes.

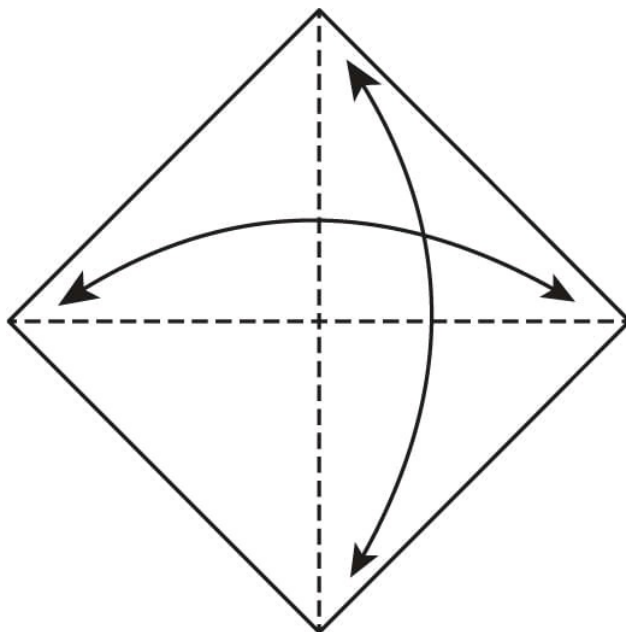
Rectangular Masu Box

This variation of the masu box shown [here](#) ends up being rectangular when finished. Not only is this masu box cute as a gift box, but it also makes a great organization container. Use a larger, thicker paper or cardstock to make a steady box to store pens or makeup brushes.

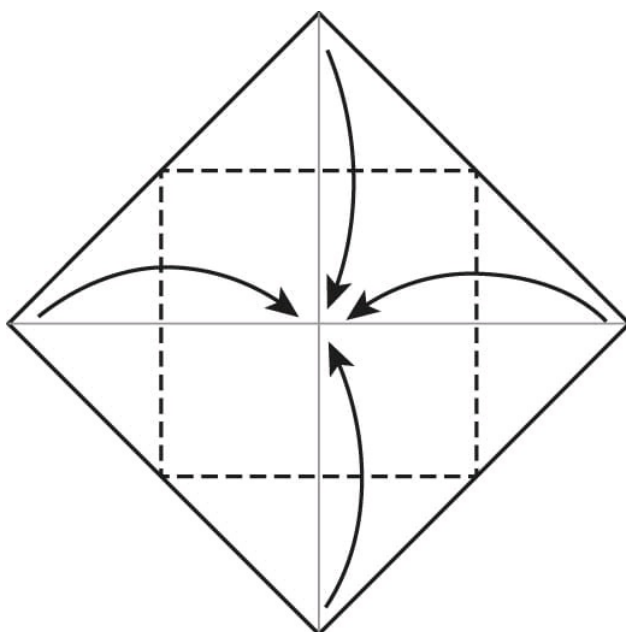
PAPER SIZE: 7 × 7 inches (17.5 × 17.5 cm)

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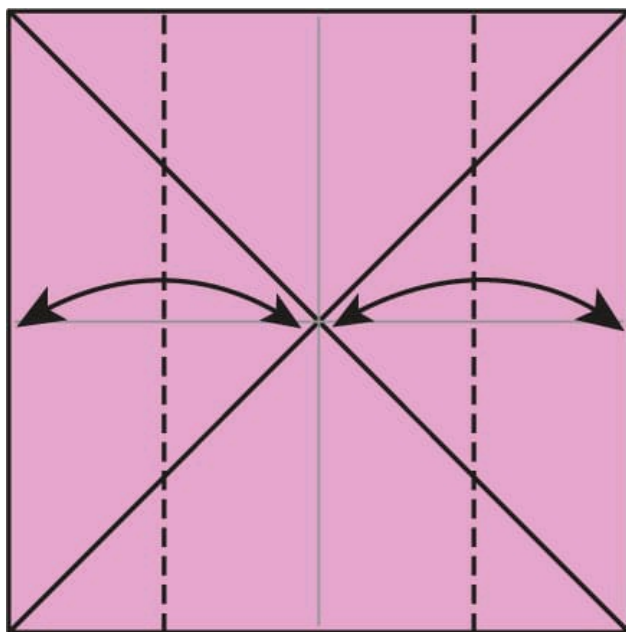




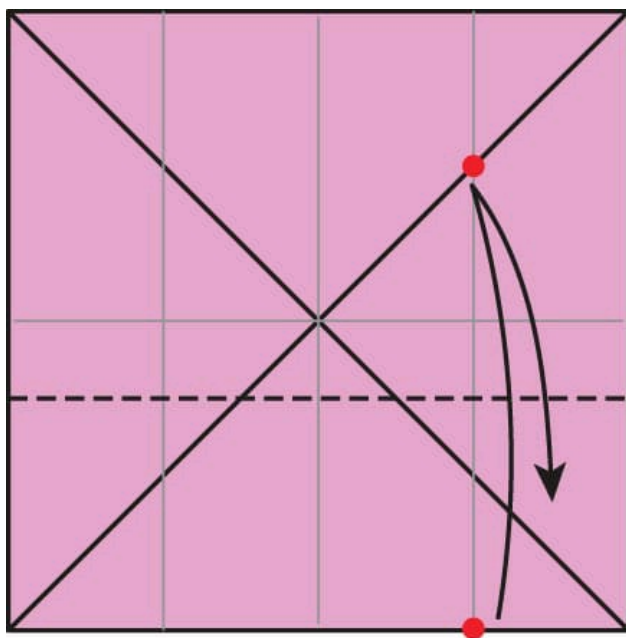
1. Starting with your paper orientated as shown, fold and unfold the paper in half in both directions.



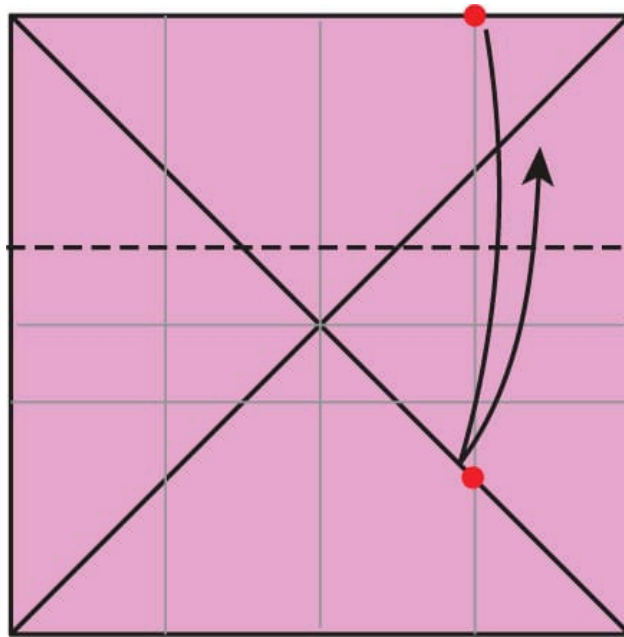
2. Fold each corner to the center.



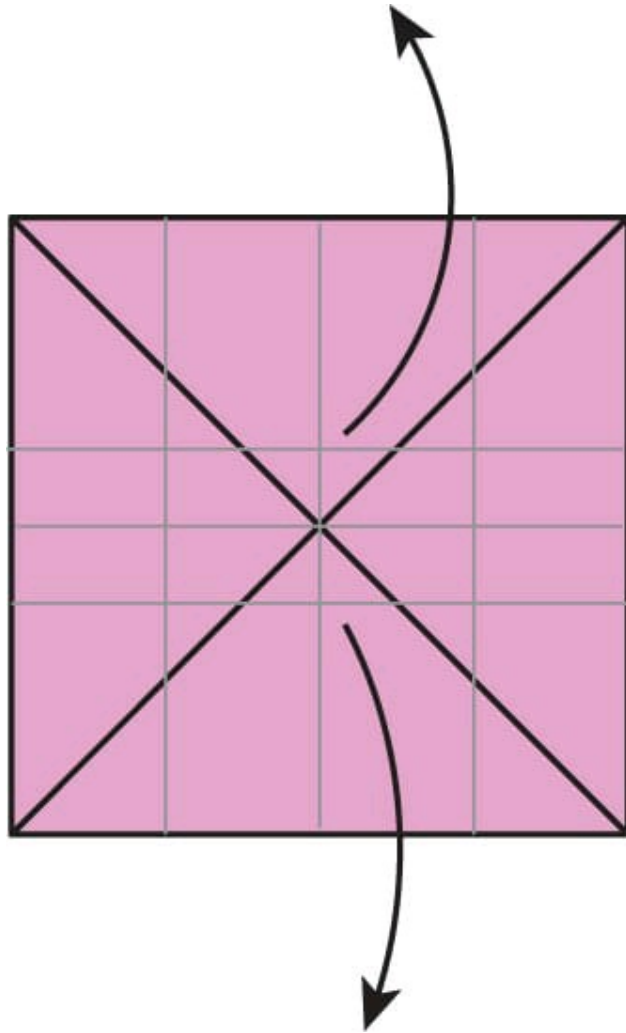
3. Fold the left and right edges to the middle and unfold.



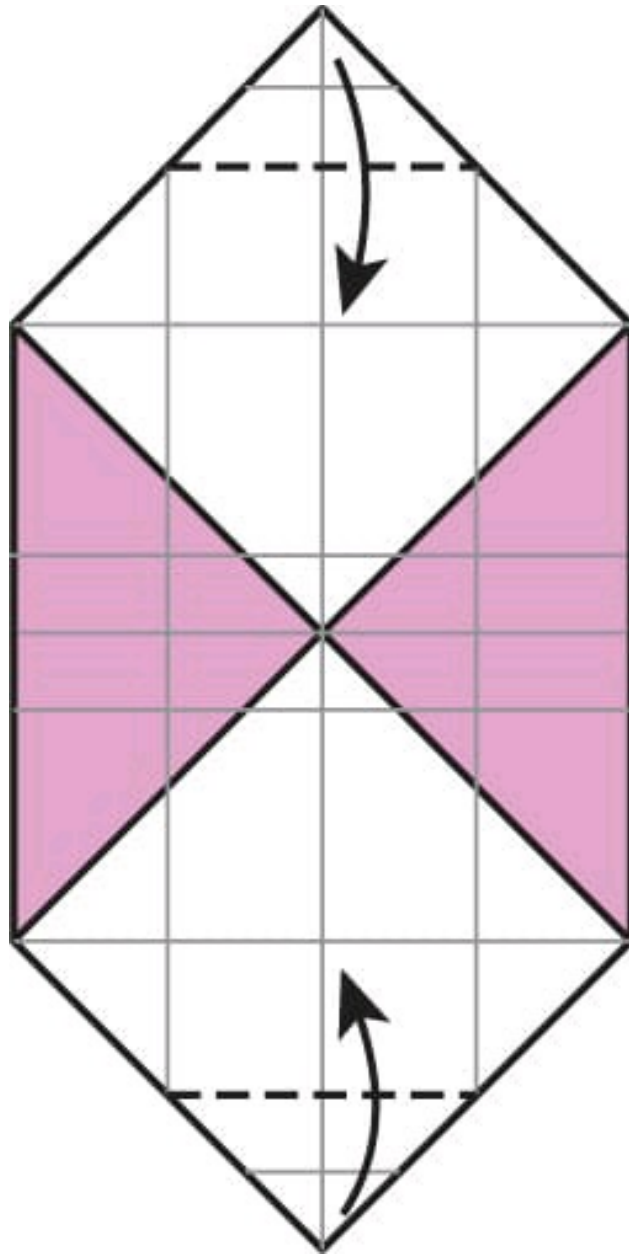
4. Fold the bottom edge up to the point indicated and unfold.



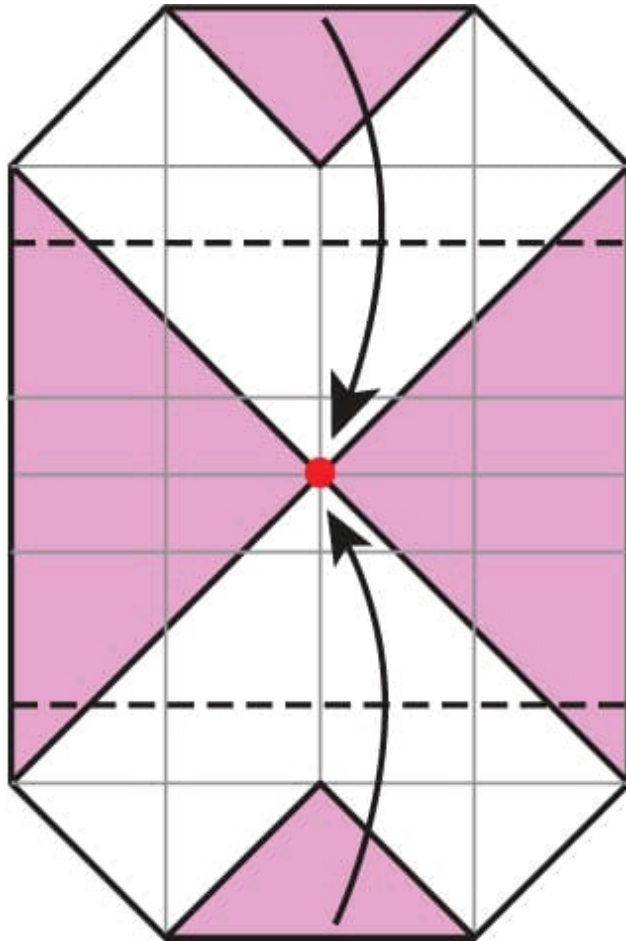
5. Fold the top edge to the point indicated and unfold.



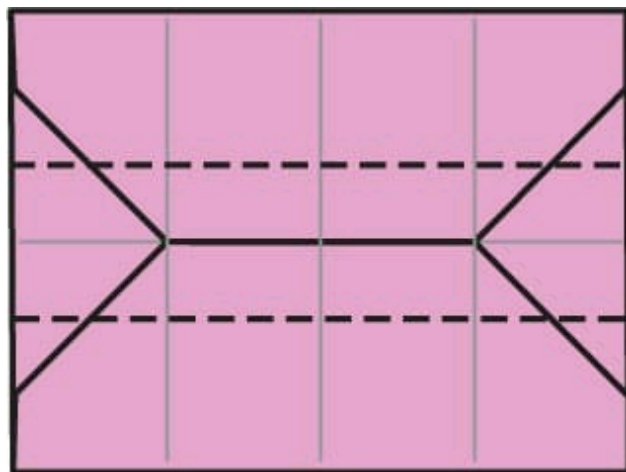
6. Open up the top and bottom sections.



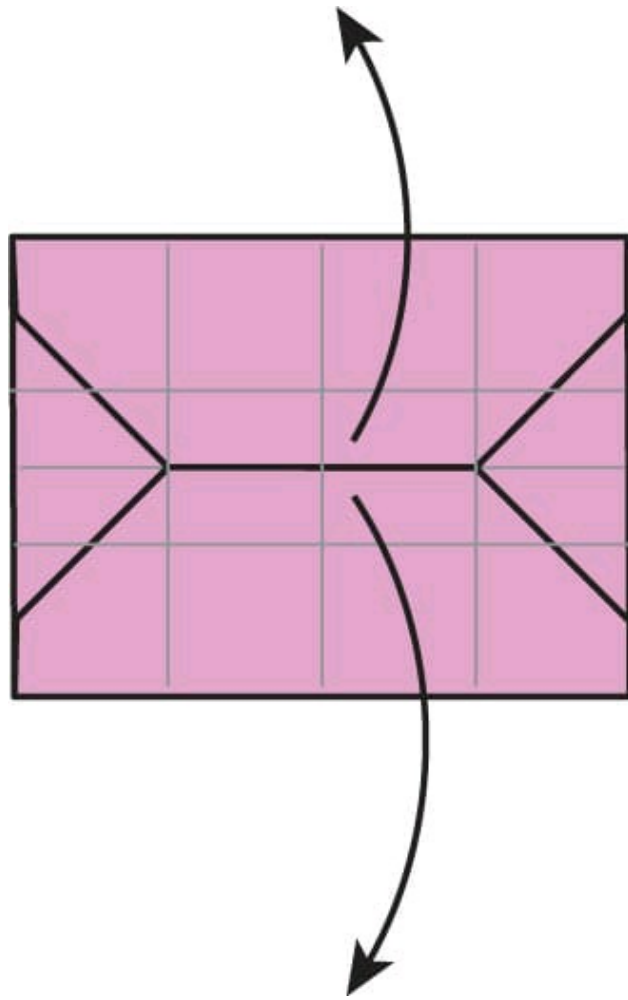
7. Fold the top and bottom points inward as indicated.



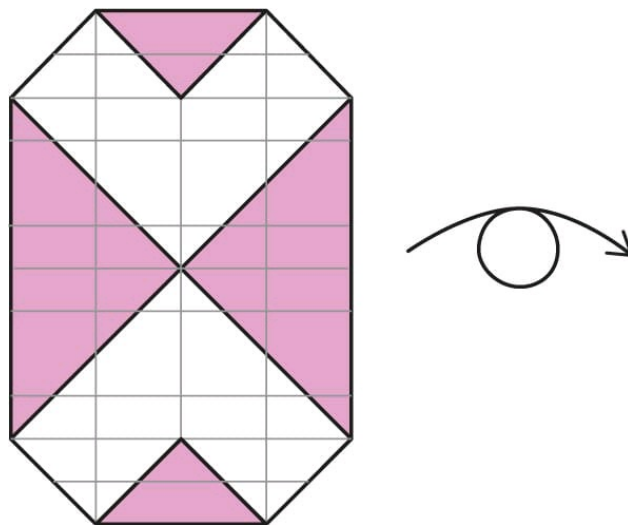
8. Fold the top and bottom edges to the middle.



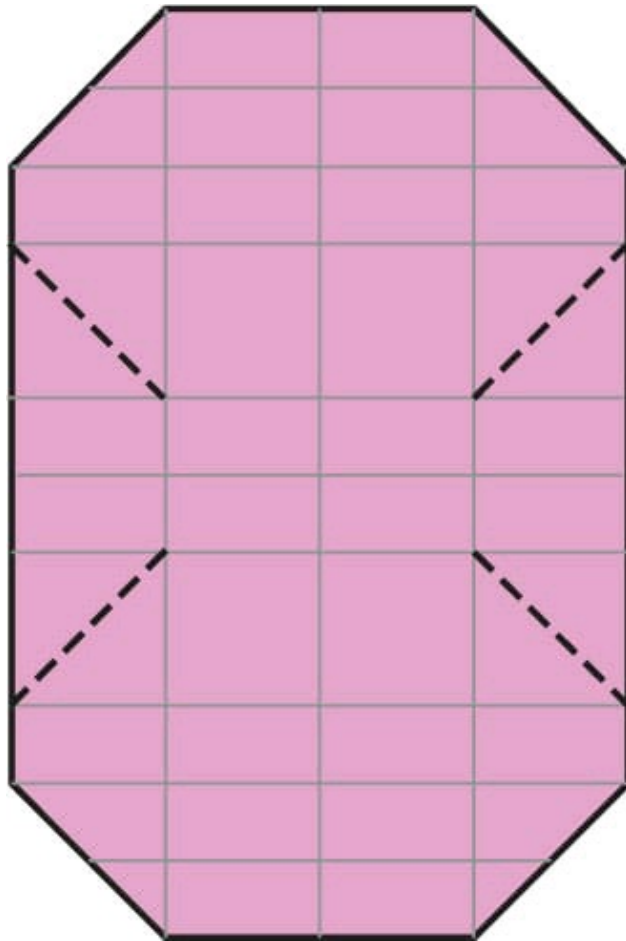
9. Using the existing creases that are underneath the front flaps, refold the indicated horizontal creases.



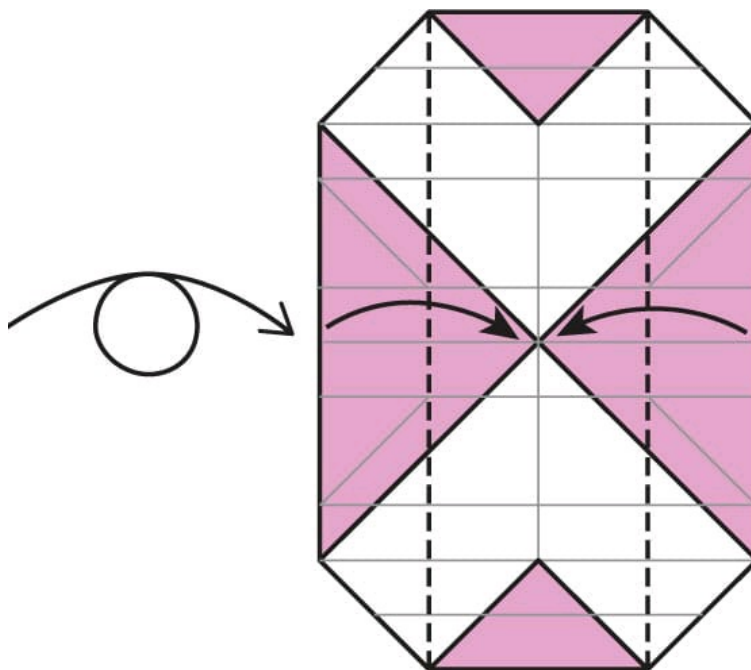
10. Open up the top and bottom sections.



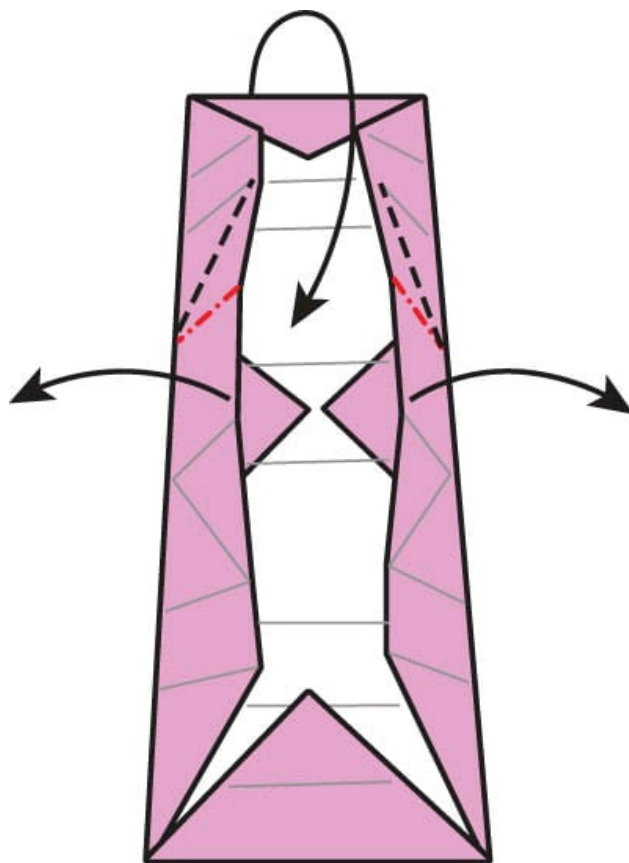
11. This is what your model should now look like. Flip the paper over to the other side.



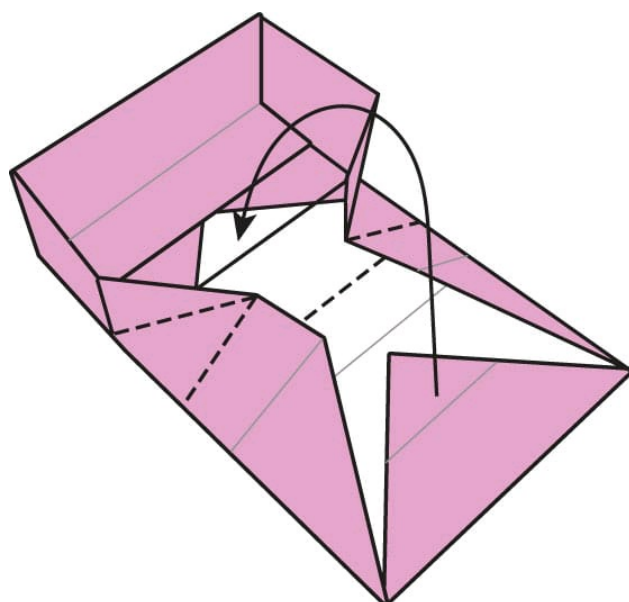
12. Fold and unfold to create the diagonal creases that are indicated.



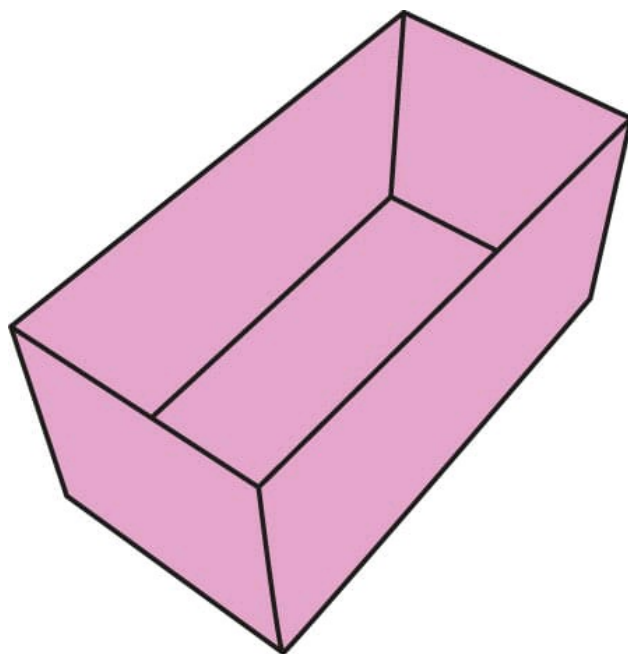
- 13.** Flip the paper over again and fold the left and right edges inward, making the box three-dimensional.



- 14.** Using the diagonal creases you created in step 12, bring the back section up and over, inside the box.



15. Repeat the last step on the front section to complete the box.

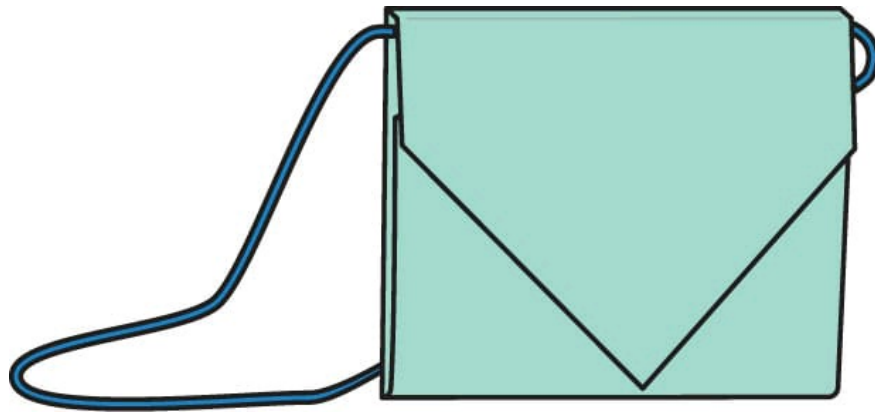


Cute Purse

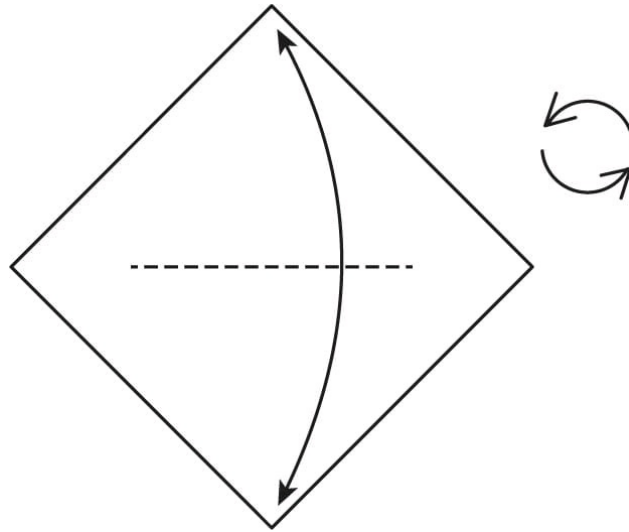
This origami purse is based on the same folding method used for the Kawaii envelopes shown [here](#). You can use this purse as an envelope too. What makes this one appealing is that it becomes a pouch that can be opened up and will hold items securely. You can make a real purse with this project if you use fabric that is ironed into place at each step!



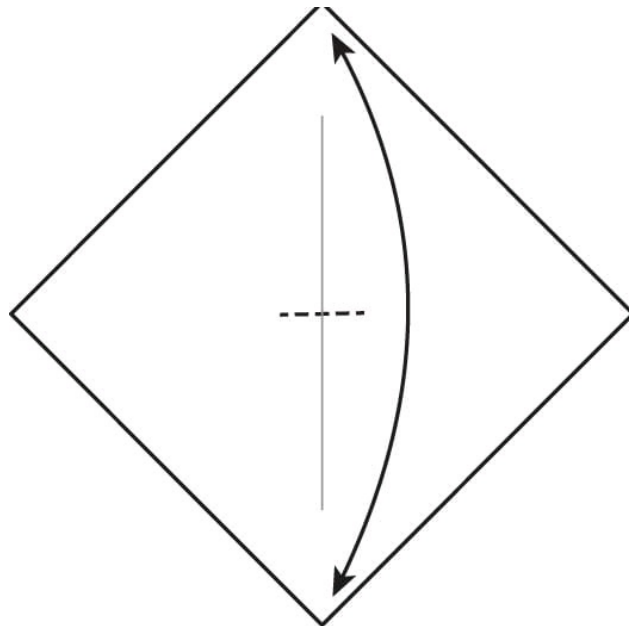
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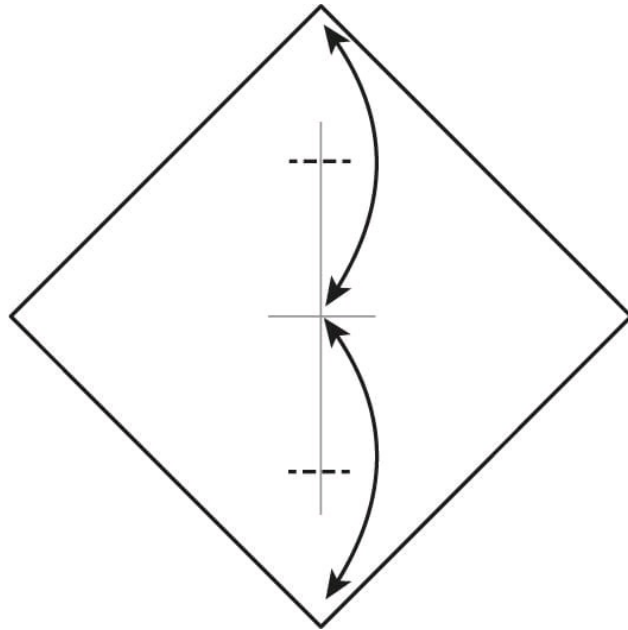




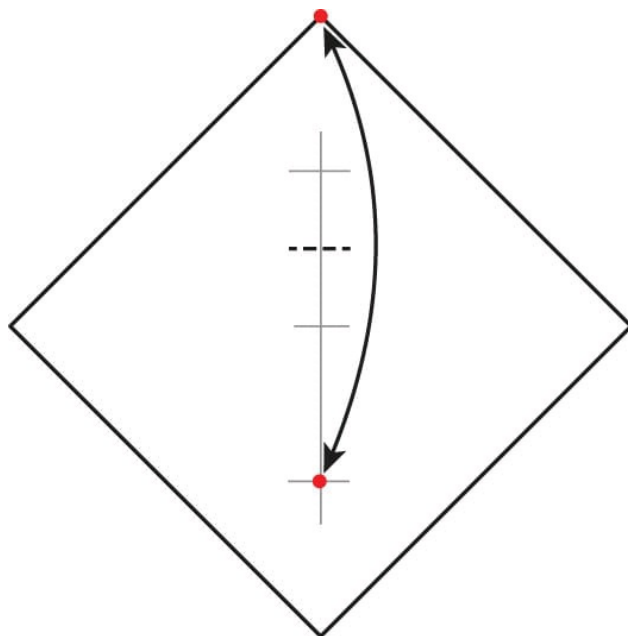
1. Create a horizontal crease by folding the top point down to the bottom point and unfolding it. For a clean finish, avoid creasing the left and right ends.



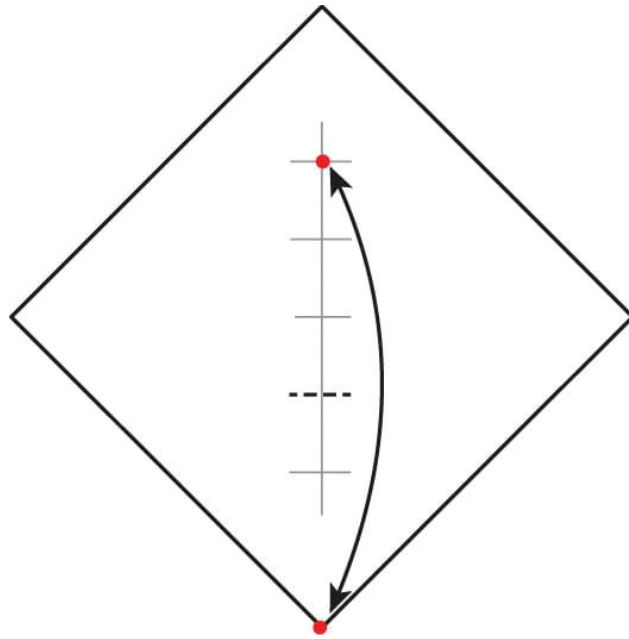
2. Rotate the paper and create a small horizontal crease in the middle using the same method from step 1.



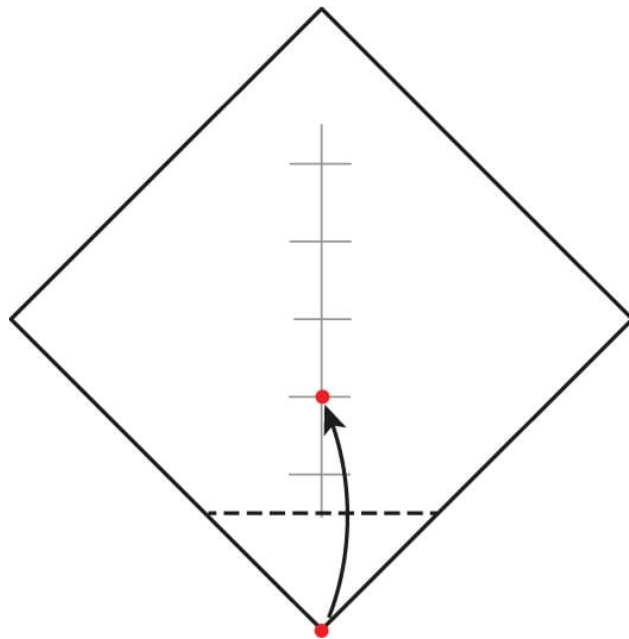
3. Create two more small creases by bringing the top and bottom points to the crease made in the previous step and unfolding them.



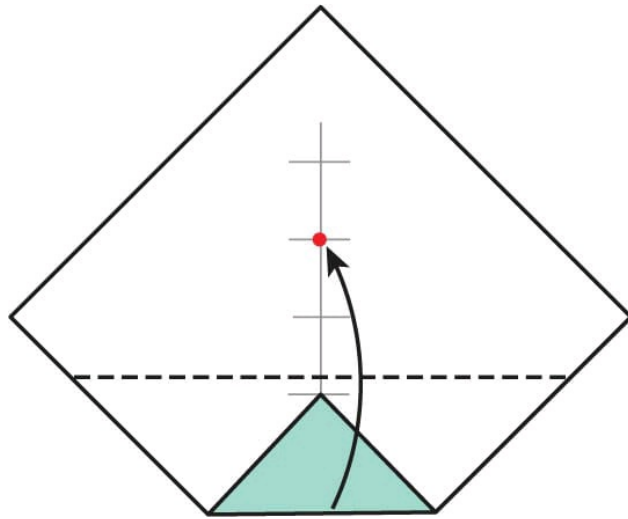
4. Make another small crease by bringing the top point down to the lowest small crease and then unfolding it.



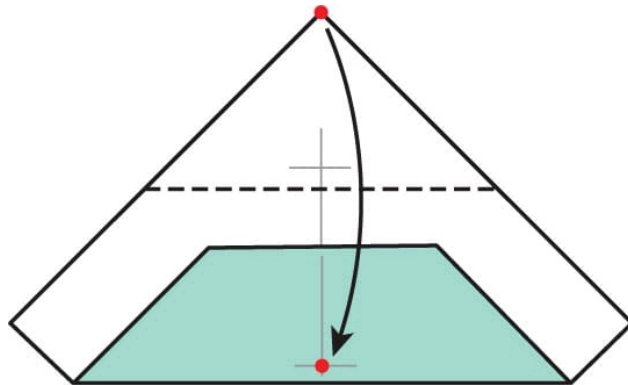
5. Create a final small crease by bringing the bottom point up to the topmost small crease and then unfolding it.



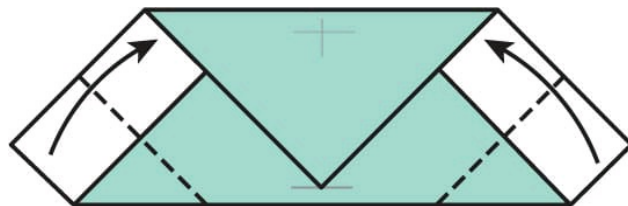
6. Fold the bottom point up to the second crease from the bottom.



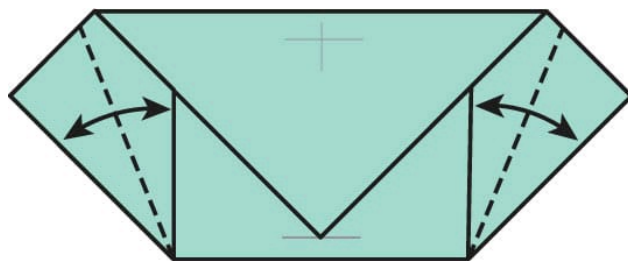
7. Fold the bottom edge up to the second crease from the top.



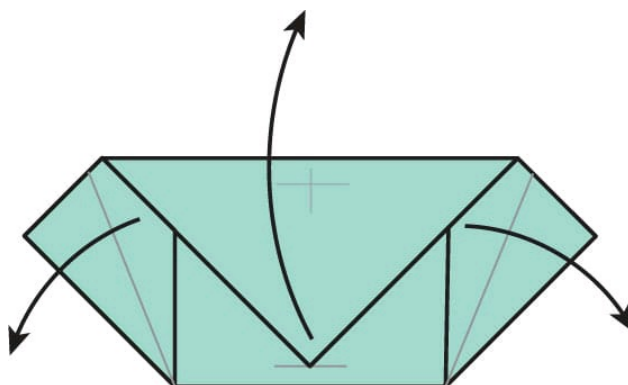
8. Fold the top point down to the small crease at the bottom.



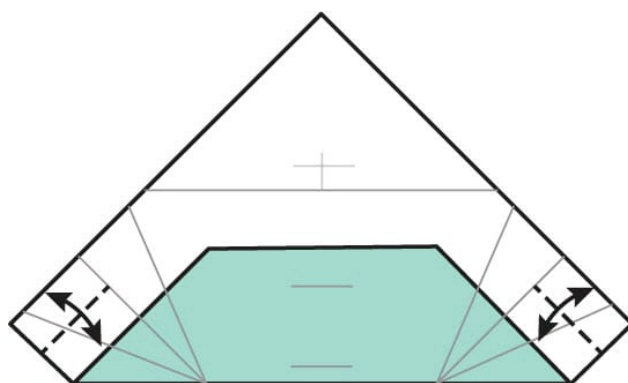
9. Fold the bottom left and right sides diagonally up to meet the edges of the top triangle.



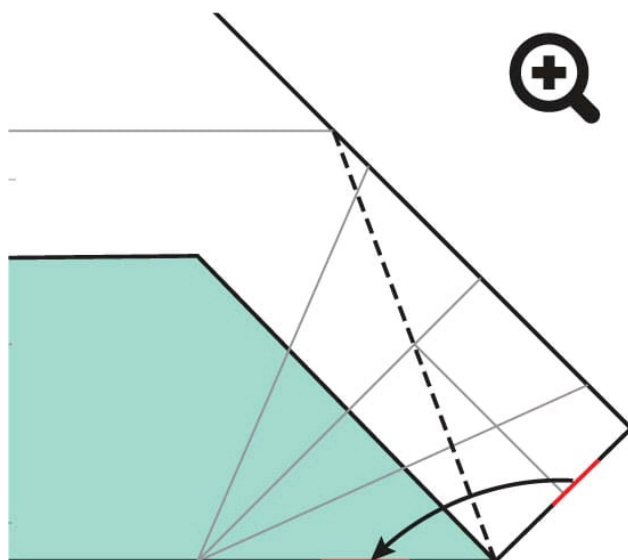
- 10.** Create diagonal creases on the left and right sides by folding and unfolding the right and left edges.



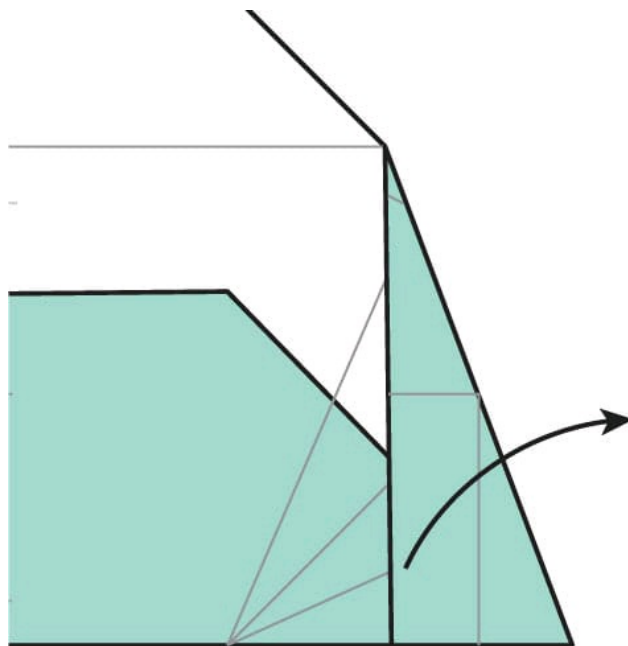
- 11.** Unfold the top section and then unfold the left and right flaps.



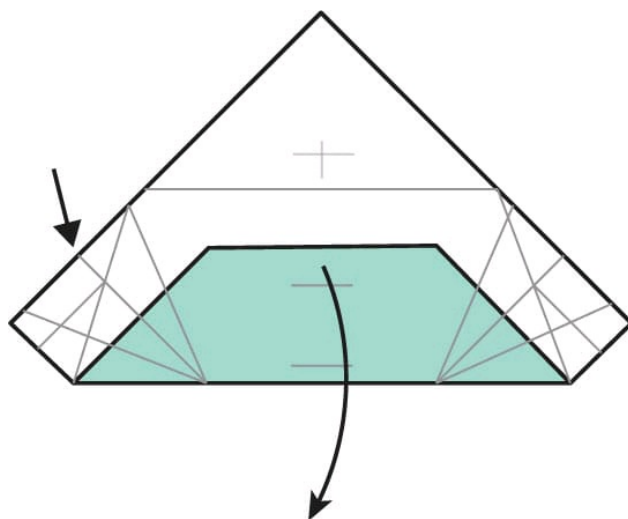
- 12.** Create a diagonal crease where indicated on the left and right sides by folding and unfolding the right and left edges.



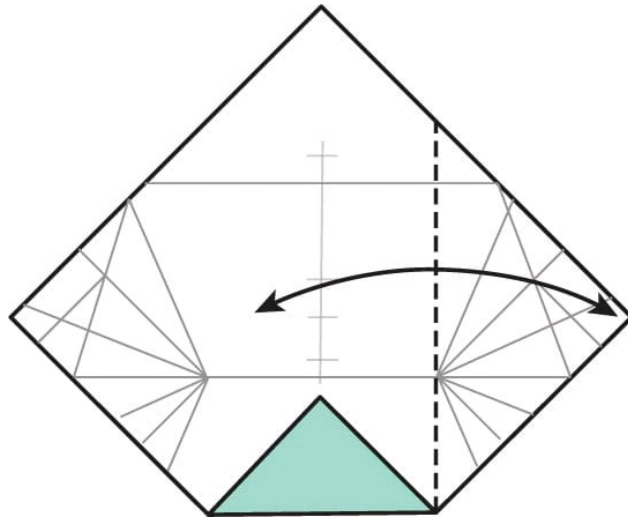
13. Create a diagonal crease where indicated on the right side of the paper by folding the right edge ...



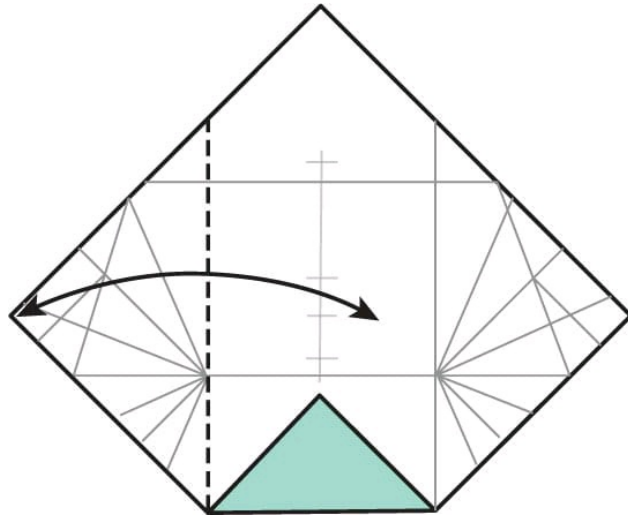
14. ... and unfolding it.



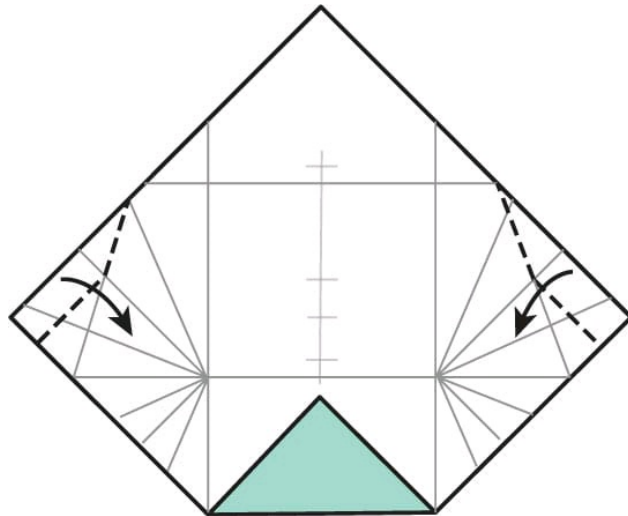
15. Repeat the previous two steps on the left side. Unfold the bottom section downward.



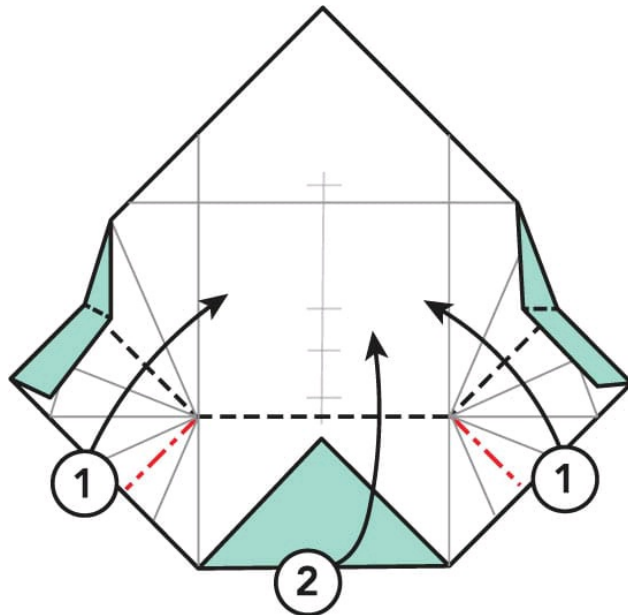
- 16.** Fold the right section over to the left, aligning its diagonal edge to the diagonal edge of the bottom triangle. Unfold.



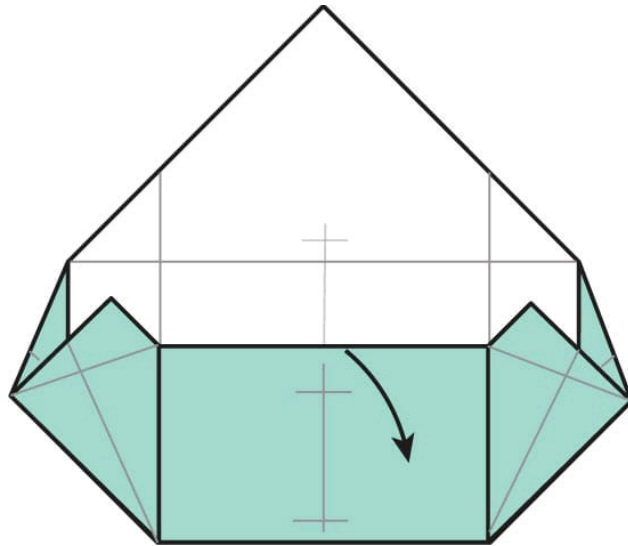
- 17.** Repeat the previous step on the left side.



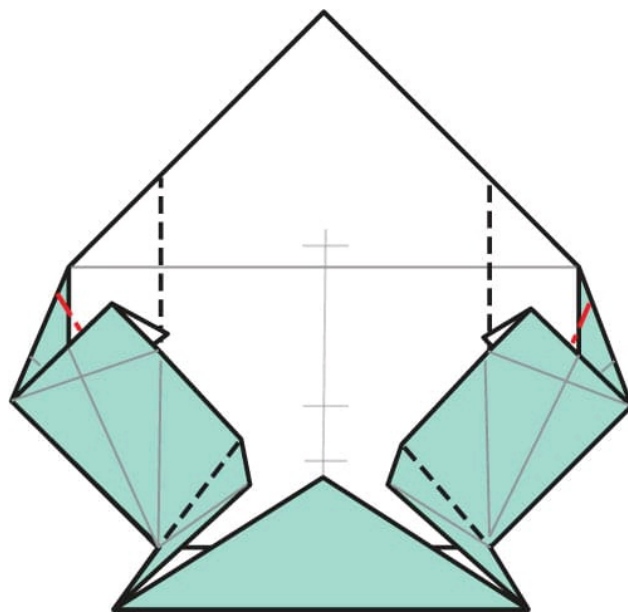
18. Refold the creases indicated on the left and right.



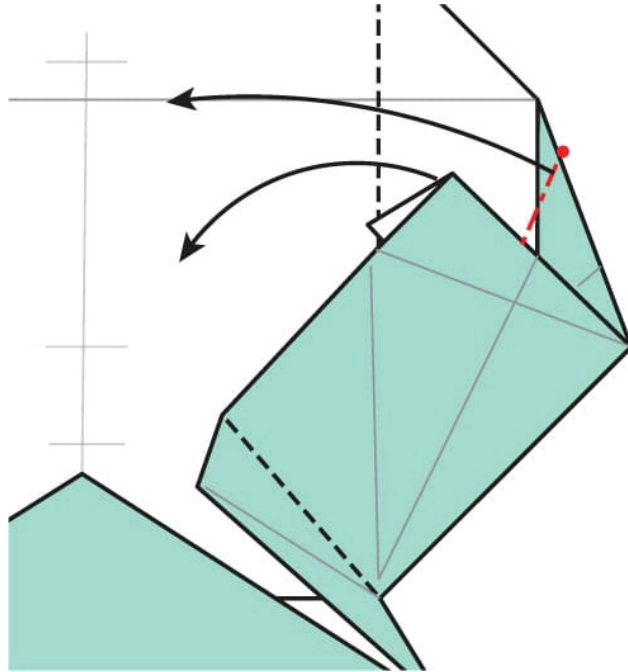
19. Next bring the points marked 1 up and diagonally in, followed by the lower edge, which is marked 2.



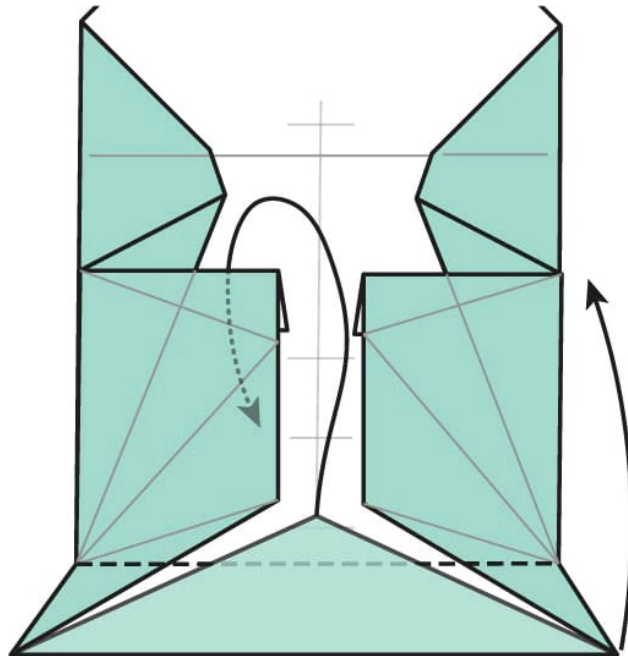
20. Flatten the paper and then open the bottom section so that you can get to the flaps underneath.



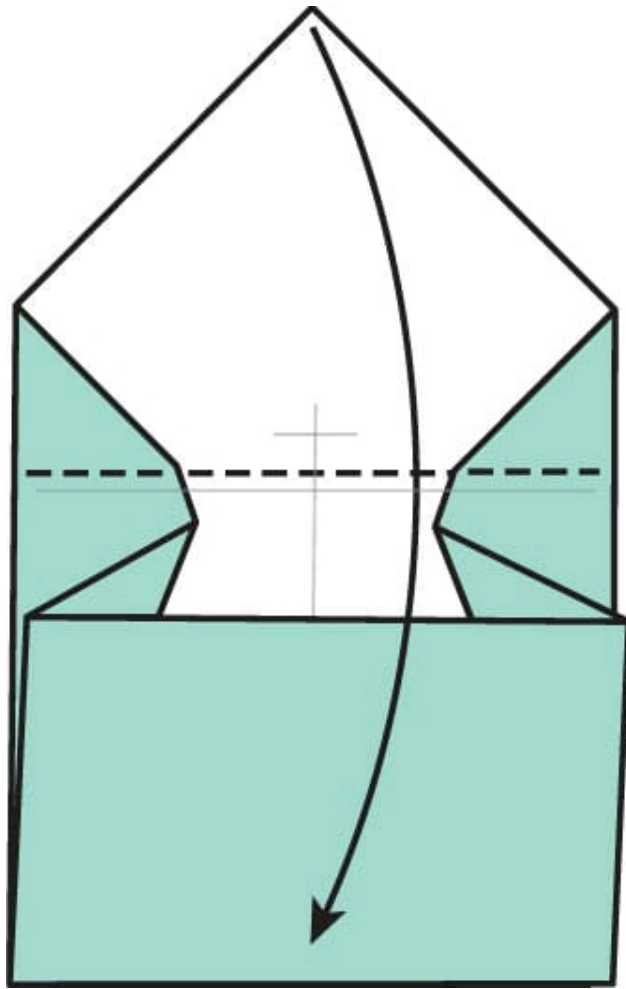
21. Use the existing creases that are indicated here ...



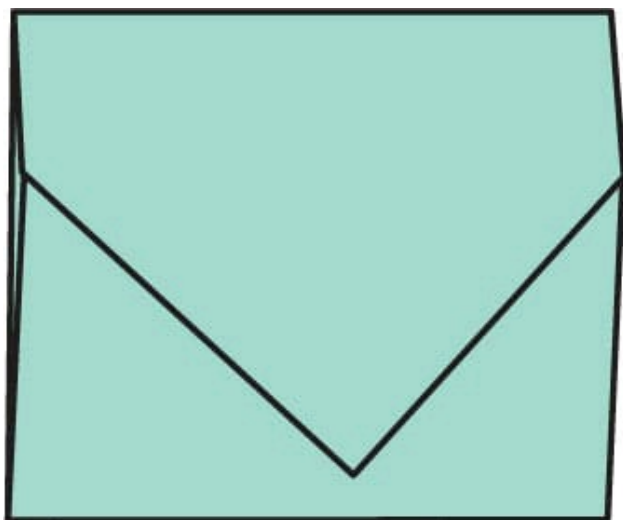
22. ... and bring the right section to the left while using the crease indicated by the red dot as a mountain fold as indicated.



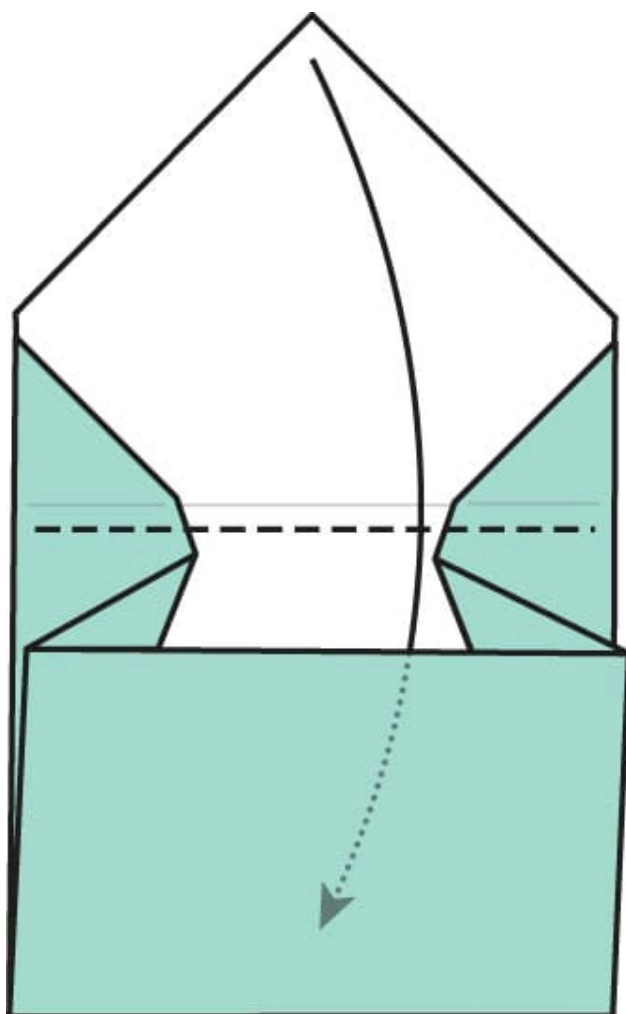
23. Repeat on the left side, then bring the bottom section back up and slot the triangular flap down inside the pocket.



24. Now you can fold the top point down to the bottom, creating a new horizontal crease ...



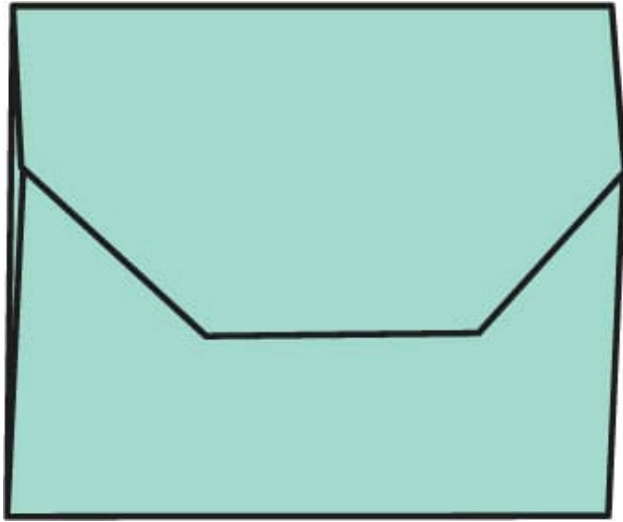
25. ... and your purse will look like this.



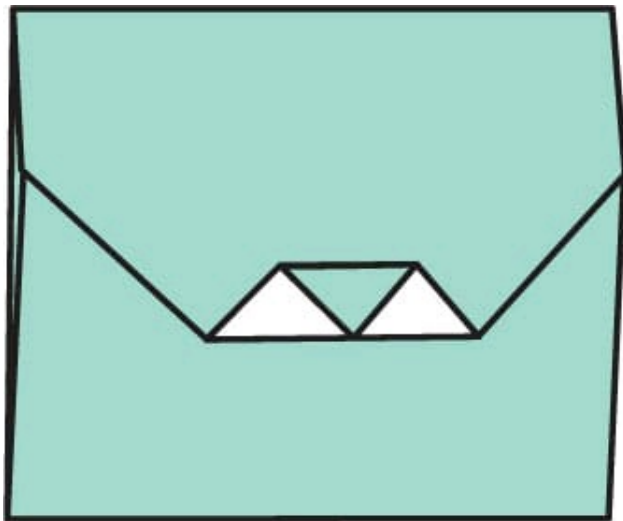
26. Or you can slot the point inside the envelope to secure it.



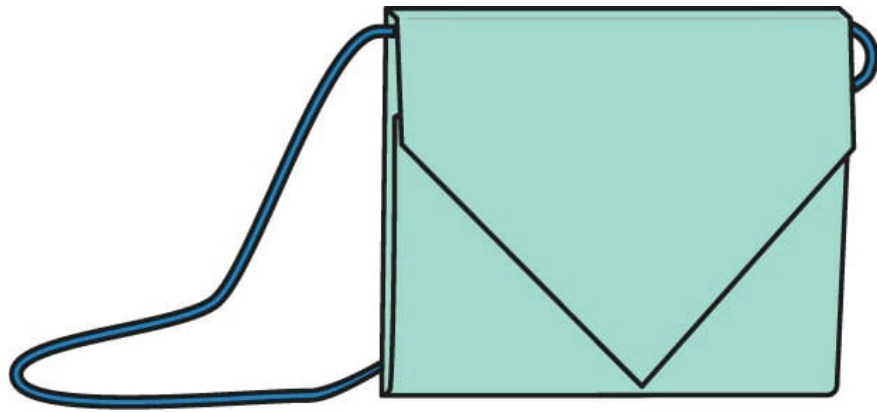
27. Then your purse will look like this.



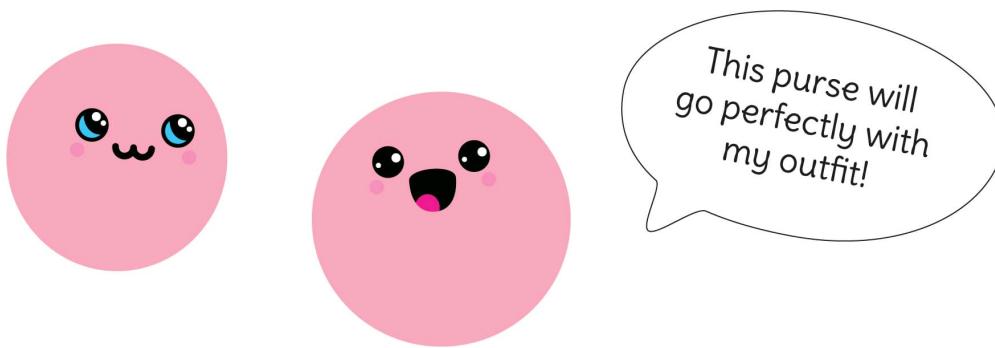
28. You could even fold the point underneath to make the flap look more rounded.



29. Or fold the flap up a little, then fold it down to make a little design. No matter what you do, it'll be cute!



30. To use this model as a purse, you can glue or sew some ribbon underneath the flap.



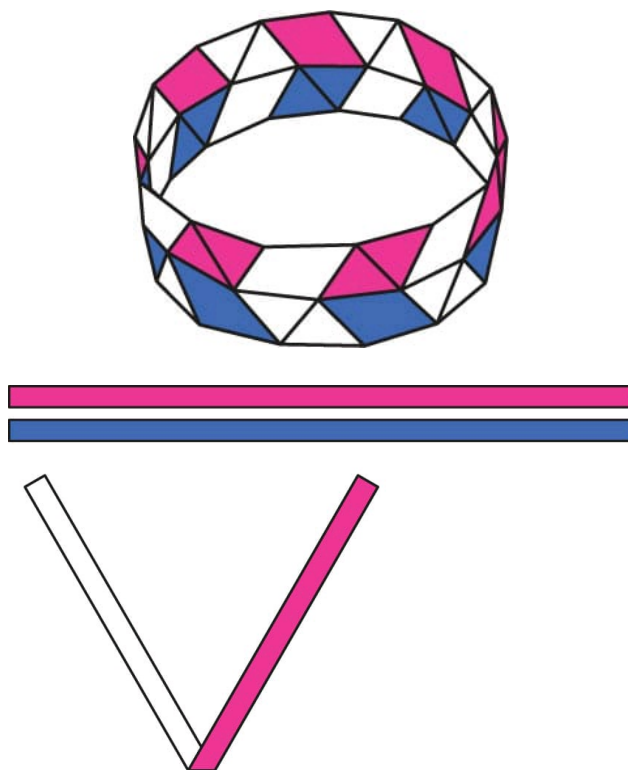
Woven Bracelet

You can use thin origami paper or thicker paper to make this pretty bracelet! It makes for a thoughtful friendship bracelet too! Try different color combinations that will really make it pop! It's better to use paper that has a white side so that you get a contrasting pattern.

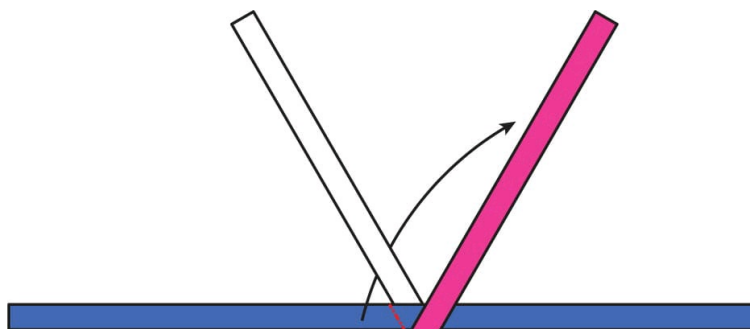
PAPER SIZE: 2 strips, 11.5 × .5 inches (29 × 1 cm)

DIFFICULTY: ★★☆☆

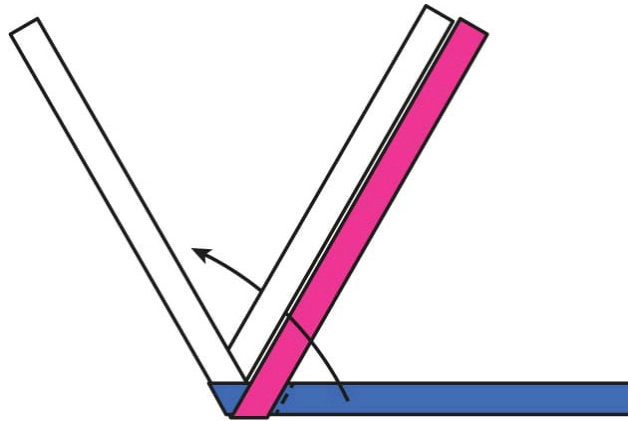




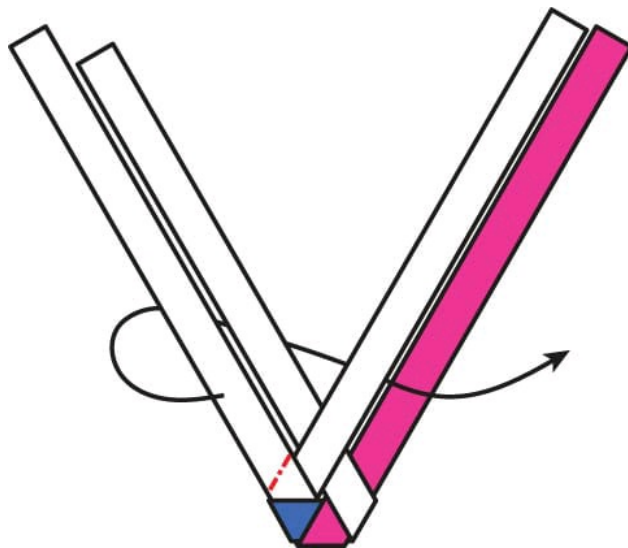
1. Start by bringing the left end of your first strip behind and up to the left, forming a V shape.



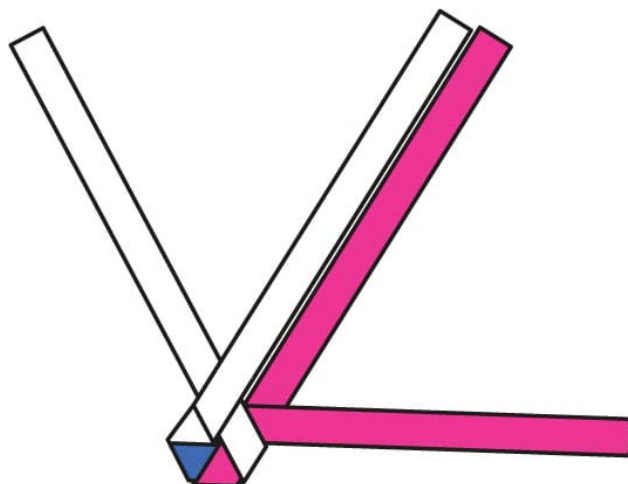
2. Place your second strip in the bottom of the V, with the left end slightly longer. Bring the left end of the strip diagonally up, behind, and to the right.



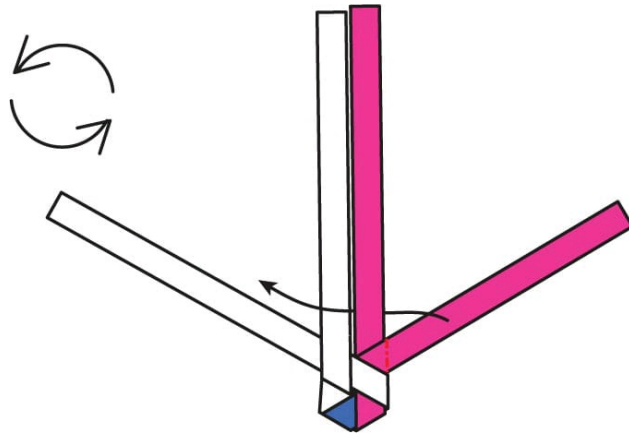
3. Fold the right end of the second strip diagonally up to the left and slot it behind the strip that is indicated.



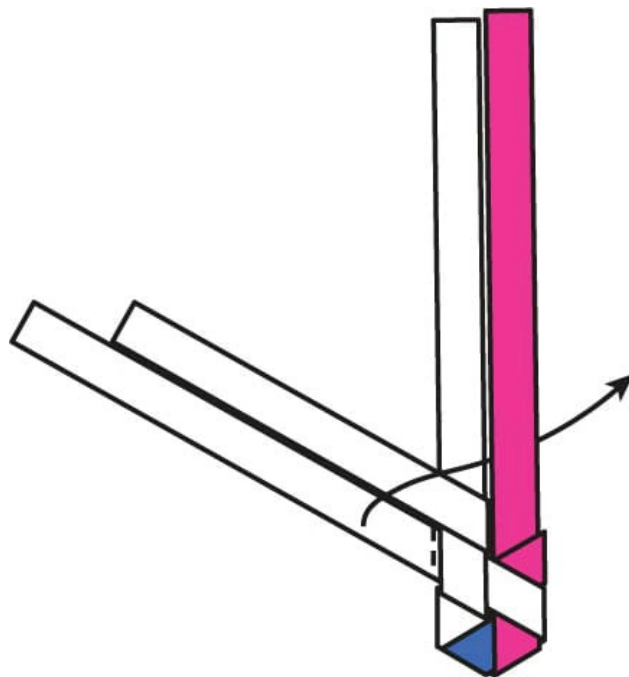
4. Bring the leftmost strip diagonally behind and to the right, slotting in front of the strip that is indicated.



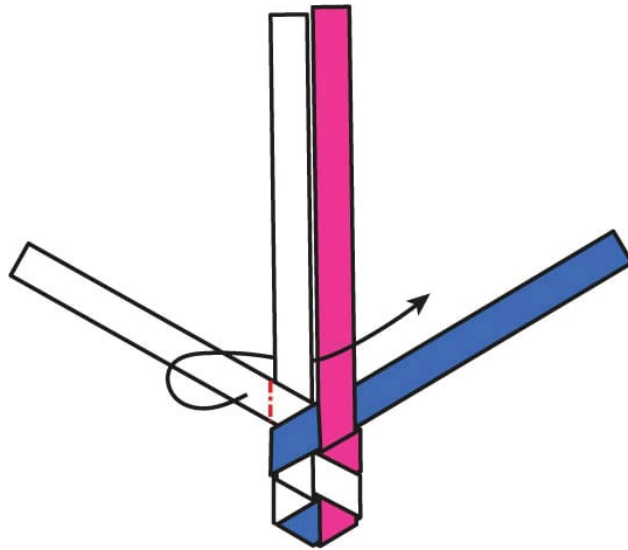
5. Here is what your model should now look like.



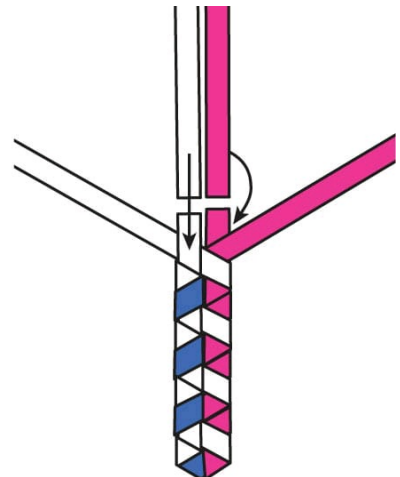
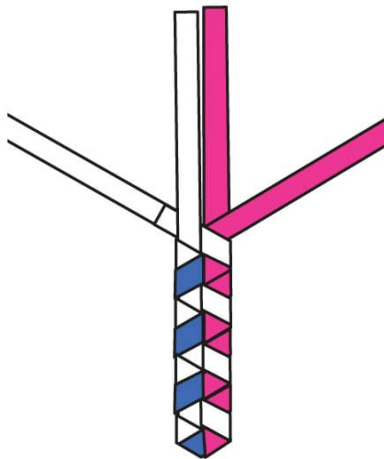
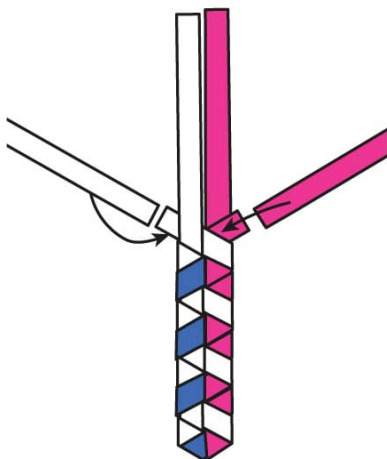
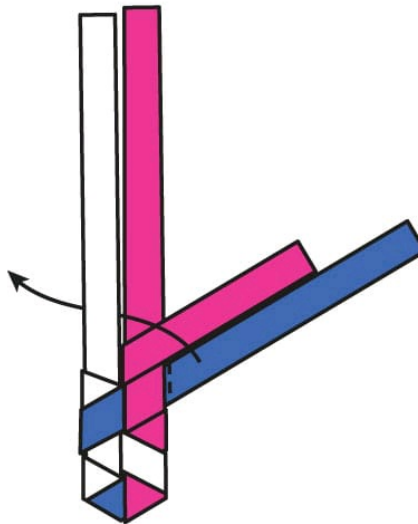
6. Rotate the strips so that the two central strips are vertical. Fold the rightmost strip diagonally up to the left behind the next strip and then in front of the left vertical strip.



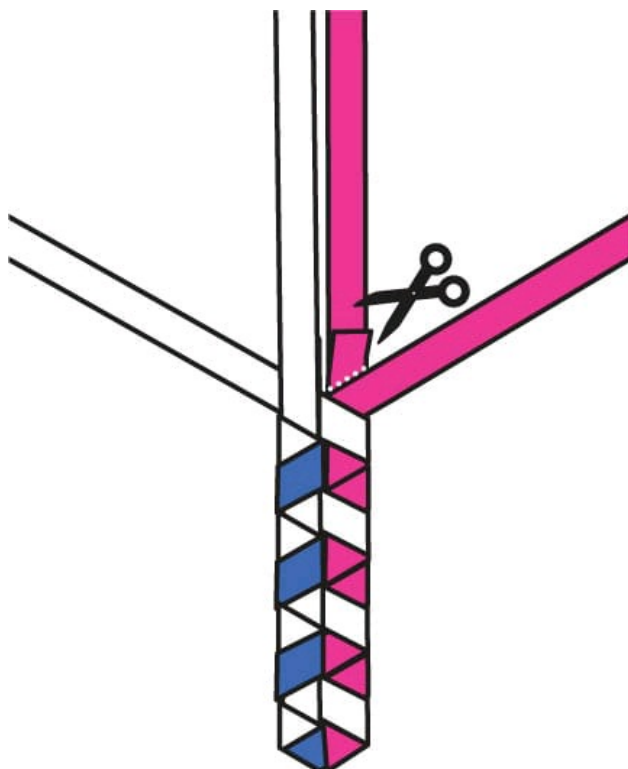
7. Bring the lower left strip diagonally up to the right, in front of the first two strips and then behind the right vertical strip.



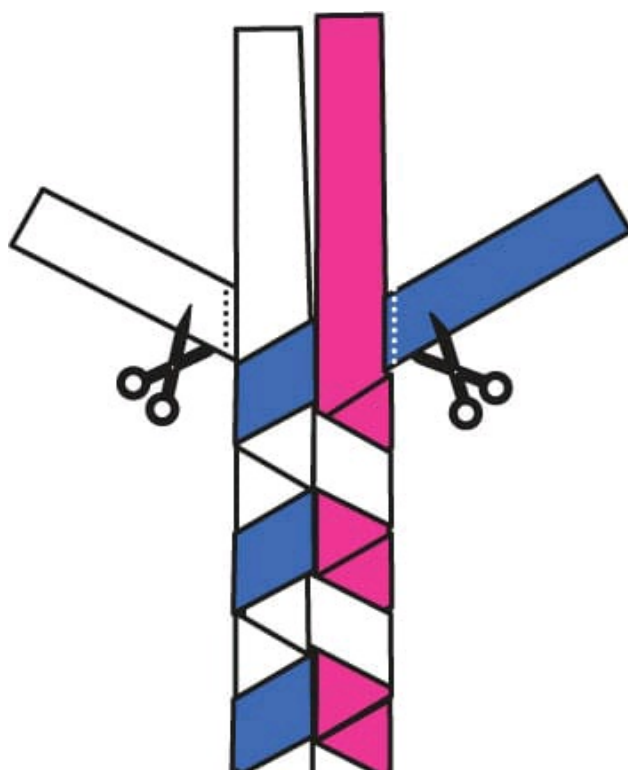
8–9. Continue to weave the strips as indicated until you have run out of paper.



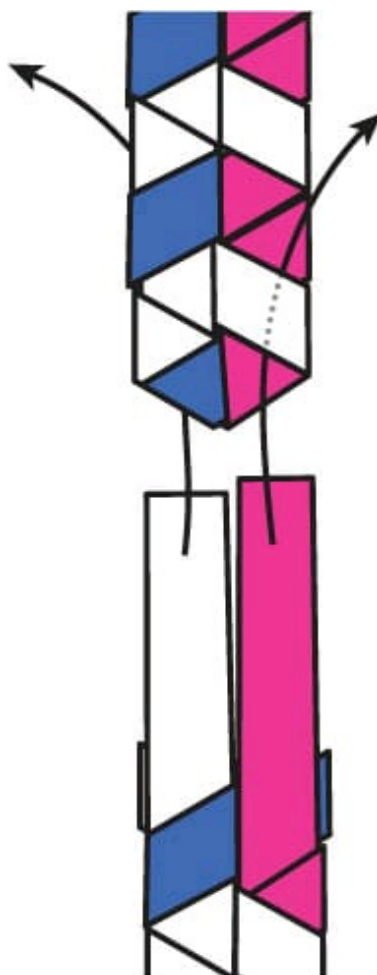
10–12. To make the bracelet longer, slot more strips into the weaving as indicated.



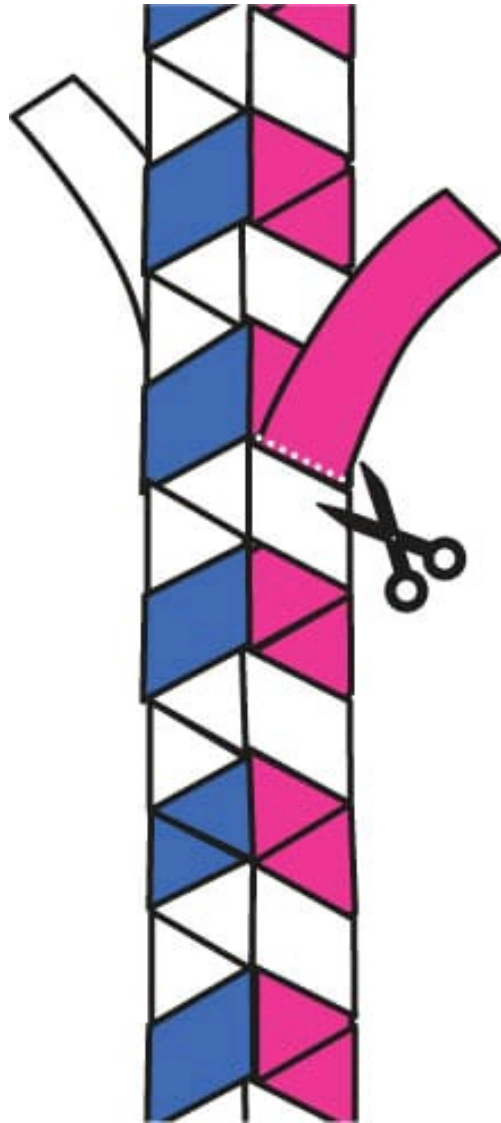
13. Trim off any excess paper that sticks out of the center.



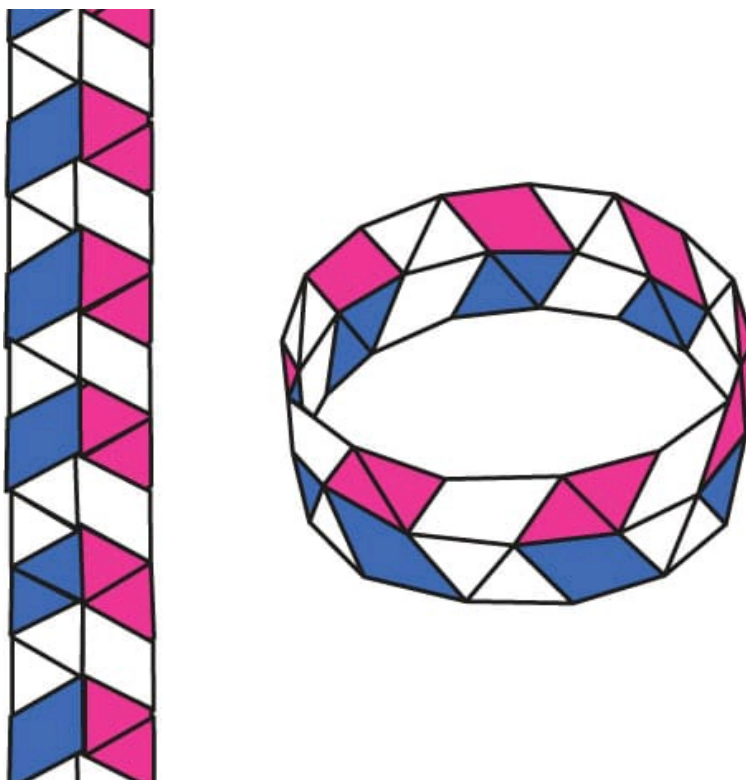
- 14.** Once you have the length you need, trim off the paper that sticks out on the left and right.



- 15.** Bring the other end of your bracelet around so that you can slot the remaining center strips through the weave as indicated to secure the bracelet.



16. Trim off any excess paper.



17–18. This is the final pattern when using strips that are different colors and have white backs.



- 19.** This is the final pattern when the two strips are the same color with white as the background.



- 20.** This is the final pattern when using strips of two different colors, with a color on both sides of the paper (1 white, 1 blue).



- 21.** This is the final pattern when you use two strips of the same colored paper that have white on the back, but in step 2, you flip the second lower strip so that the white side is facing up.

Woven Bookmark

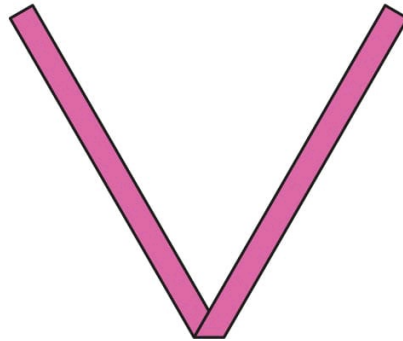
Not only will you never lose your place again when reading your favorite book, this pretty woven-paper bookmark is a perfect gift for all occasions! Use three differently colored strips of paper for the best result. You can use paper that is the same color on each side, or paper that has a white side too!

PAPER SIZE: 3 strips, 7.75 × .75 inches (20 × 2 cm)

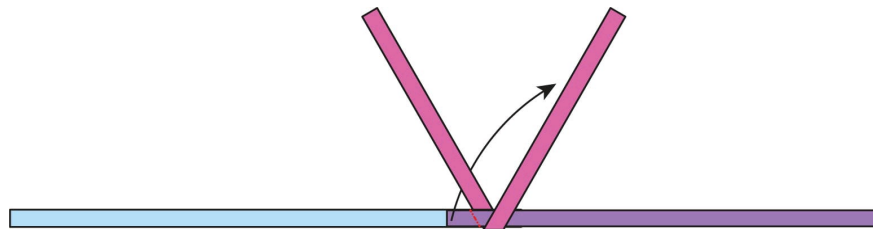
DIFFICULTY: ★★☆☆



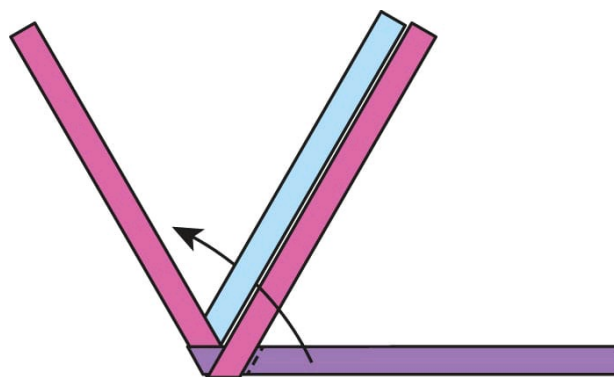




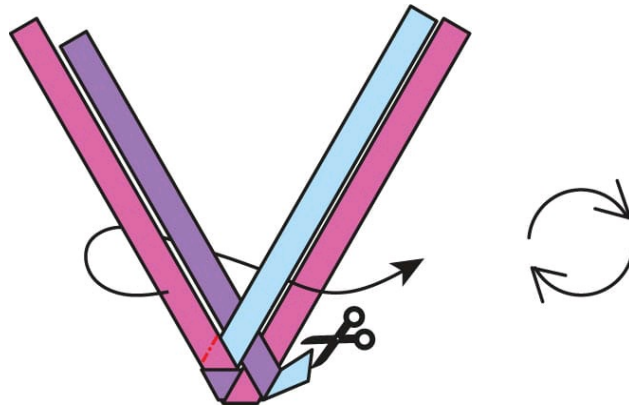
1. Create a V shape with the first strip by bringing the left end up behind.



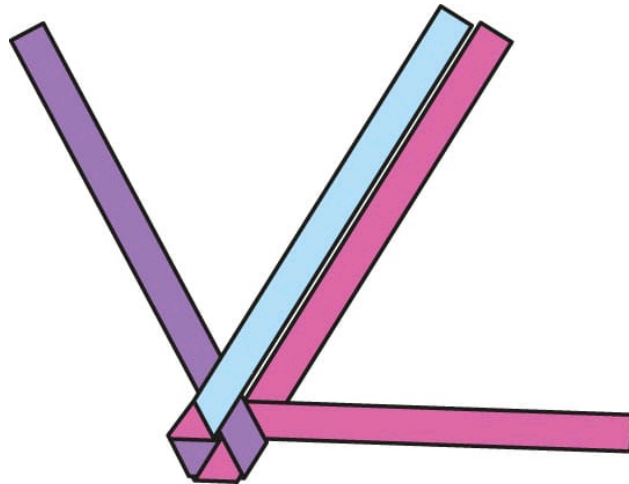
2. Overlap the second and third strip to make one long strip and position it in the bottom of the V. (The right strip should be on top of the left strip.)
3. Fold the left end of the long bottom strip diagonally up to the right behind the left of the V.



4. Fold the right end of the long strip diagonally up to the left, slotting it behind the center strip (shown in blue here).



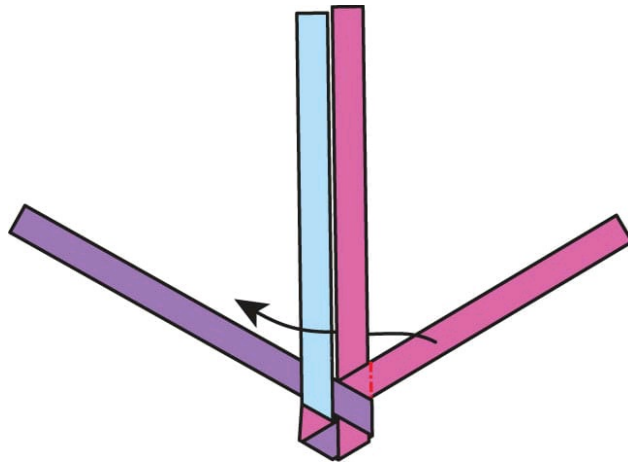
5. Trim off the excess paper on the right side. Fold the leftmost strip diagonally up, back, and to the right, and then slot it in front of the rightmost strip.



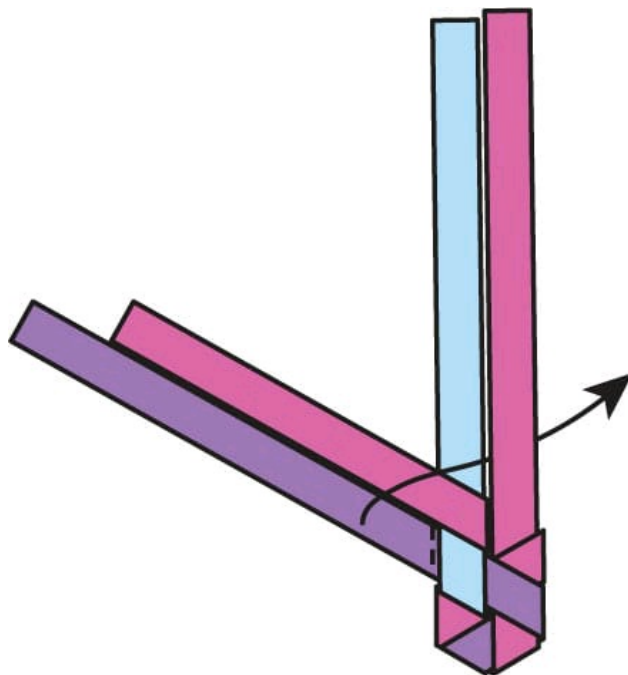
6. Rotate the model so that the two central strips are vertical.

TIP

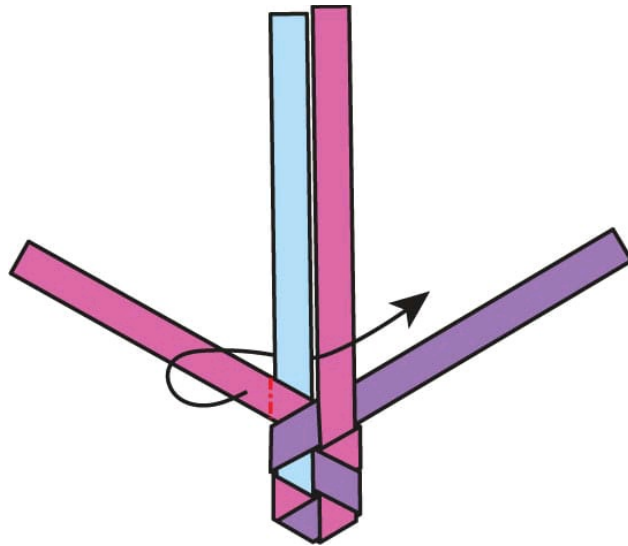
If you want your bookmark to be thicker, use strips of paper that are 1.5 inches (4 cm) wide and fold them in half.



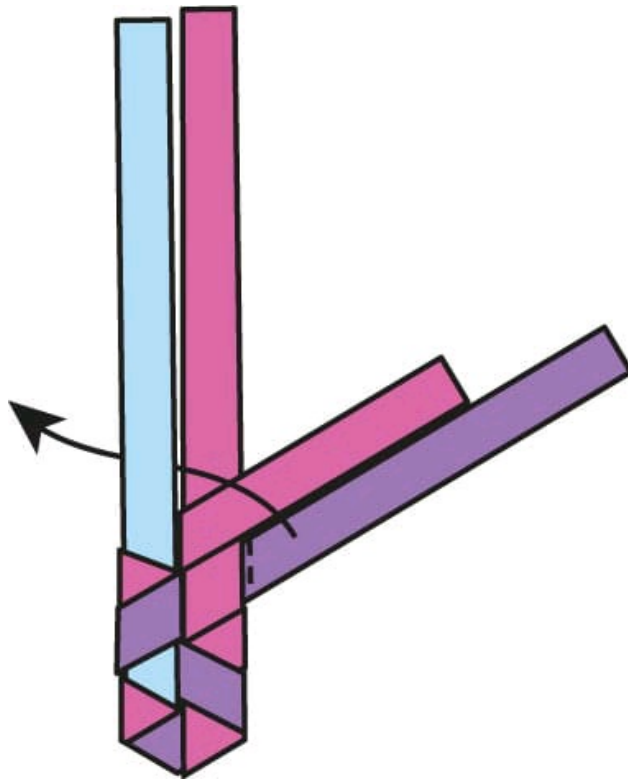
7. Fold the right strip diagonally up to the left, behind the right vertical strip and then in front of the left vertical strip.



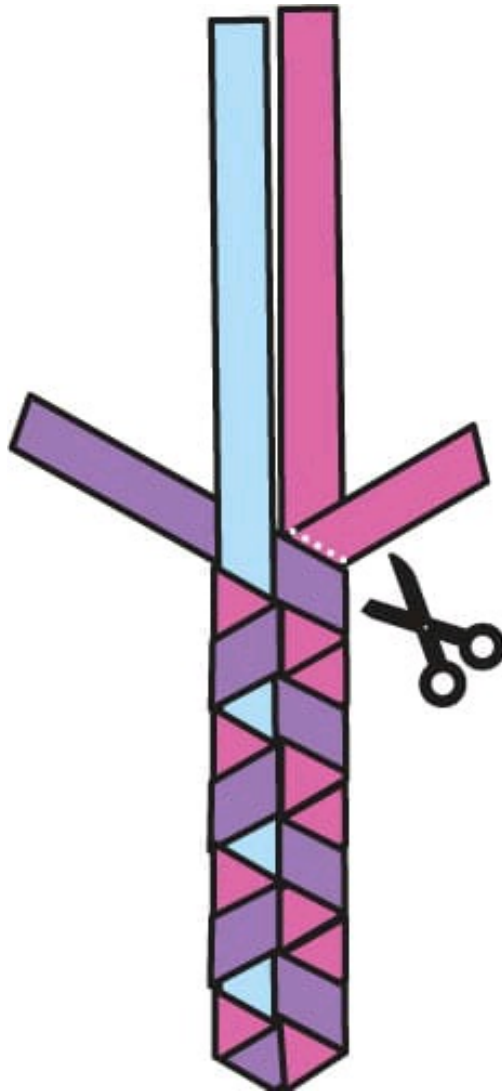
8. Fold the leftmost strip diagonally up to the right, in front of the two left strips and then behind the right vertical strip.



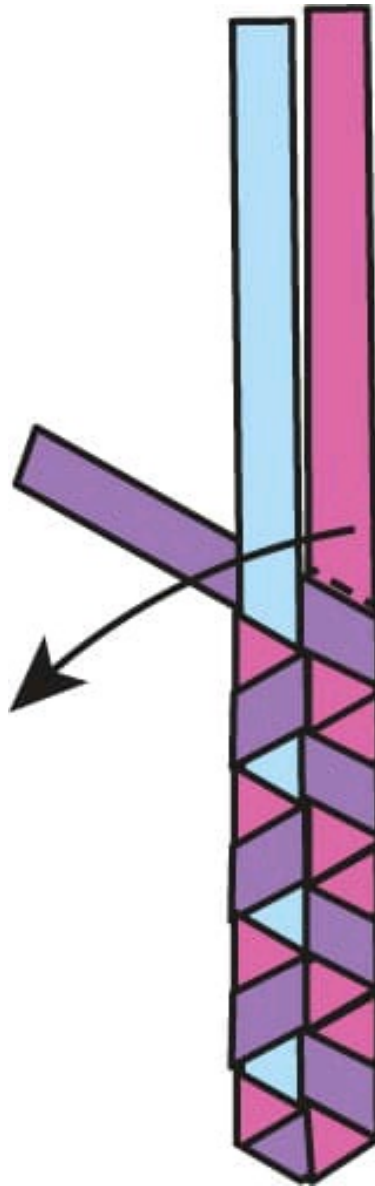
9. Continue to weave the strips until ...



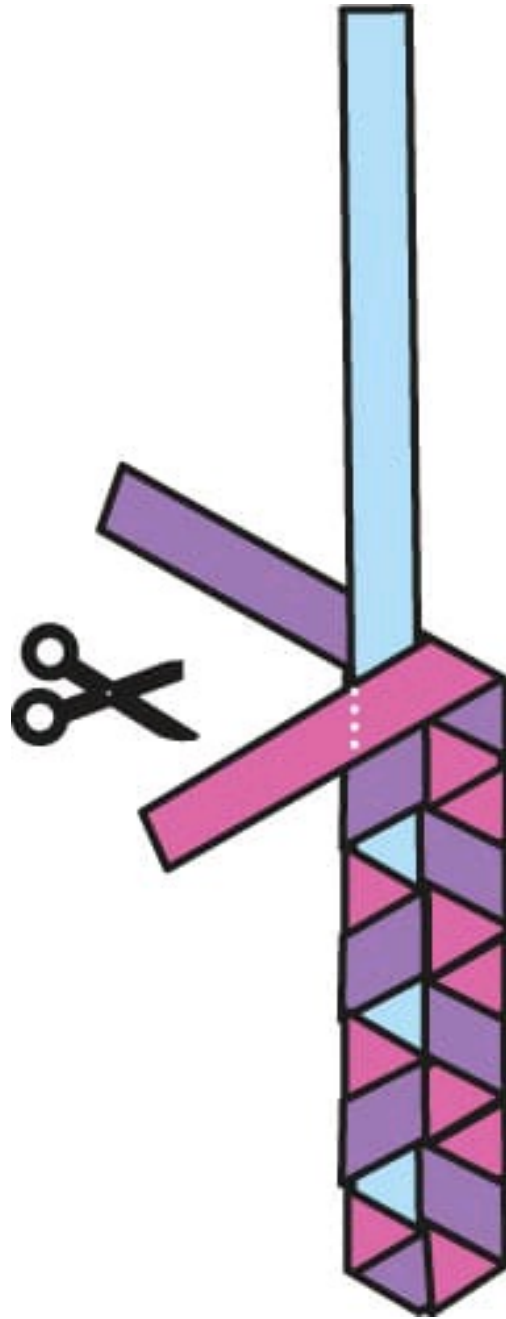
10. ... you have the length you want. (If you'd like to make a longer bookmark, attach more strips like in the woven bracelet shown [here](#)).



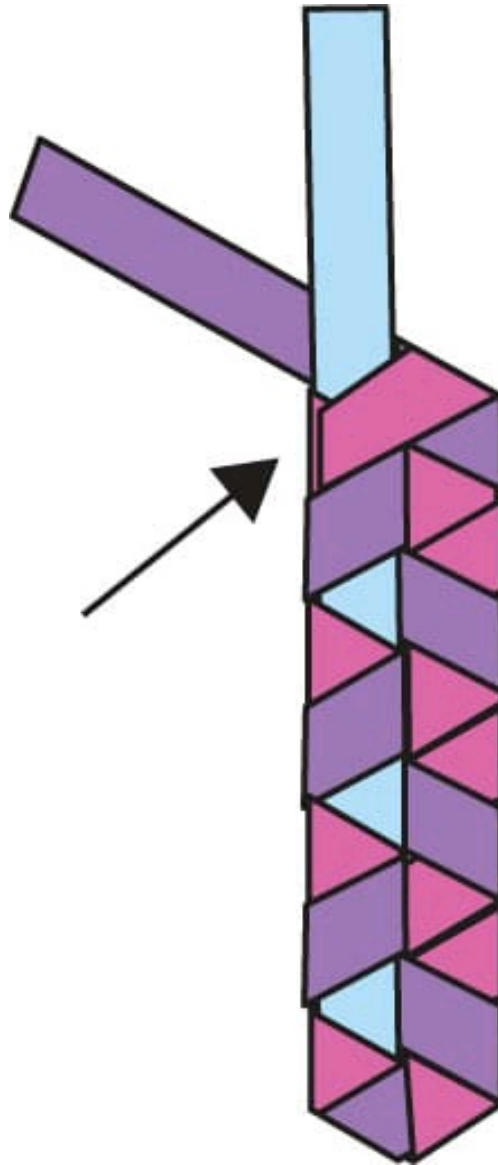
11. Trim off the excess paper from the right diagonal strip.



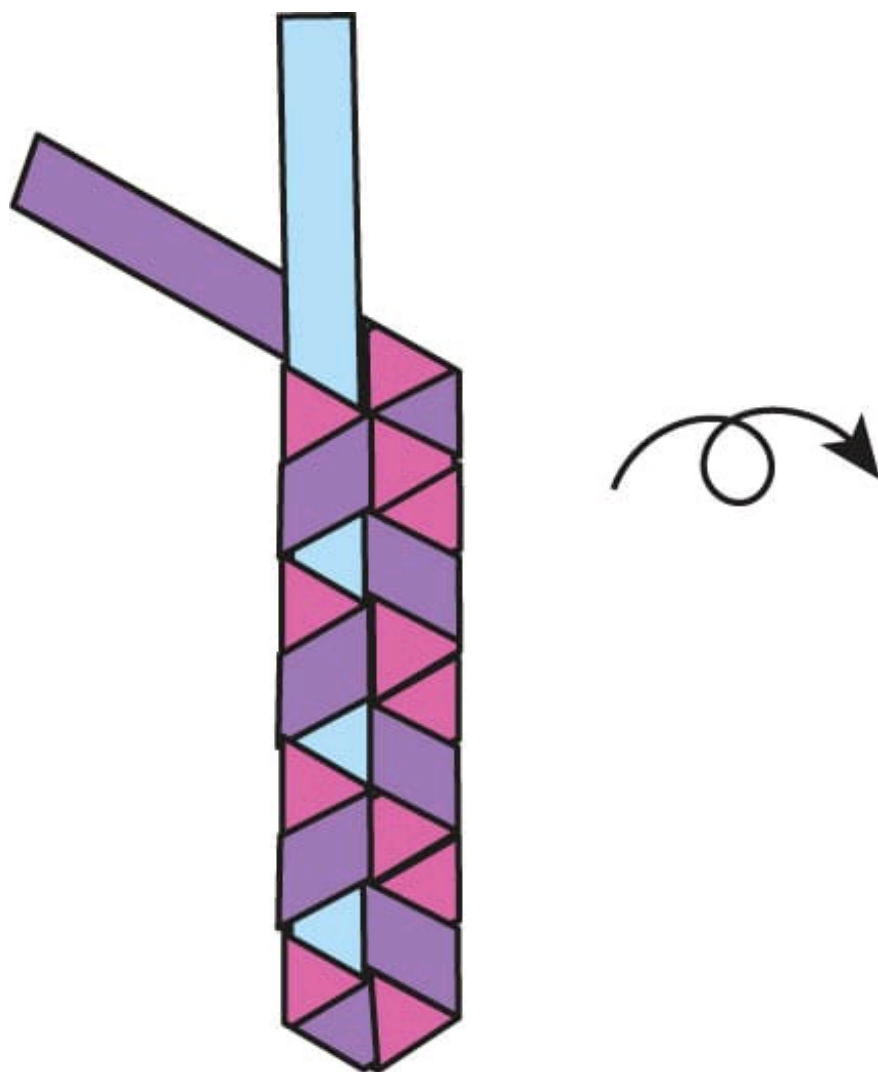
12. Fold the right vertical strip diagonally down to the left.



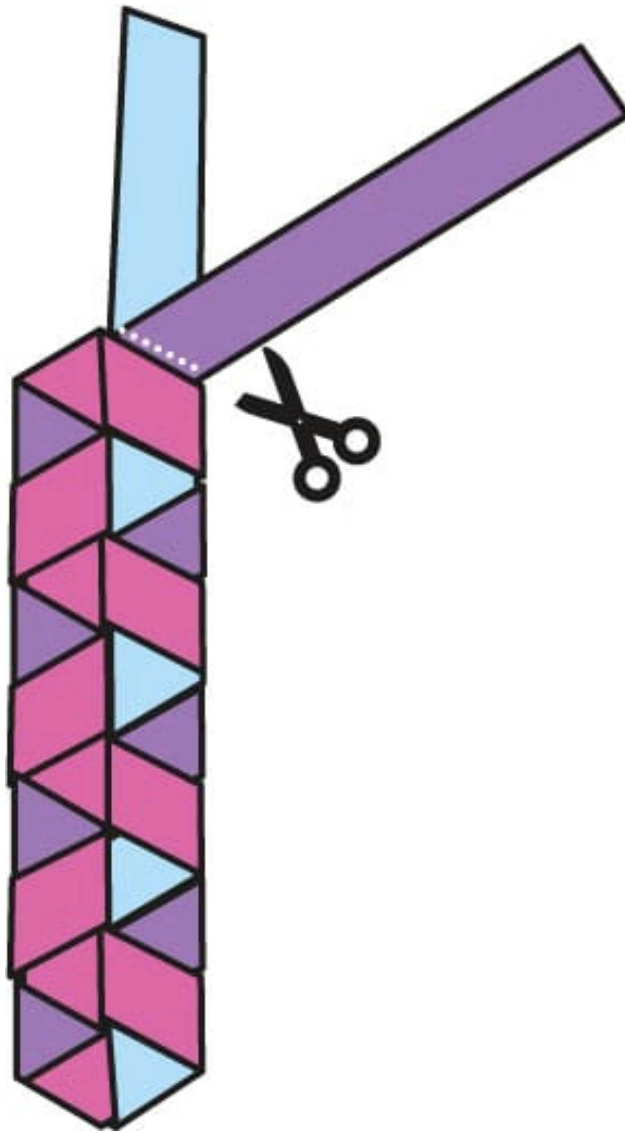
13. Trim the paper as indicated.



- 14.** Insert the right vertical strip underneath the left vertical strip (shown here in blue).



15. This is what your model should now look like.



16. Flip the bookmark over to the other side. Trim the right diagonal strip.



17. Repeat steps 12 to 15 on the final strip.



18. Here is your beautiful bookmark!

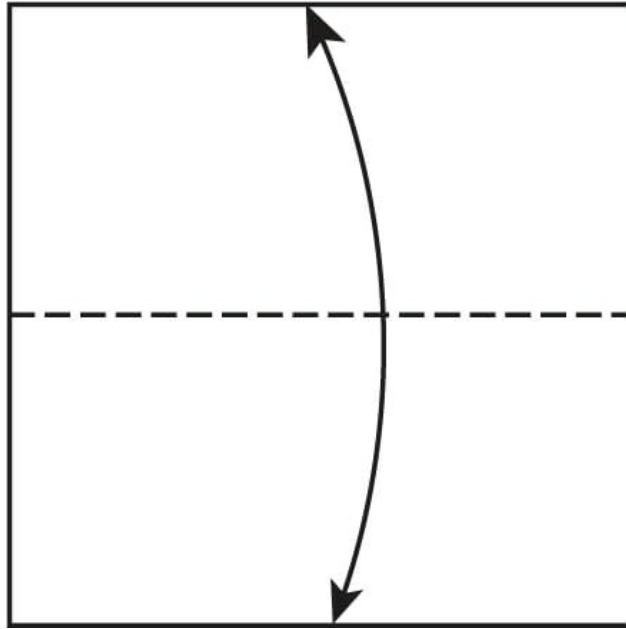
Cat & Dog Hearts

Perfect for either the cat or dog lover in your life, these adorable little pets can be decorated with all kinds of cute Kawaii faces. They are perfect for a peek-a-boo “Hello!” token. Try using complementary colors for the heart to go with their faces.

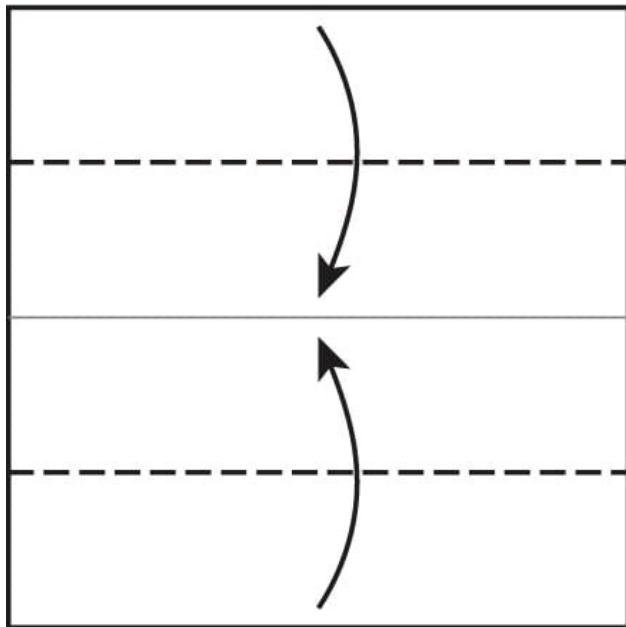
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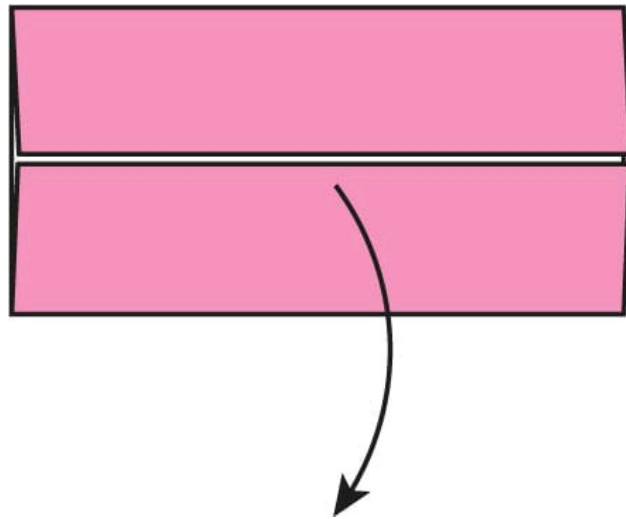




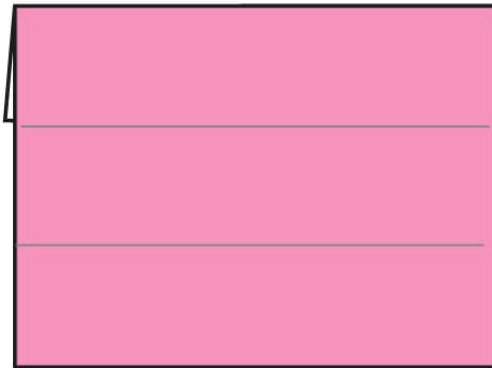
1. Starting with your paper white side up, fold the paper in half vertically and unfold.



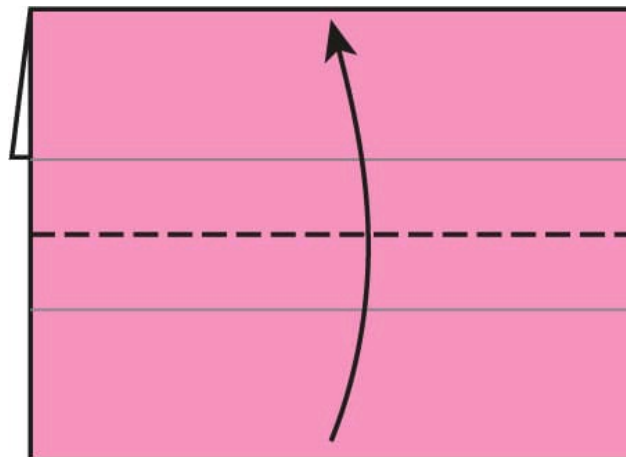
2. Fold the top and bottom edges to meet the crease you made in the previous step.



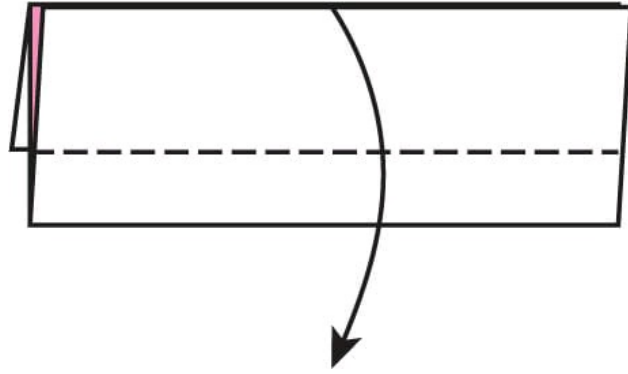
3. Open the lower section.



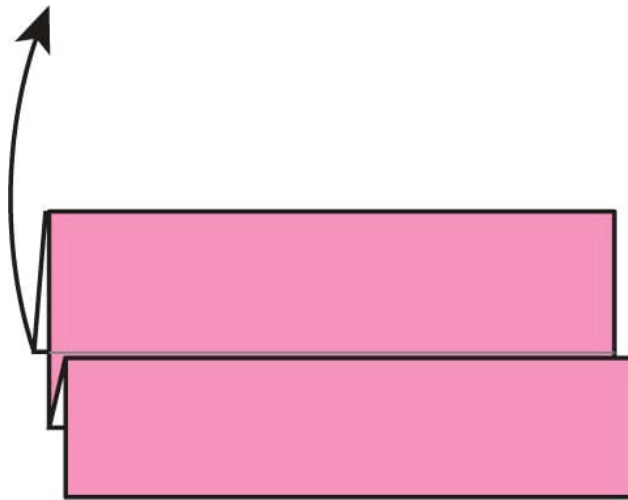
4. Flip the paper over to the other side from left to right.



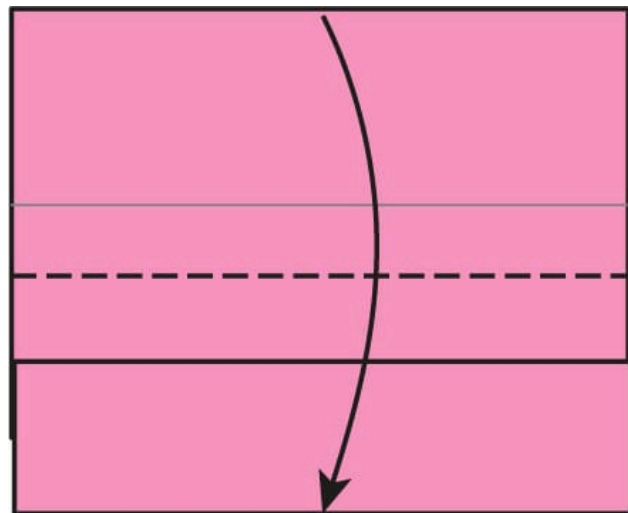
5. Fold the bottom edge up to the top edge.



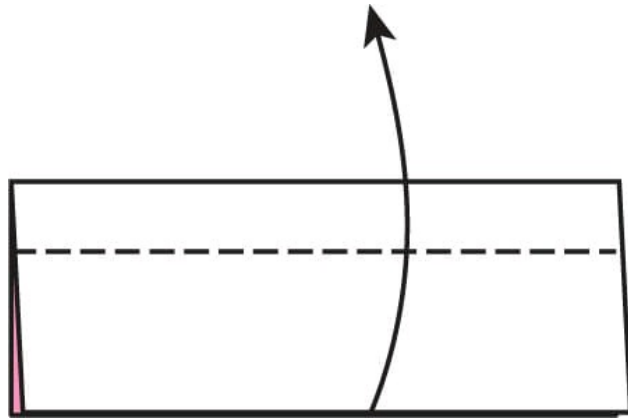
6. Fold the top edge back down along the existing crease as indicated.



7. Unfold the top section back up from behind.



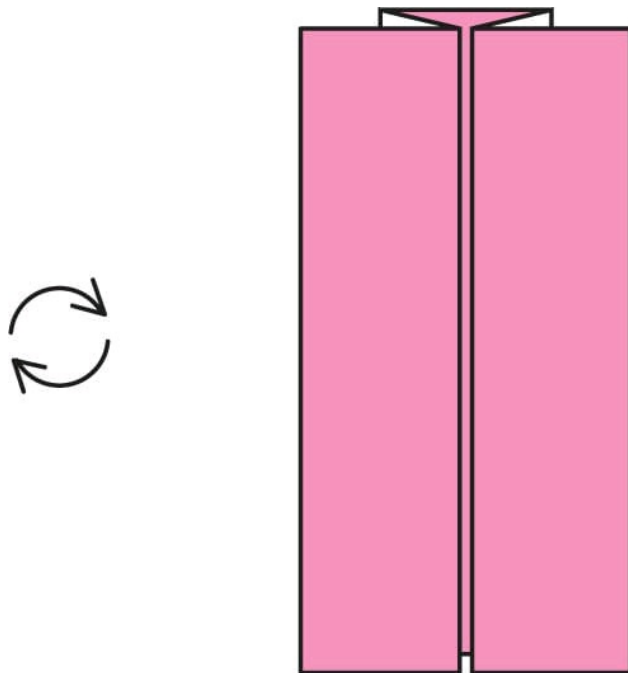
8. Fold the top edge down to the bottom edge.



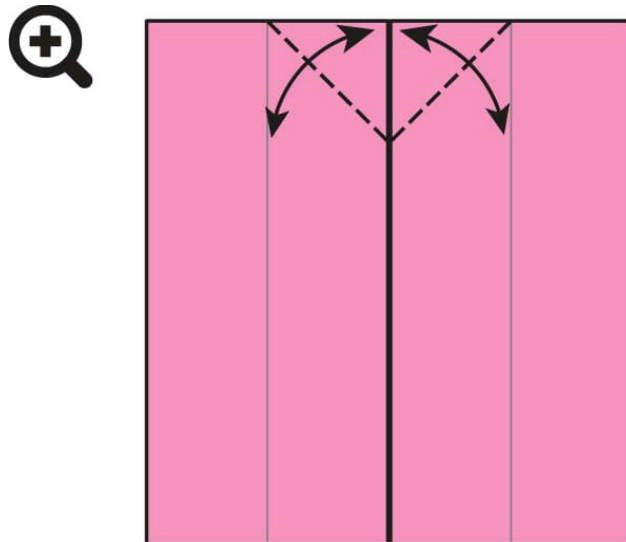
9. Fold the flap back up along the existing crease.



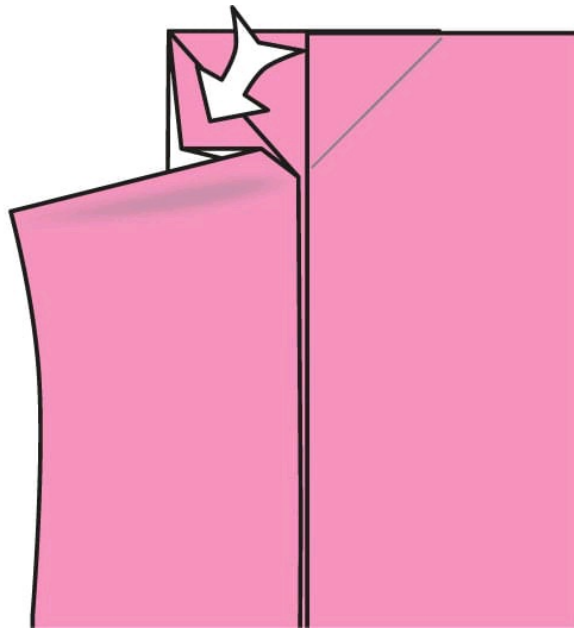
10. Rotate the paper.



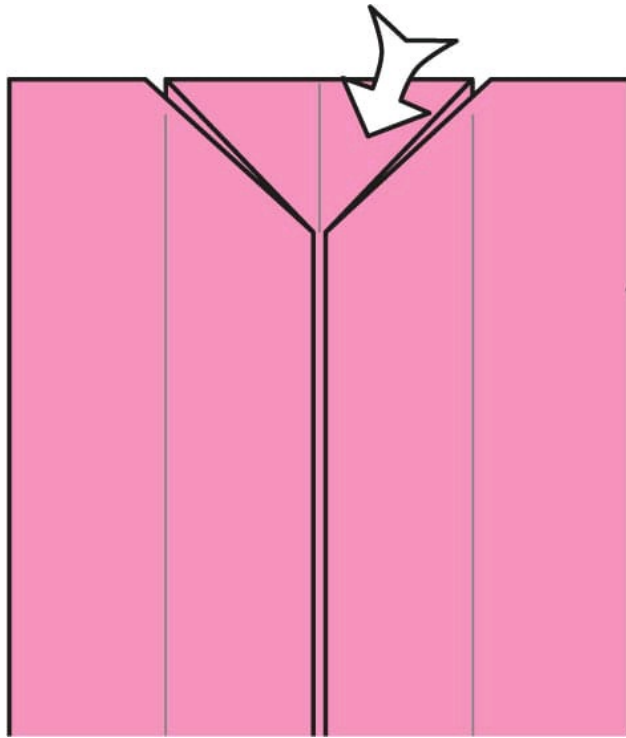
11. Here is what your model should now look like.



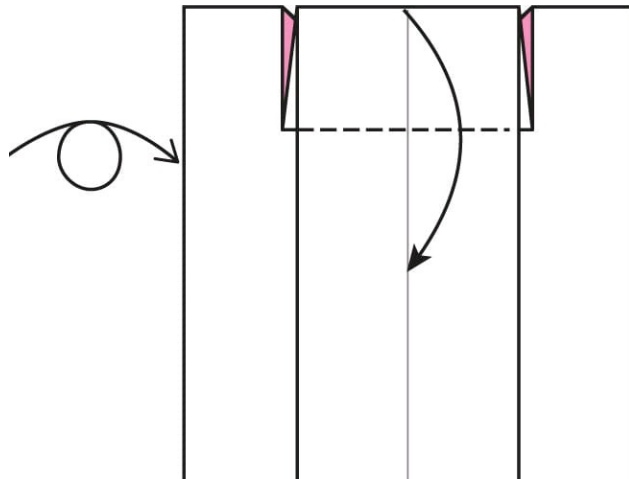
12. Create diagonal creases on the inner corners of the top left and right sections.



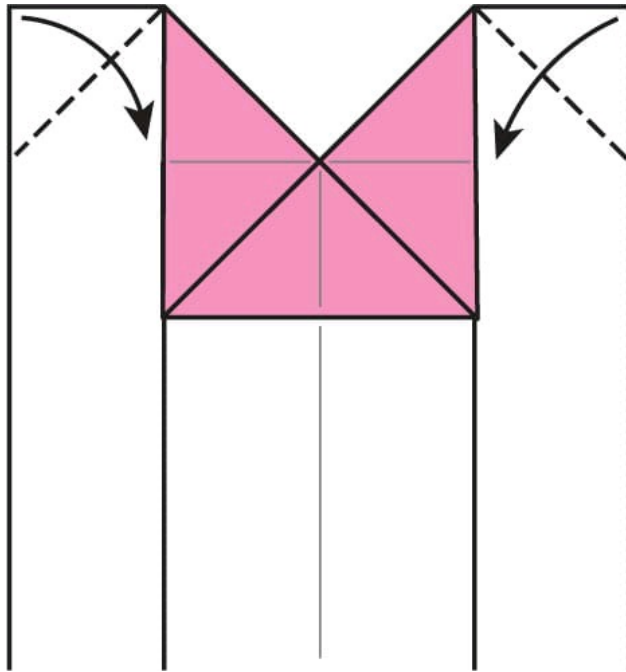
13. Reverse fold the left diagonal crease.



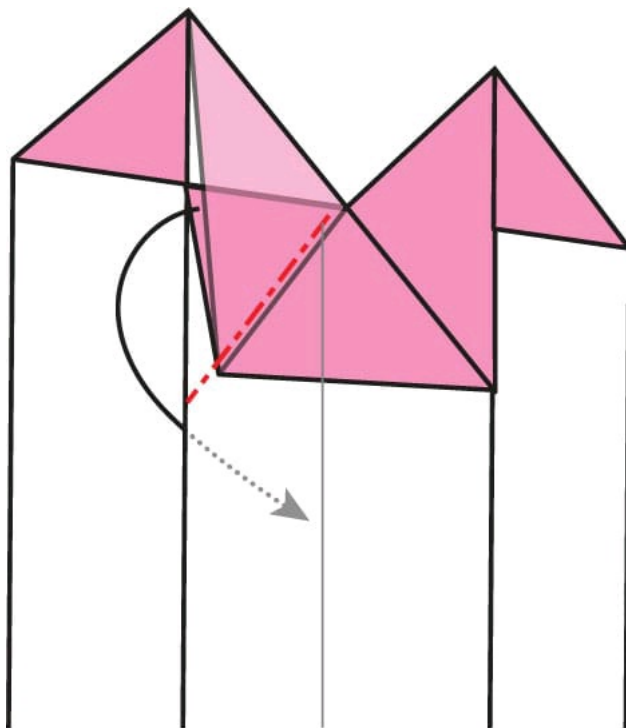
14. Reverse fold the right diagonal crease.



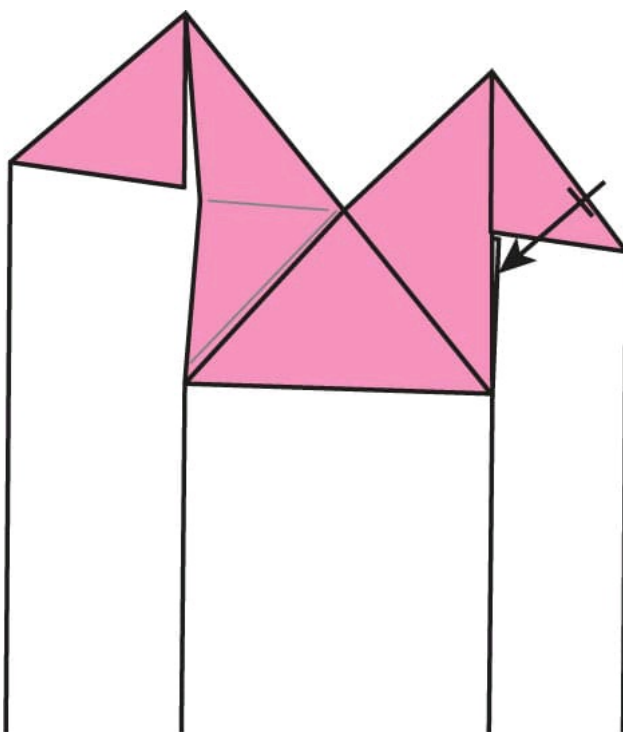
15. Flip the model over to the other side. Fold the top central section down, leaving the left and right sections in place.



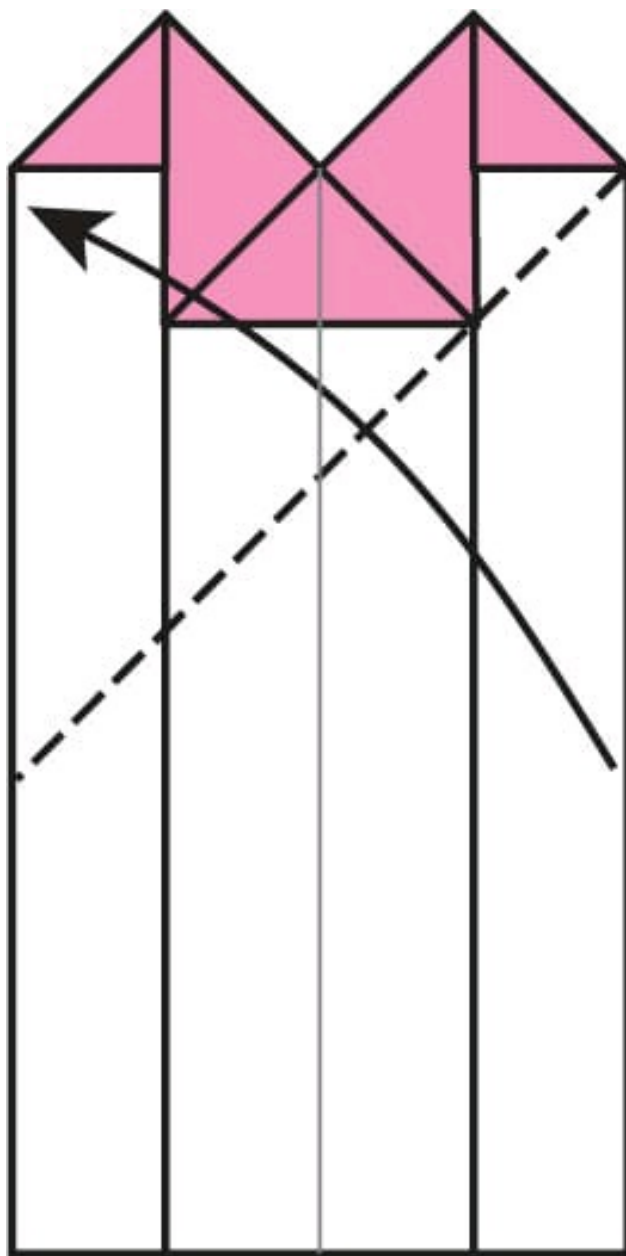
16. Fold the top left and right corners down diagonally.



17. You can fold the inner corner down inside the central section, but only if your paper allows it.

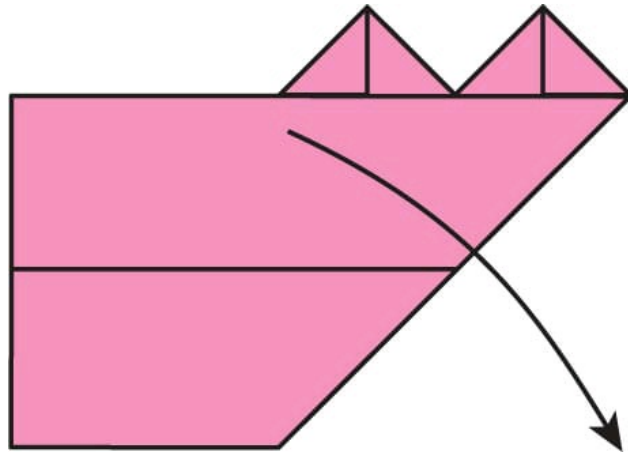


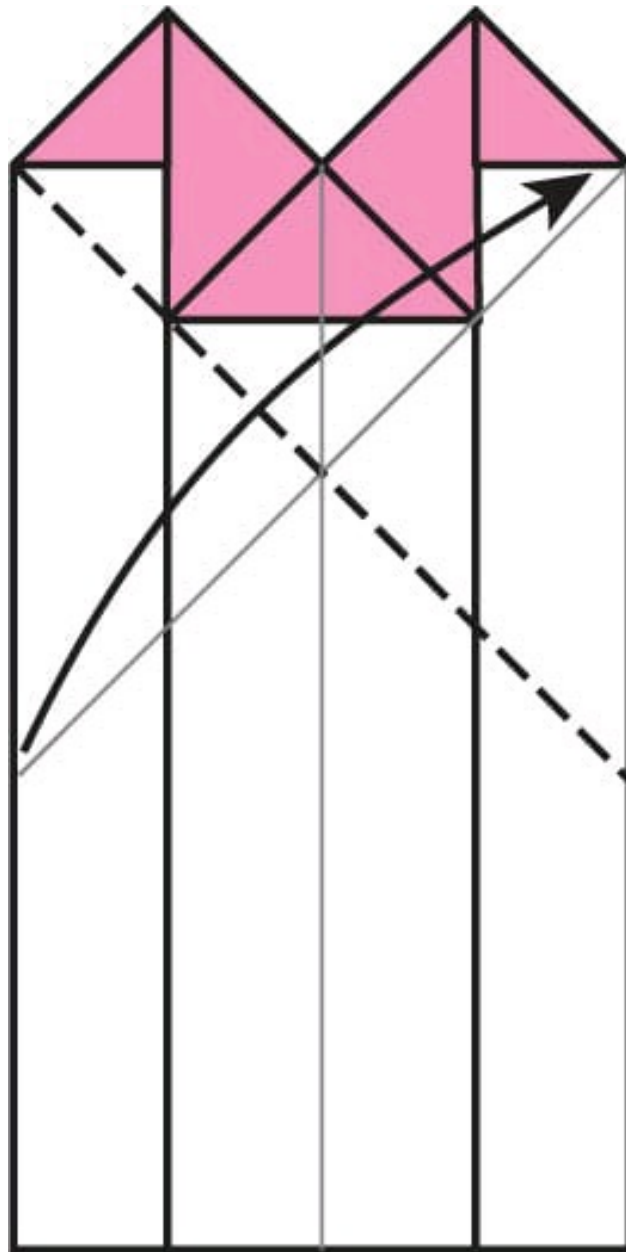
18. Repeat on the right.



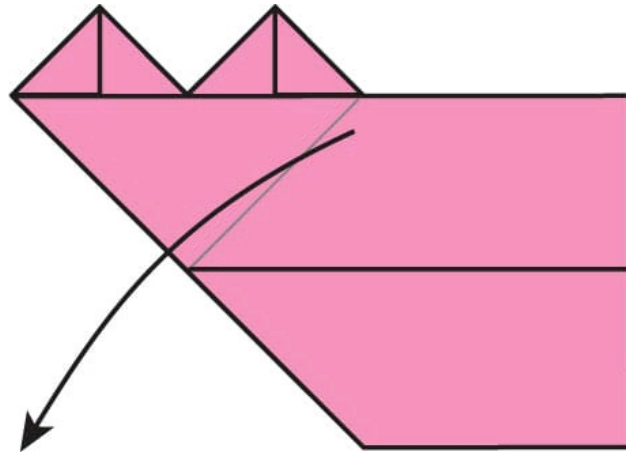
- 19.** Bring the right edge of the paper diagonally up to the left, aligning it with the top left horizontal edge of the top triangular flap.

20. Unfold.

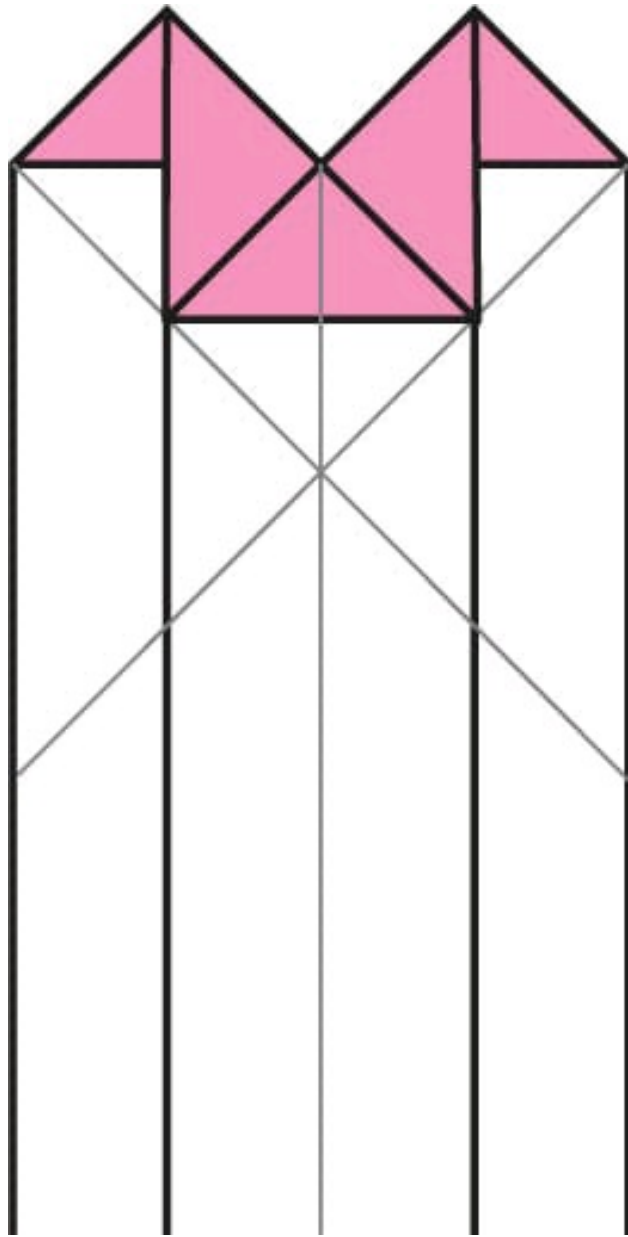




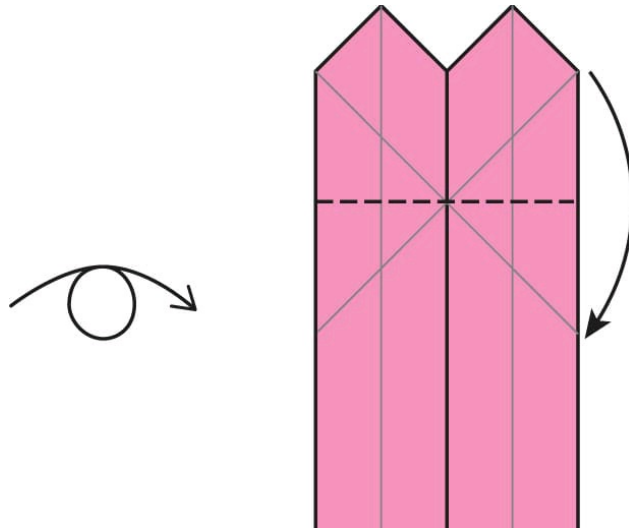
21. Repeat step 19 on the left side.



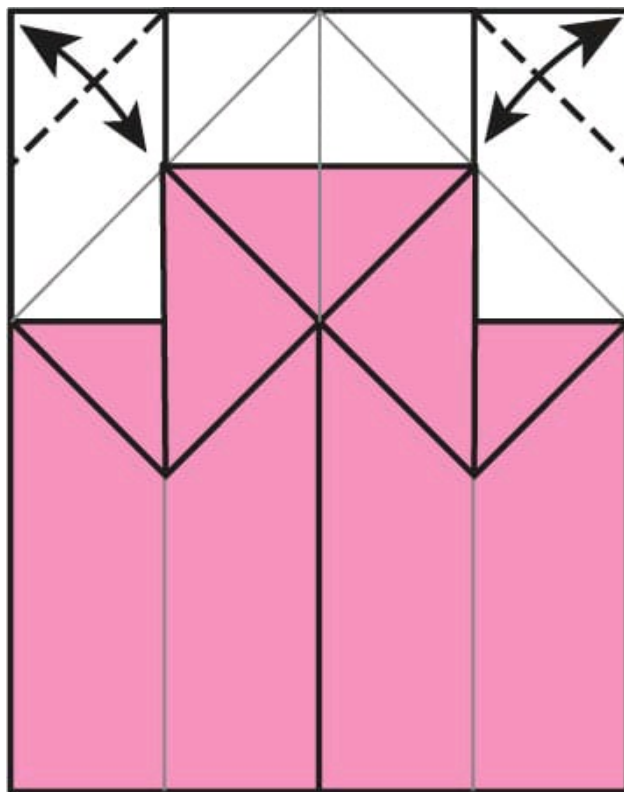
22. Unfold.



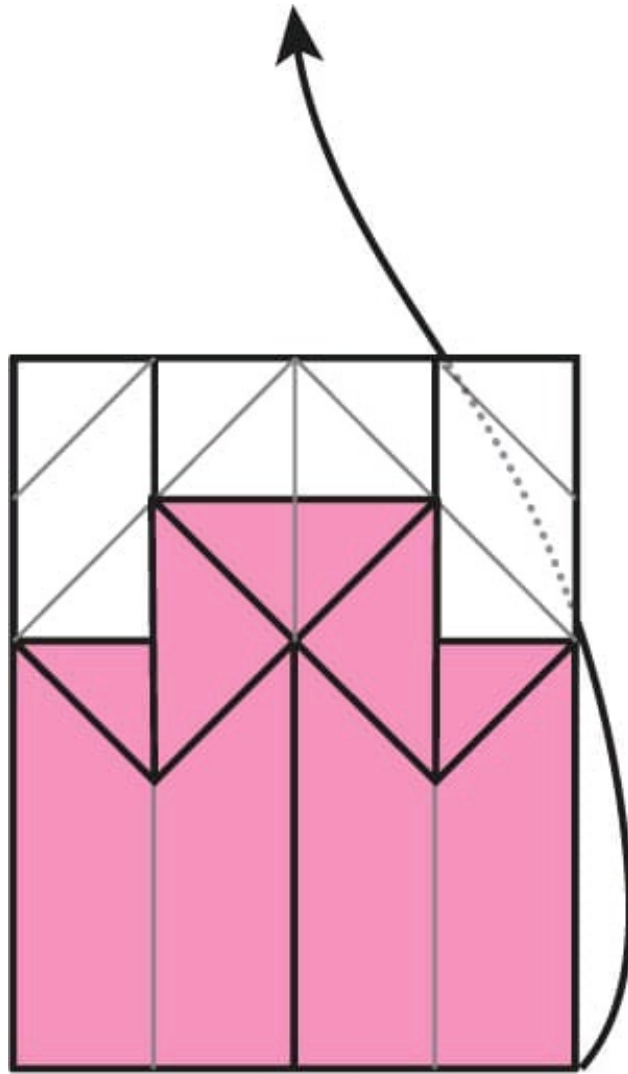
23. Here is what your model should now look like.



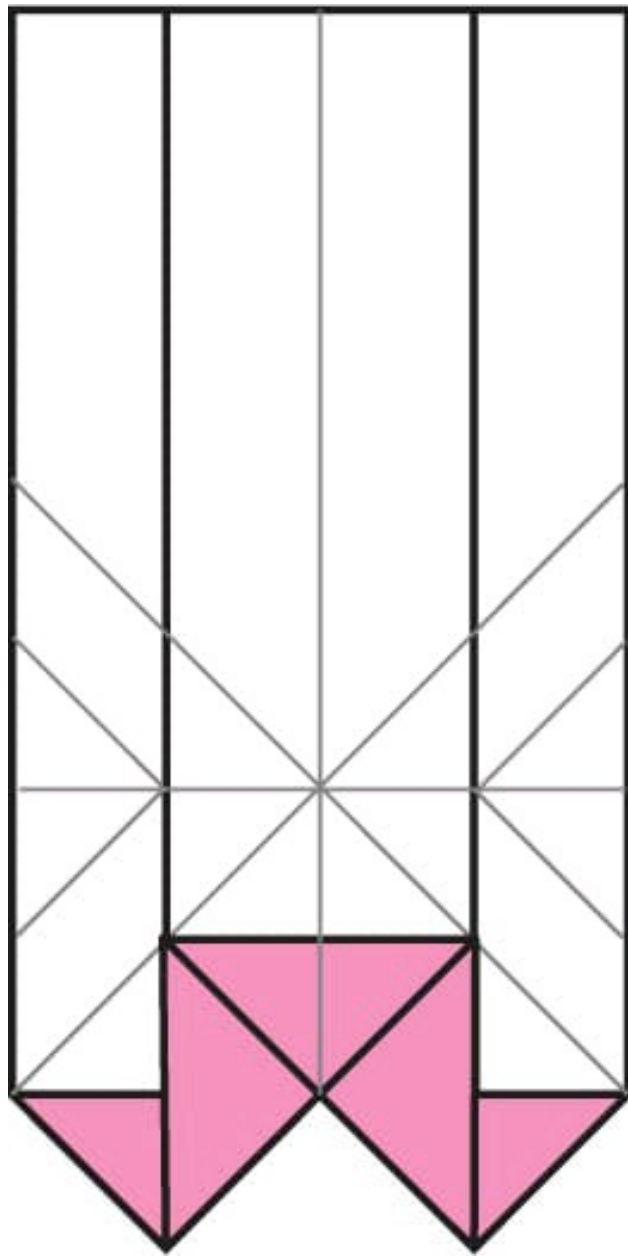
24. Flip the paper over to the other side. Fold the top section down, so that the two diagonal creases meet each other.



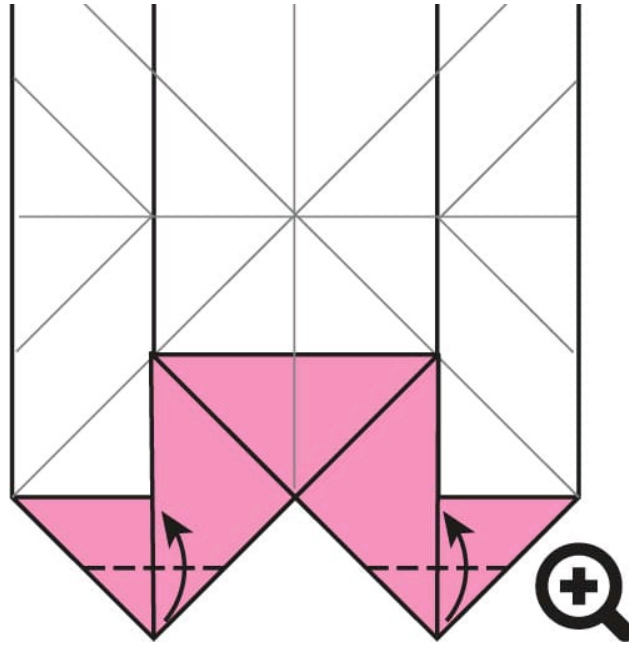
25. Fold and unfold to create diagonal creases on the top left and right corners.



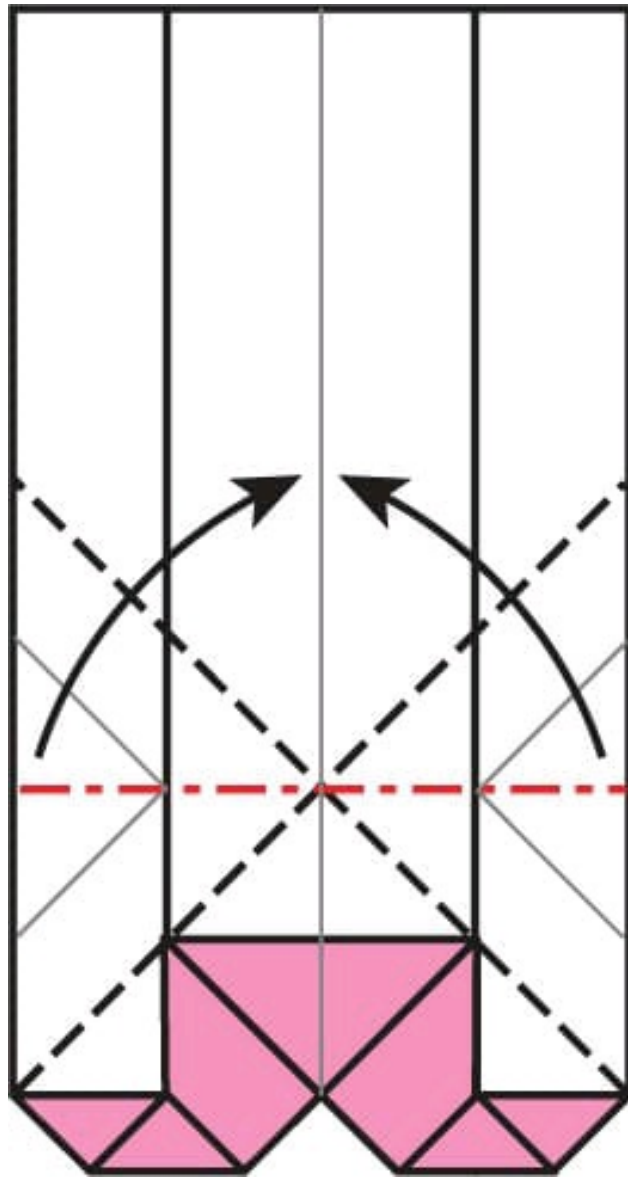
26. Bring the bottom flap up from behind.



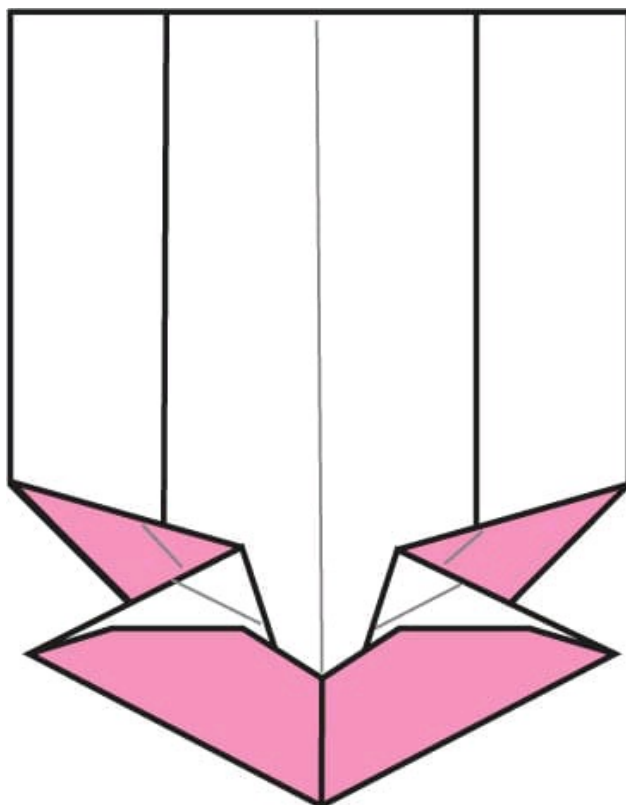
27. This is what your model should now look like. Focus on the lower section.



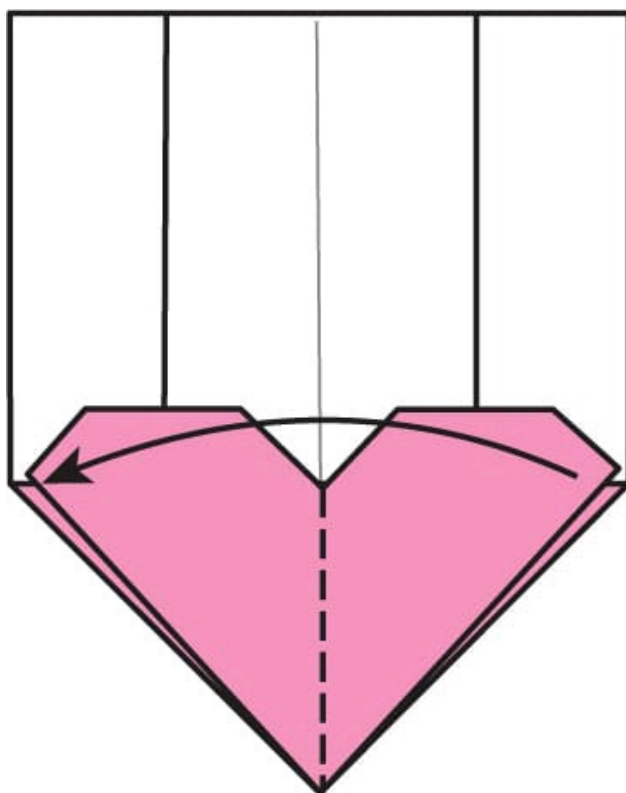
28. Fold the bottom left and right points up.



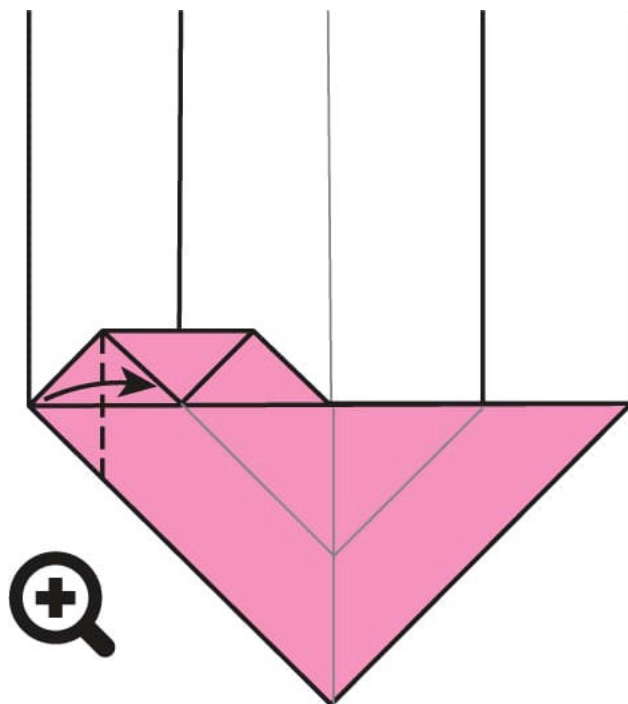
29. Bring the left and right edges up, collapsing the lower section up at the same time.



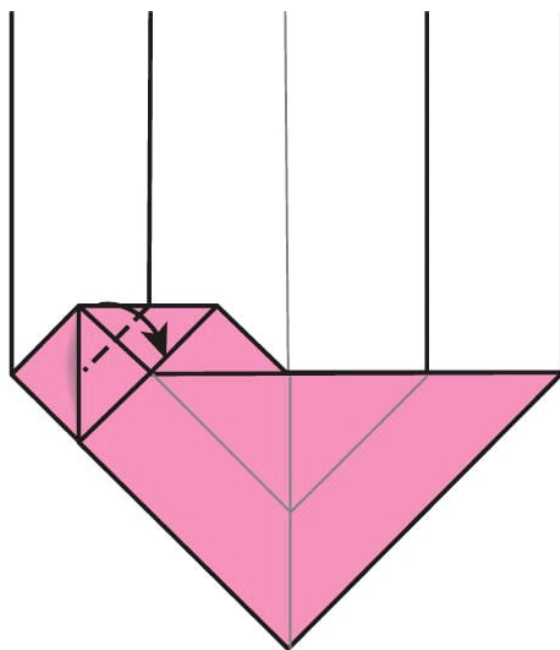
30. This is what your model should now look like.



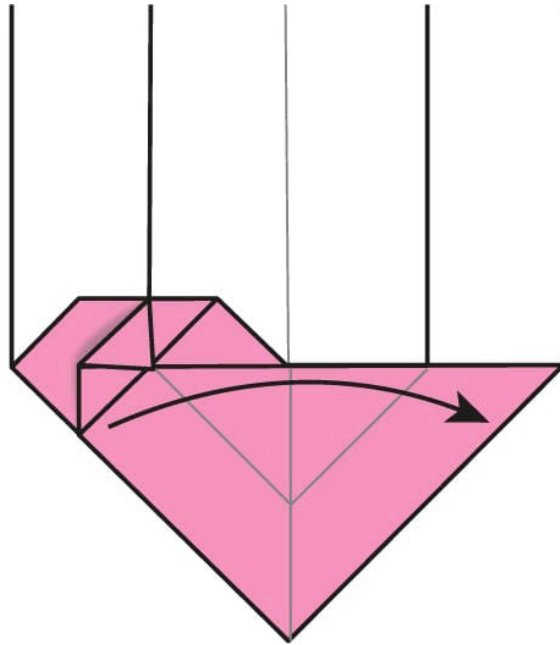
31. Flip the right section of the emerging heart shape over to the left.



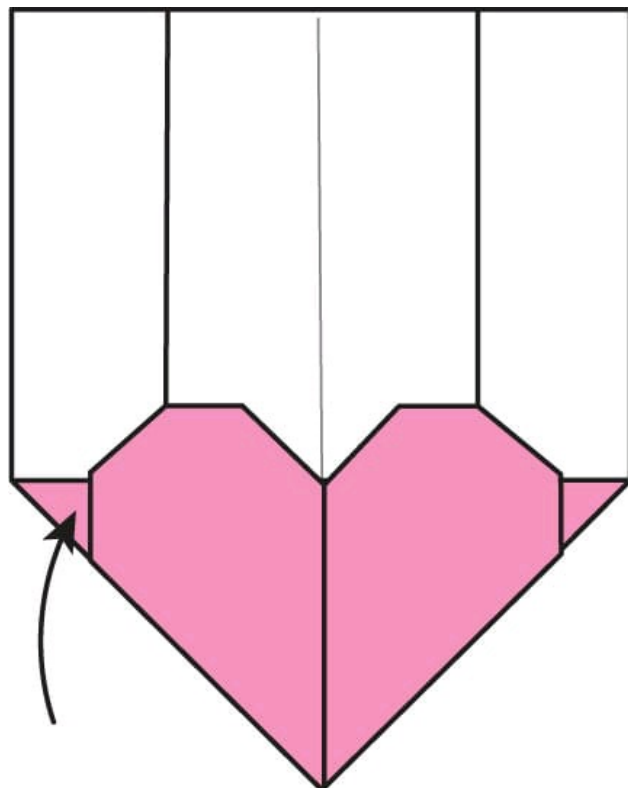
32. Fold the far-left point over to the right.



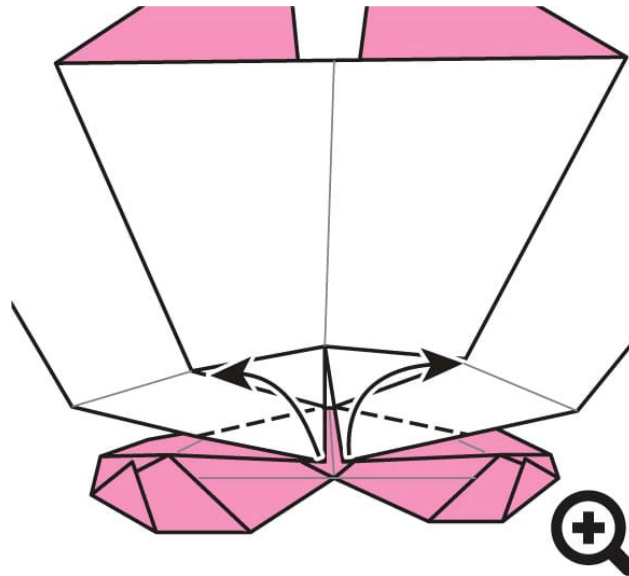
33. Fold the top left point diagonally down to complete the left side of the heart shape.



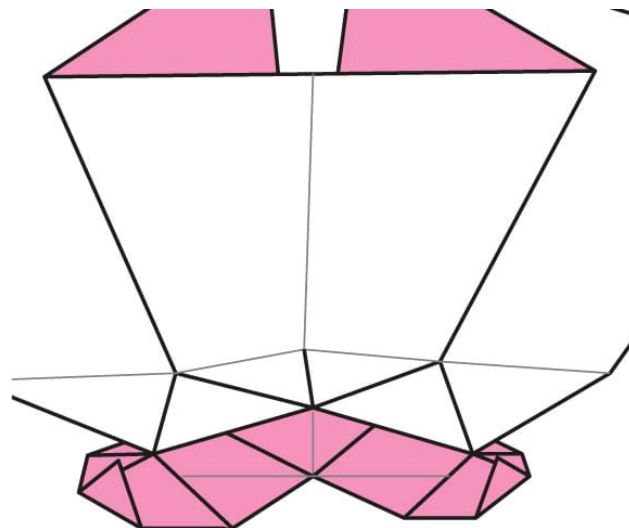
34. Fold the section back over to the right.



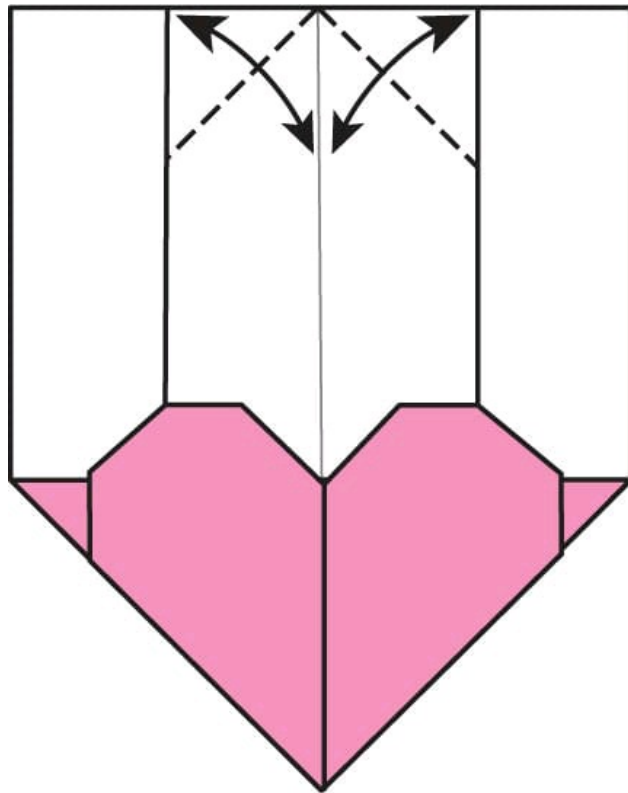
35. Repeat steps 31 to 34 on the left section of the heart.



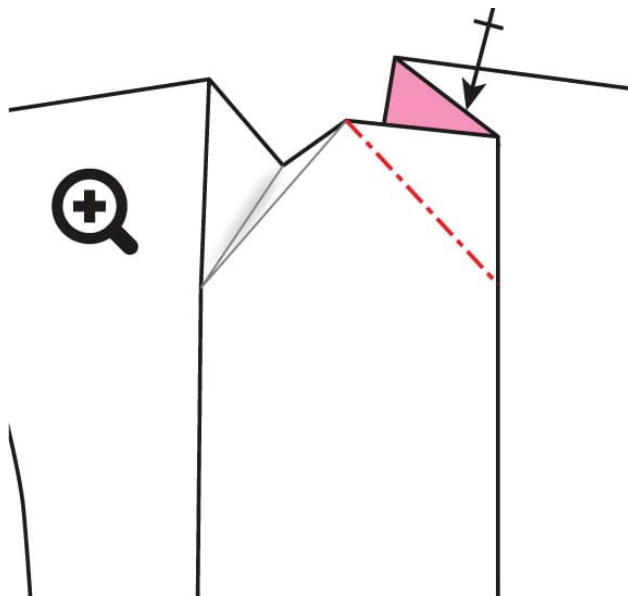
36. Look inside the heart and fold the two inner points behind, along the existing creases.



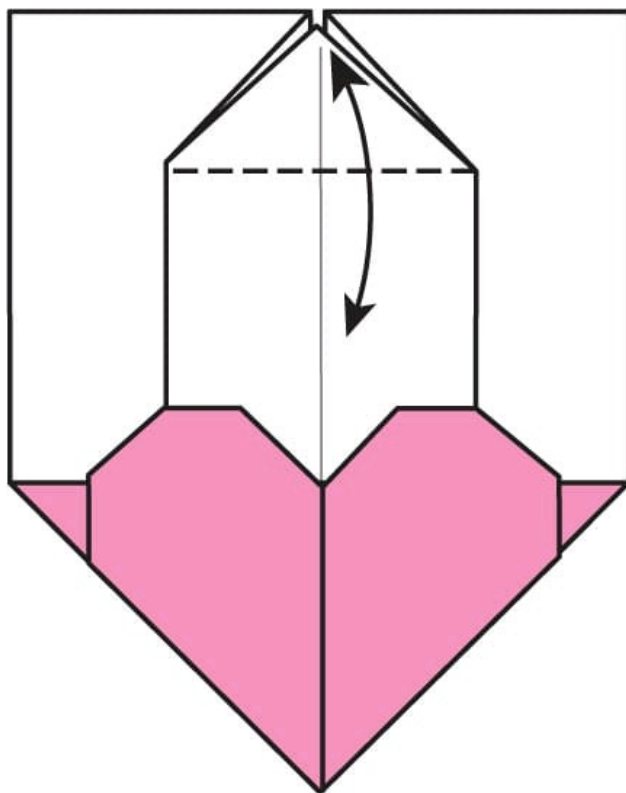
37. This is what your model should now look like inside.



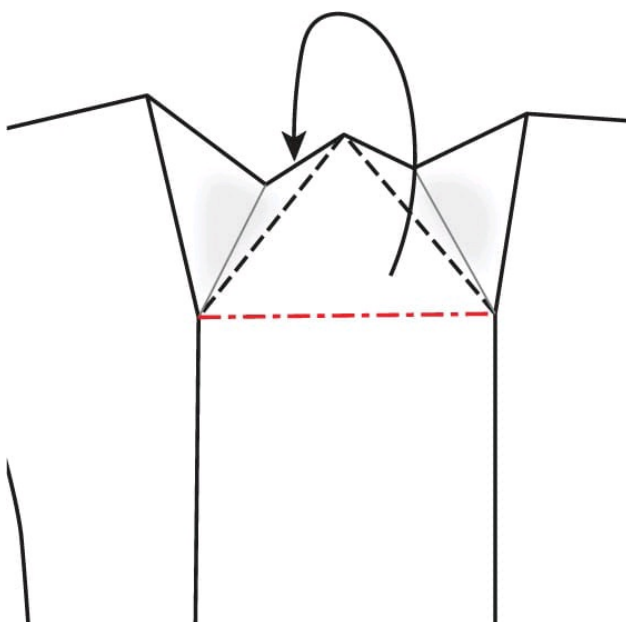
38. Create diagonal creases on the left and right corners of the central section as indicated.



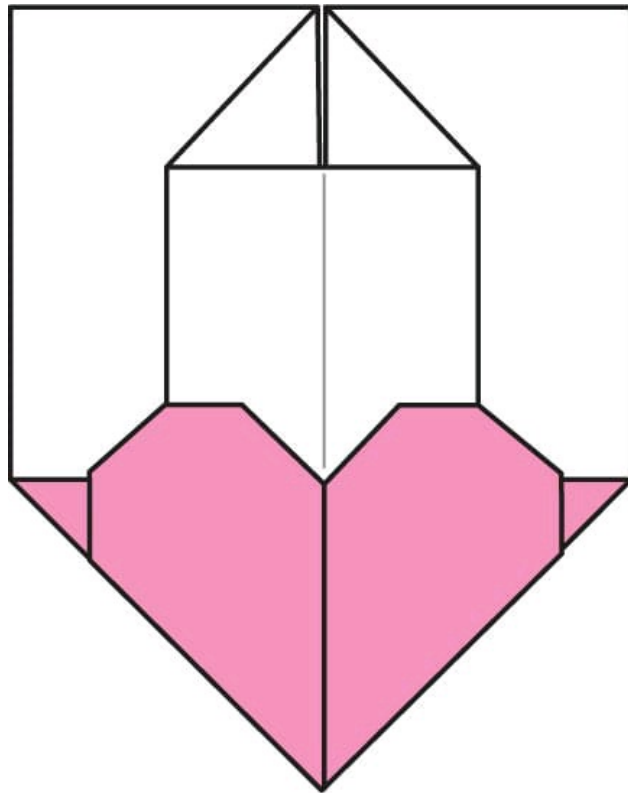
39. Reverse fold the creases you made in the previous step.



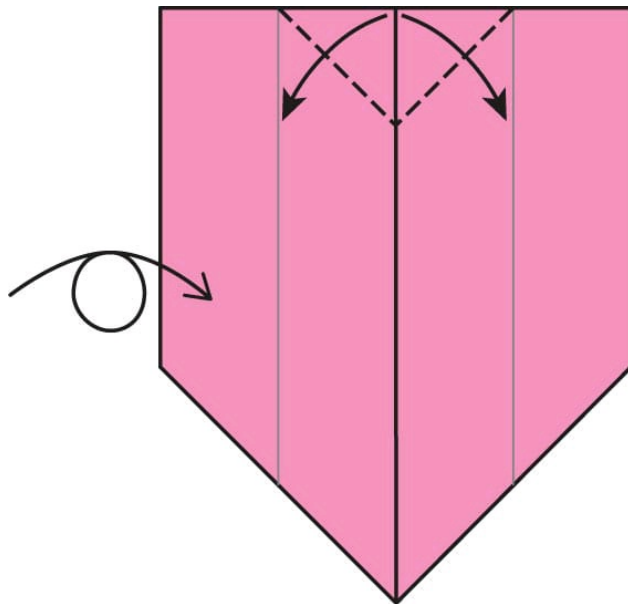
- 40.** Fold the top point of the top central section down and back up again to create a crease.



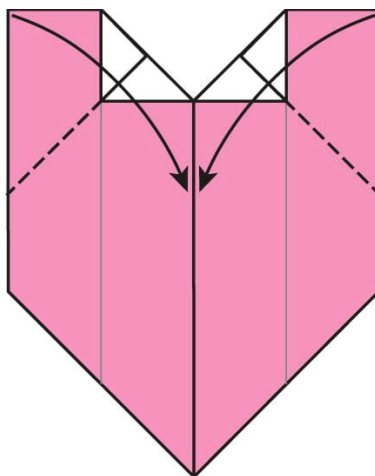
- 41.** Open the top section a little, fold the central point down inside, and close it again.



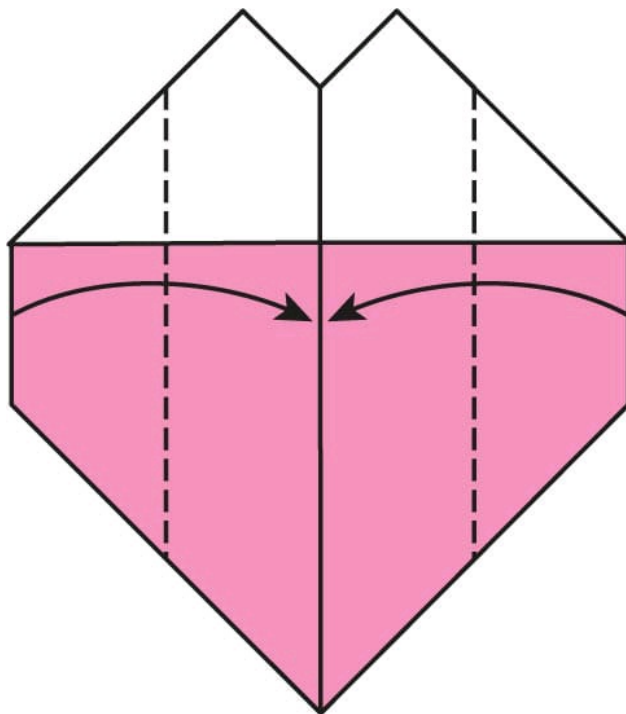
42. This is what your model should now look like.



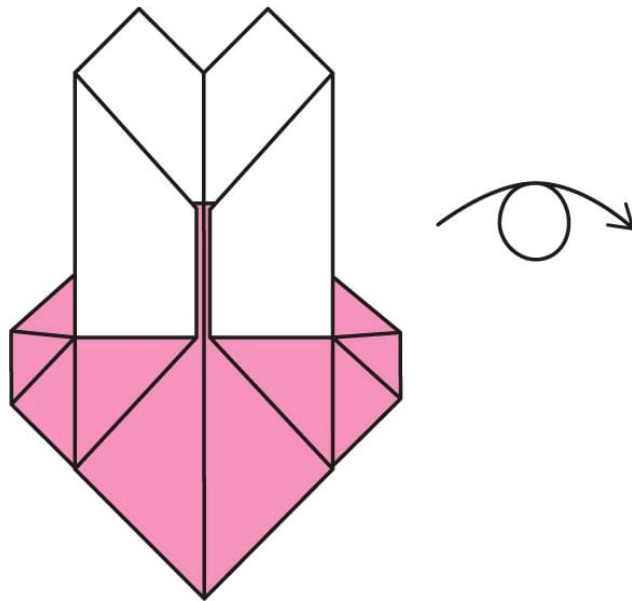
43. Flip the model over to the other side. Diagonally fold the left and right corners of the central section as indicated.



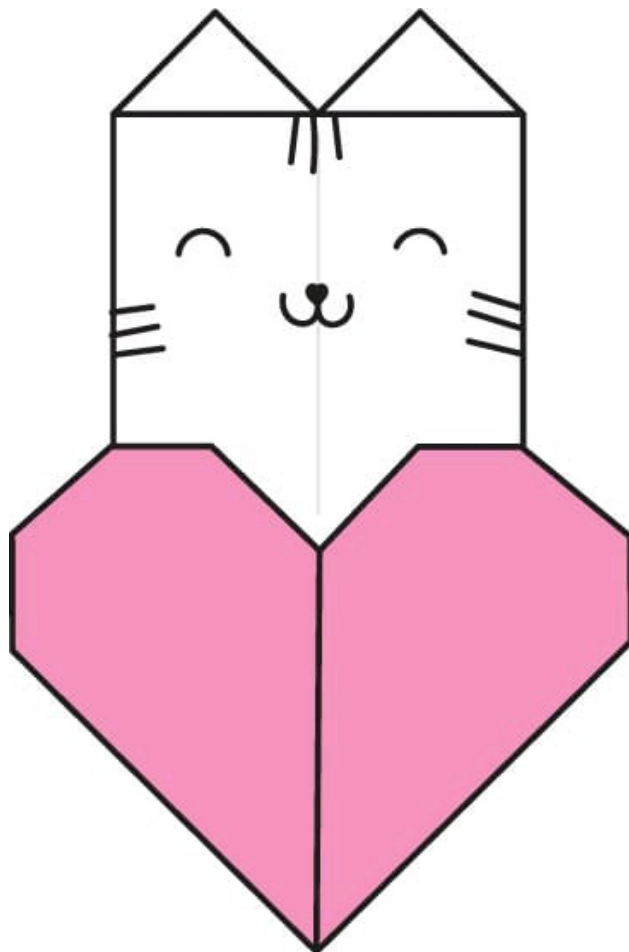
44. Diagonally fold the left and right edges inward to meet the vertical crease.



45. Fold the left and right edges in for a final time.

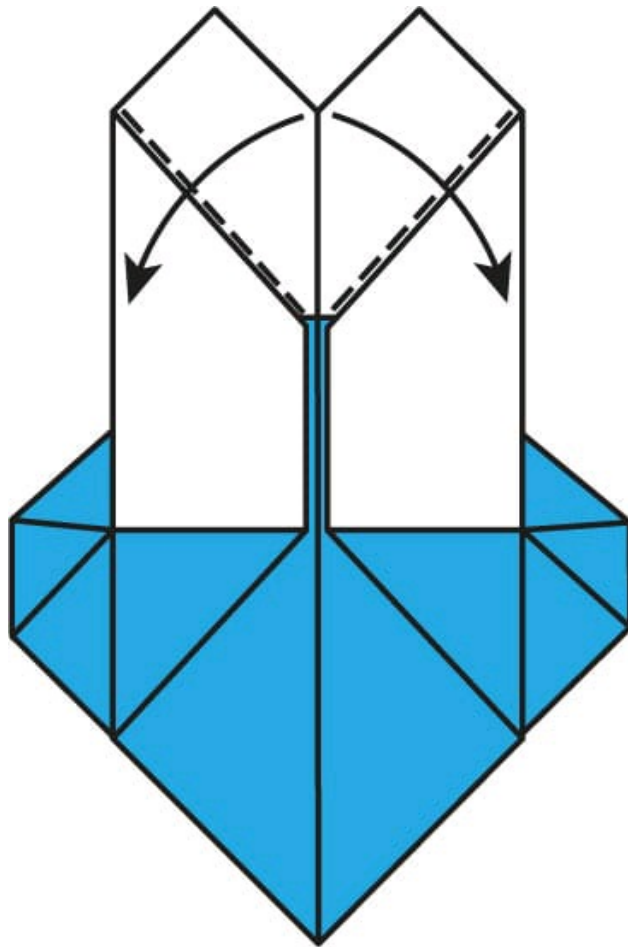


46. This is what your model should now look like.

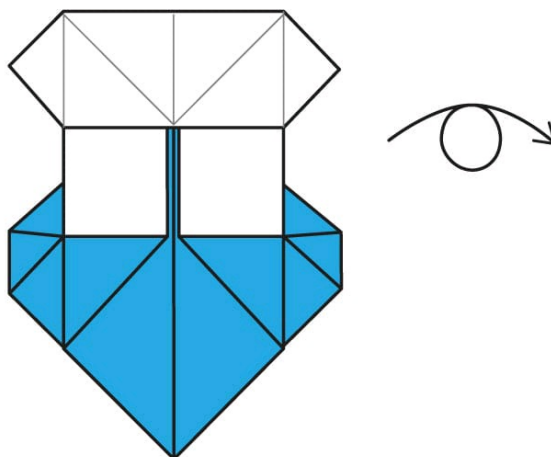


47. Flip the model over to the other side, and draw an adorable kitty face! Or ...

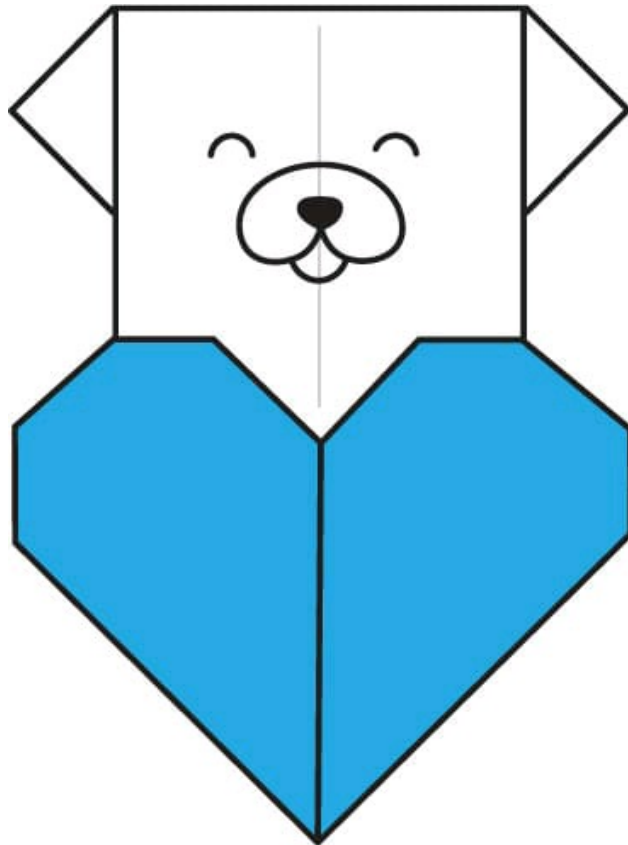
DOG VERSION



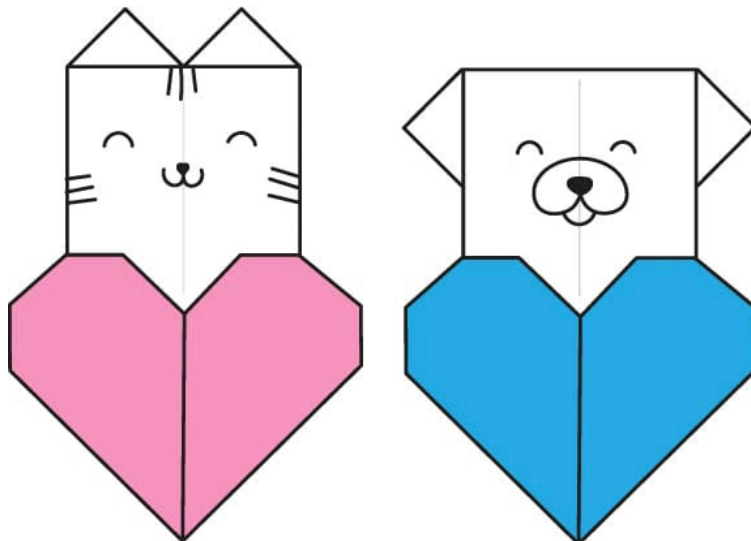
1. On the back of the heart, fold the two “ears” down diagonally.



2. This is what your model should now look like.



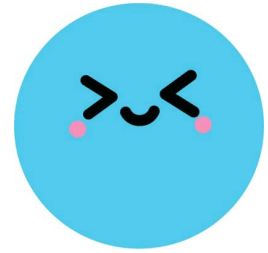
3. Flip the model back over to the other side and draw the face of a real cute pooch!

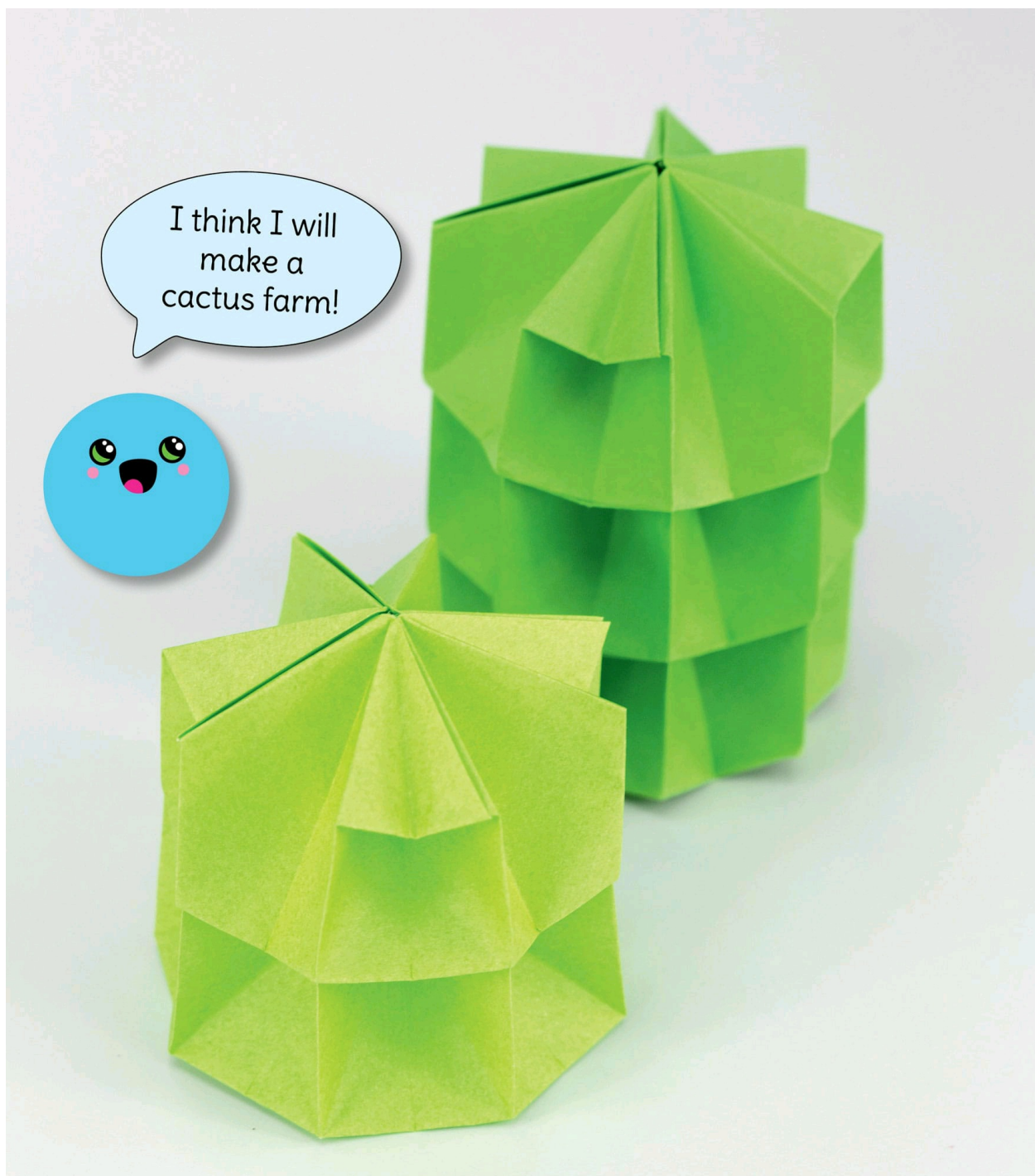


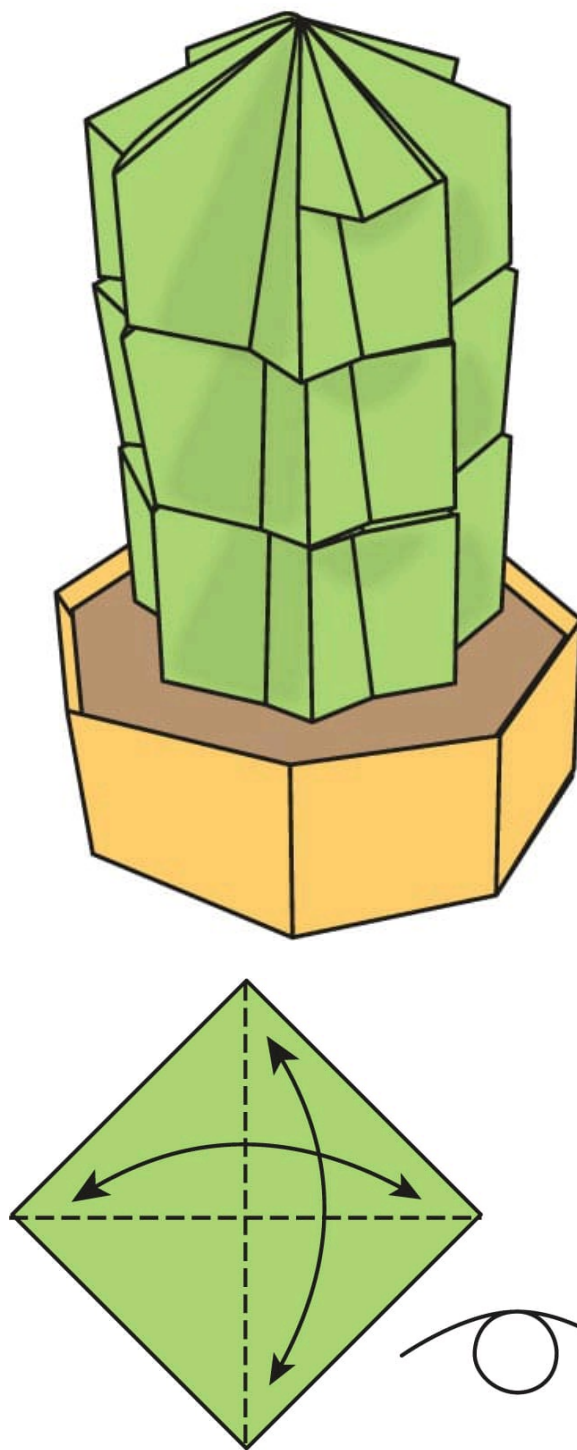
Cactus

This fun origami project is not sharp and is a perfect gift for your friend who cannot take care of a real plant—no watering is necessary! You can even make a couple of these origami cacti and stack them on top of each other to create different heights! Try different greens as well to give depth and variety.

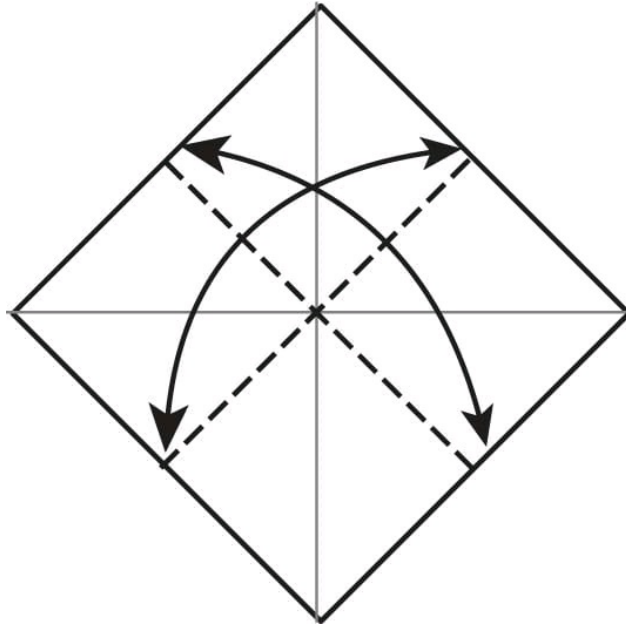
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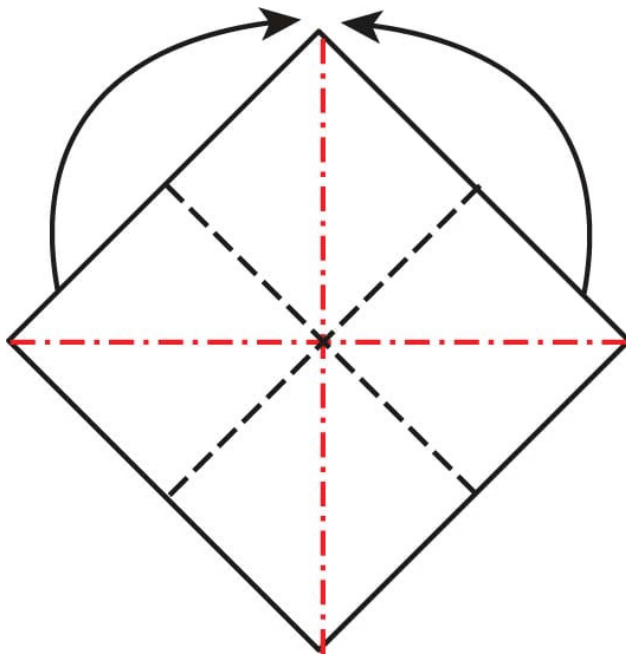




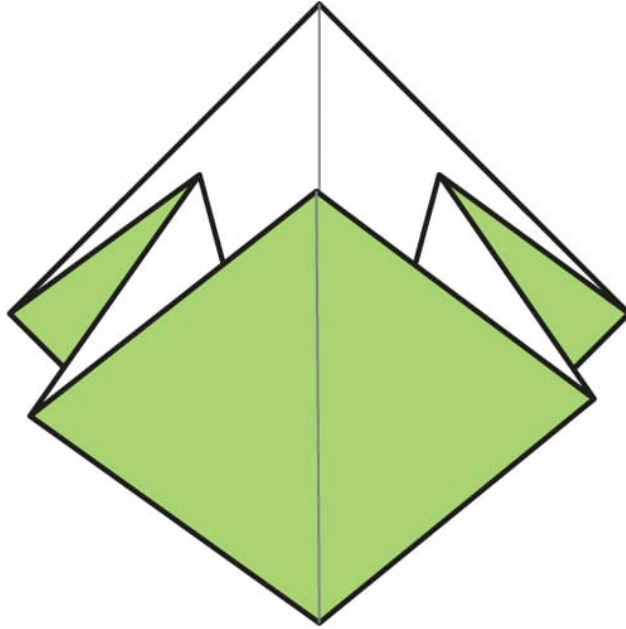
1. Starting with your paper color side up, create vertical and horizontal creases by folding and unfolding the paper in half top to bottom and then left to right.



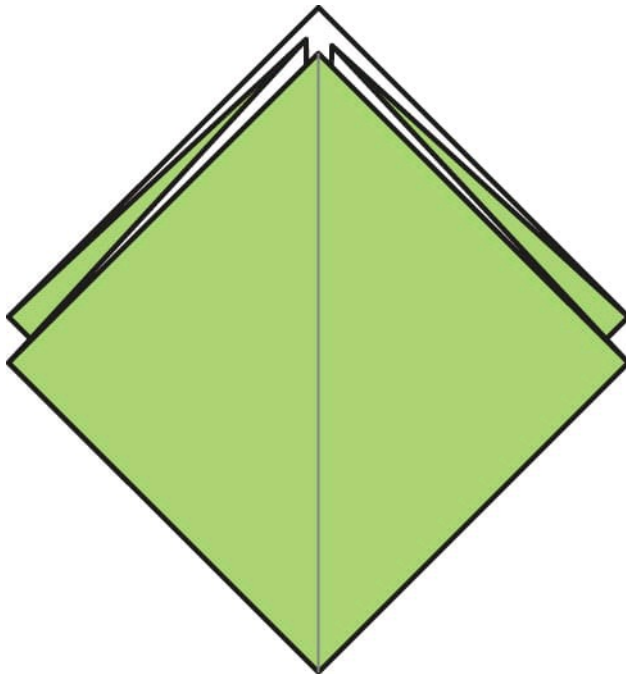
2. Flip the paper over. Create diagonal creases by folding and unfolding the paper in half diagonally in both directions.



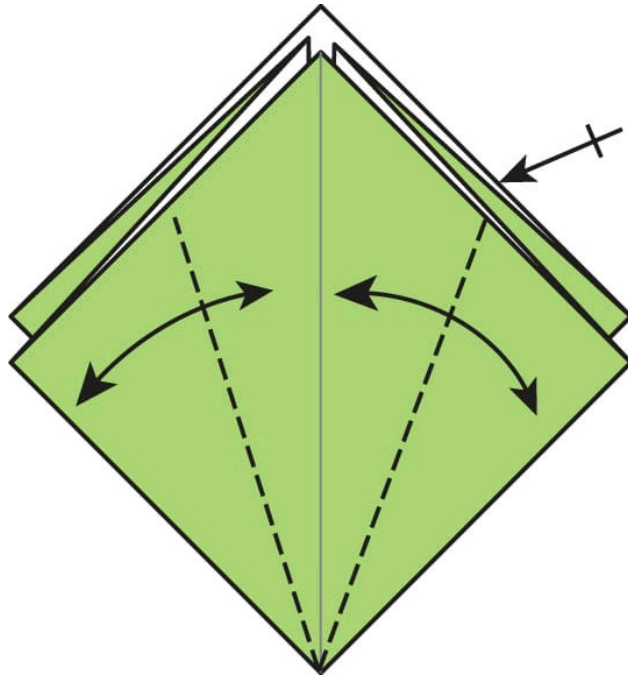
3. Bring the left and right points up, collapsing the paper into what's known as an origami square base.



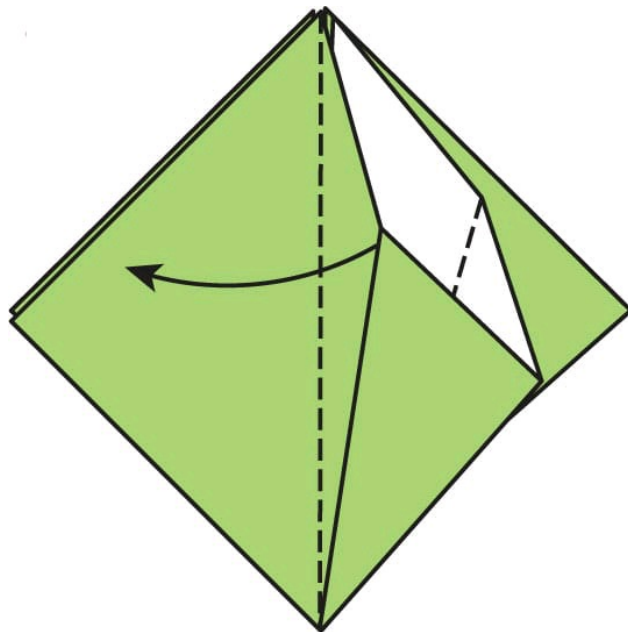
4. Flatten the paper, making sure that the open end is at the top.



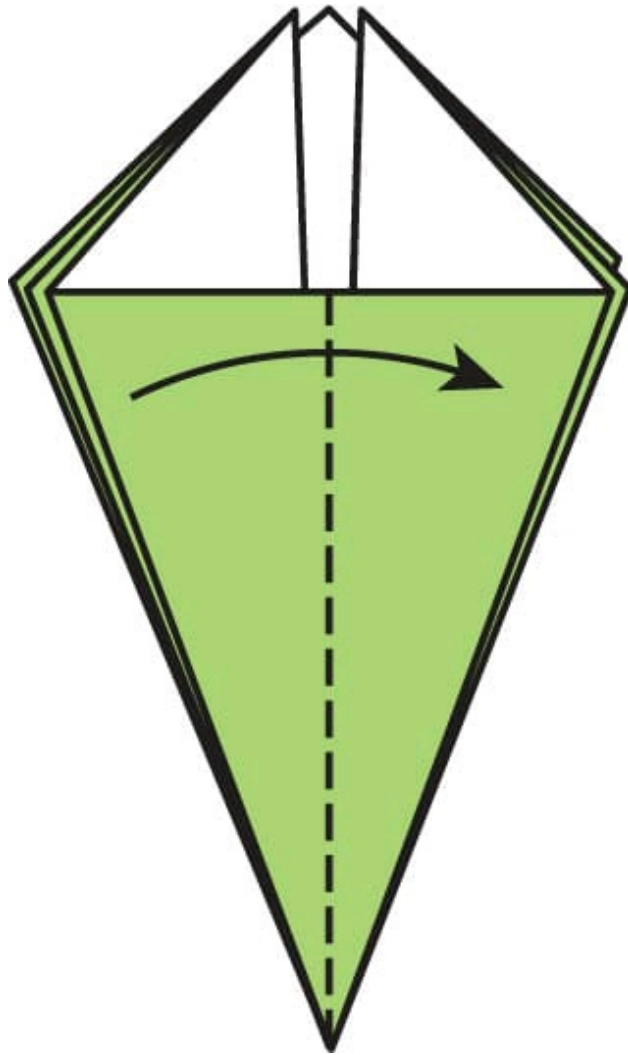
5. This is what your model should now look like.



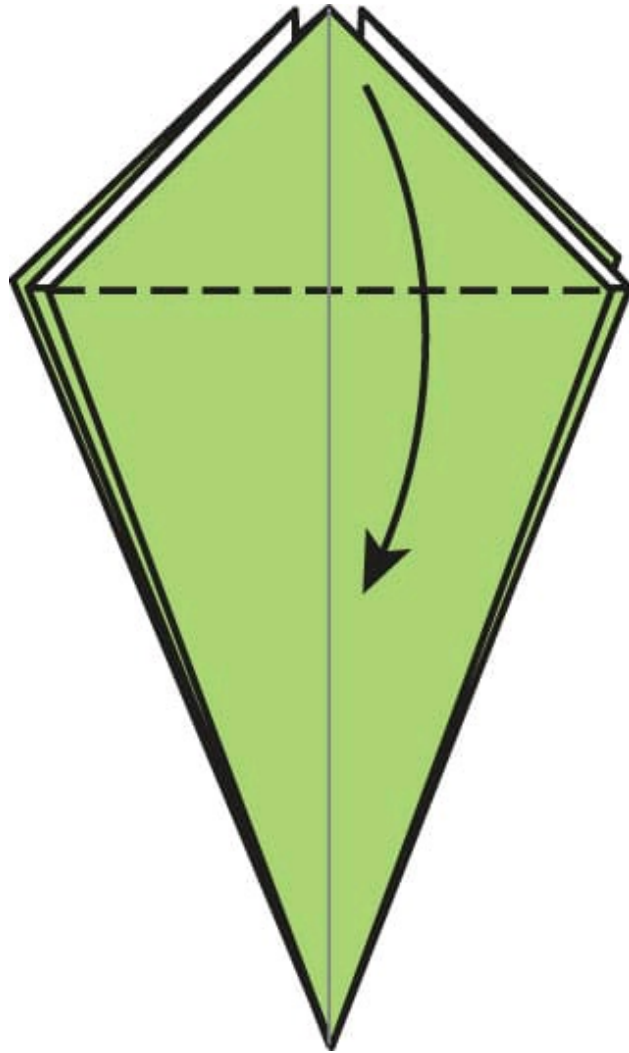
6. Fold the left and right lower diagonal edges to the central vertical crease and unfold. Repeat this on the back.



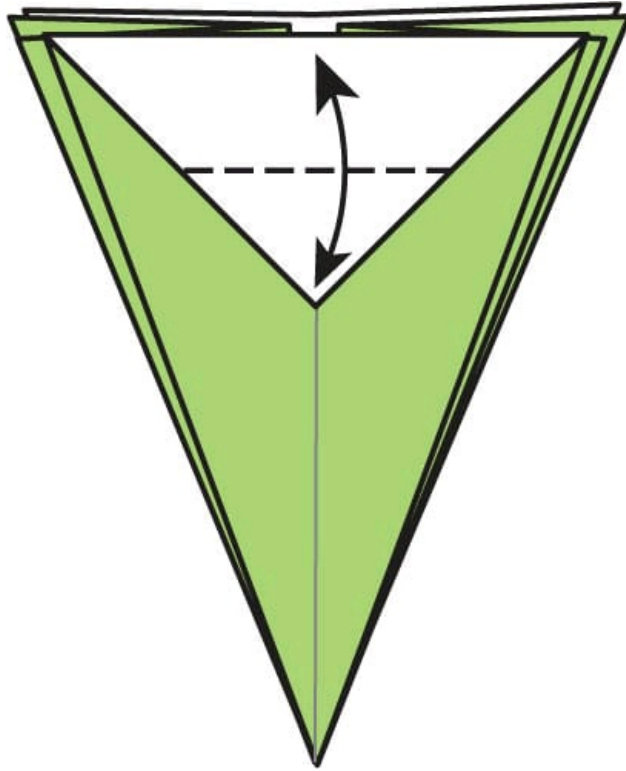
7. Open one of the flaps and squash the paper as indicated. Repeat this on all of the other flaps.



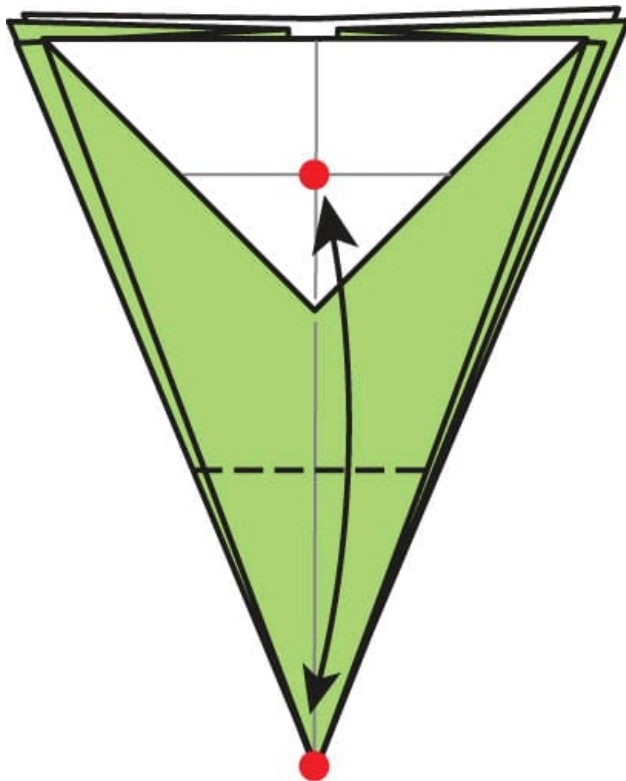
8. Fold one of the sections over so that you are viewing a solid kite shape.



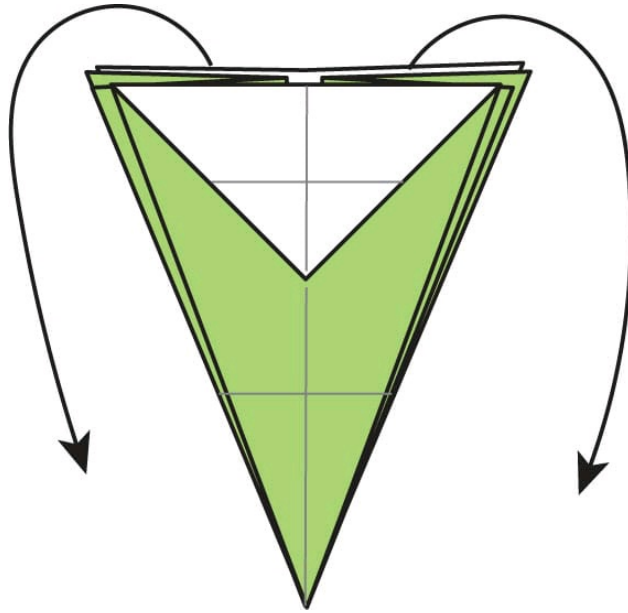
9. Fold the top point down. Repeat on all sides.



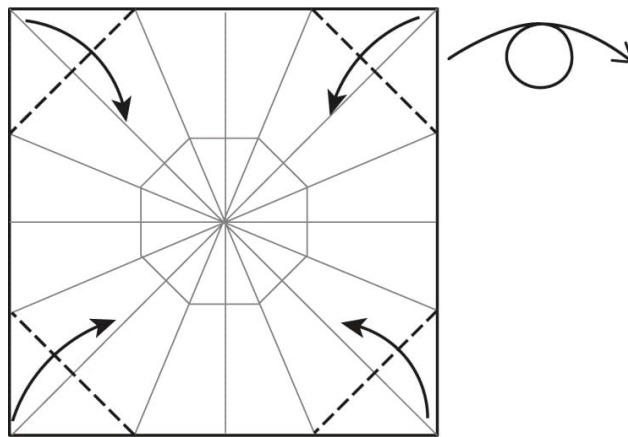
10. Fold the bottom point of the top triangular flap up to the top edge and unfold.



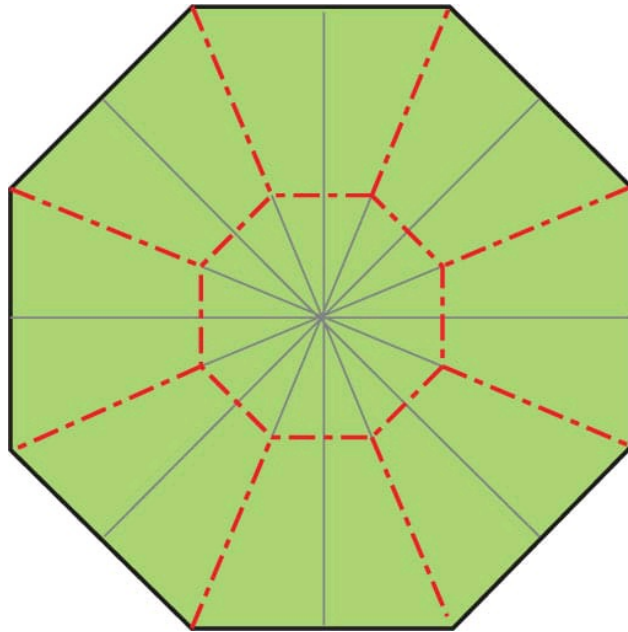
11. Bring the bottom point up to meet the point indicated by the red dot, crease well, and unfold.



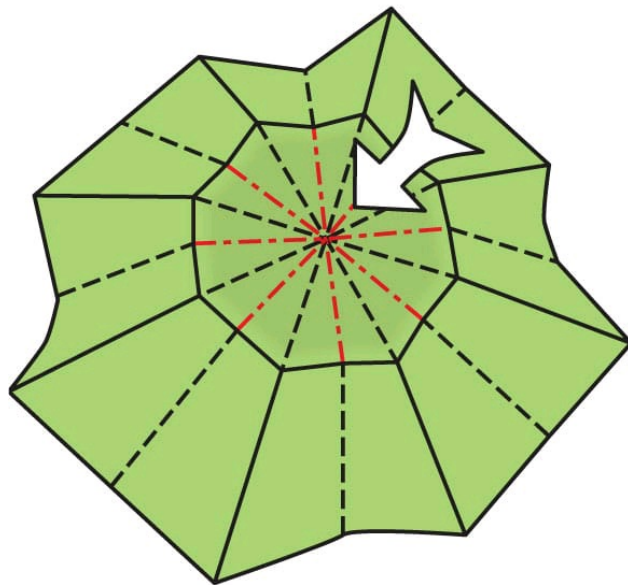
12. Open up the paper completely to the white side.



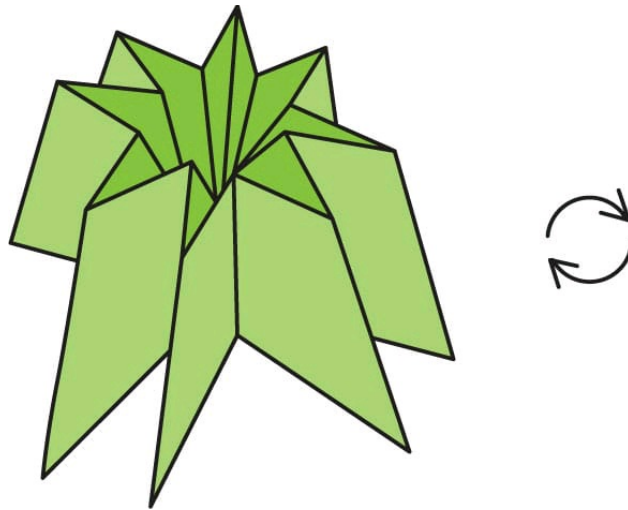
13. Fold all four points inward along the existing creases.



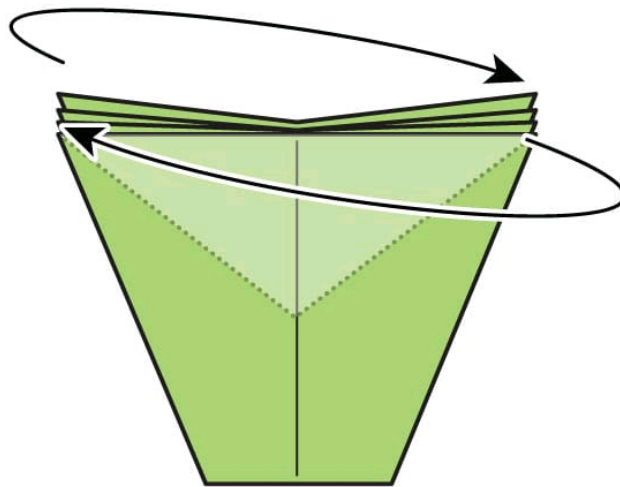
- 14.** Flip the paper over to the other side. Make all of the creases indicated in red into mountain folds.



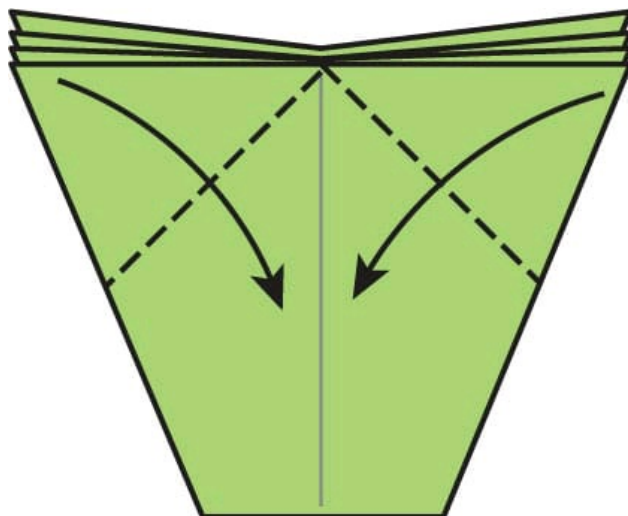
- 15.** Pick up the paper and carefully sink fold the octagon shape down inside.



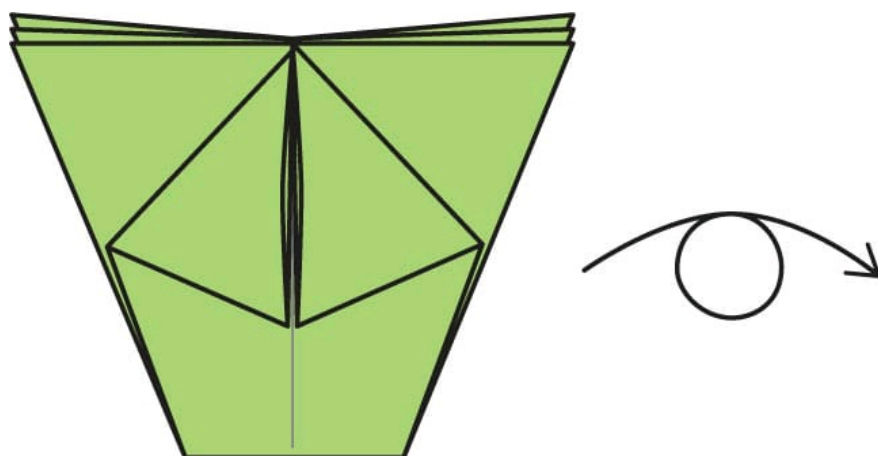
16. This is what your model should now look like.



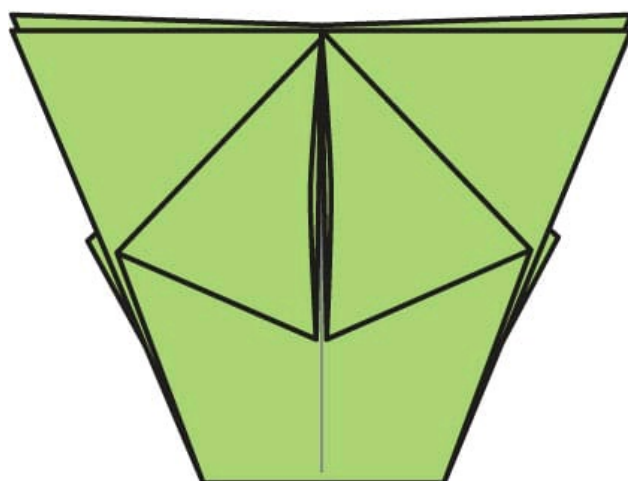
17. Rotate and flatten the paper. Make sure that a triangular flap is behind the top layer you are working on.



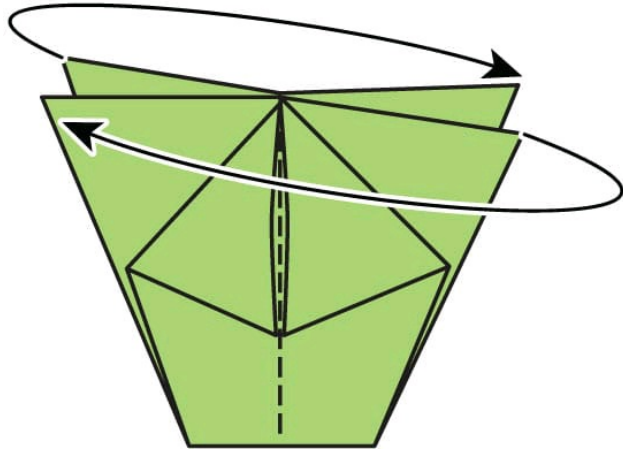
- 18.** Fold the top left and top right points diagonally down to align with the central vertical crease.



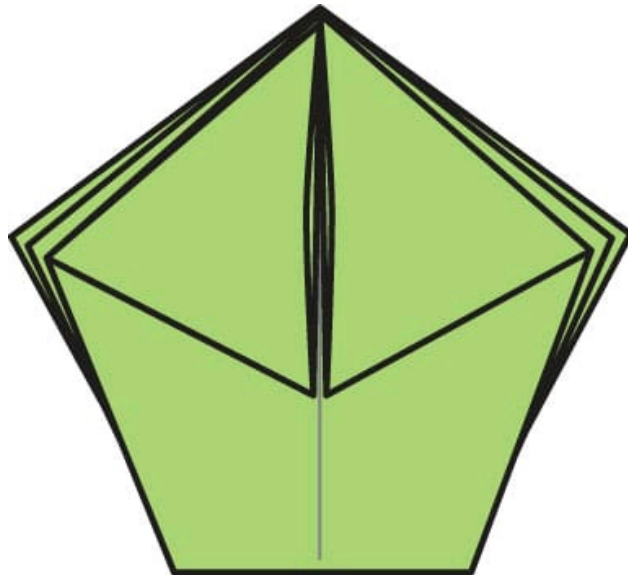
- 19.** This is what your model should now look like.



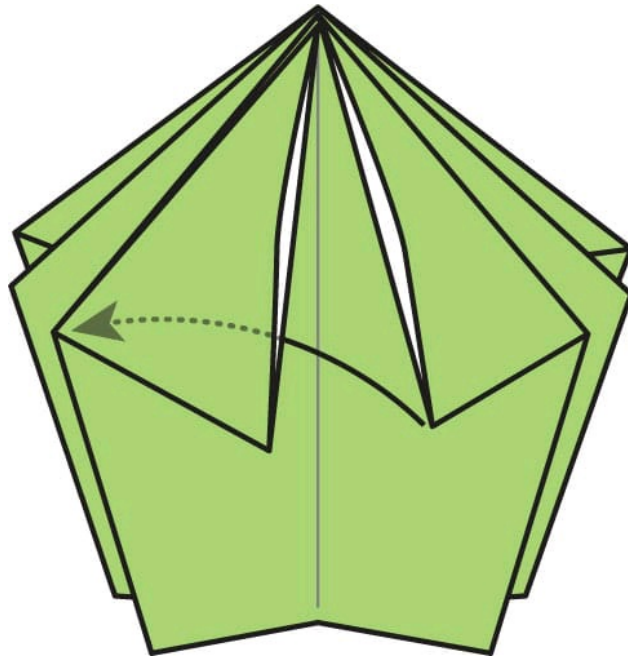
- 20.** Flip the paper over and repeat on the back, making sure you have equal flaps on each side.



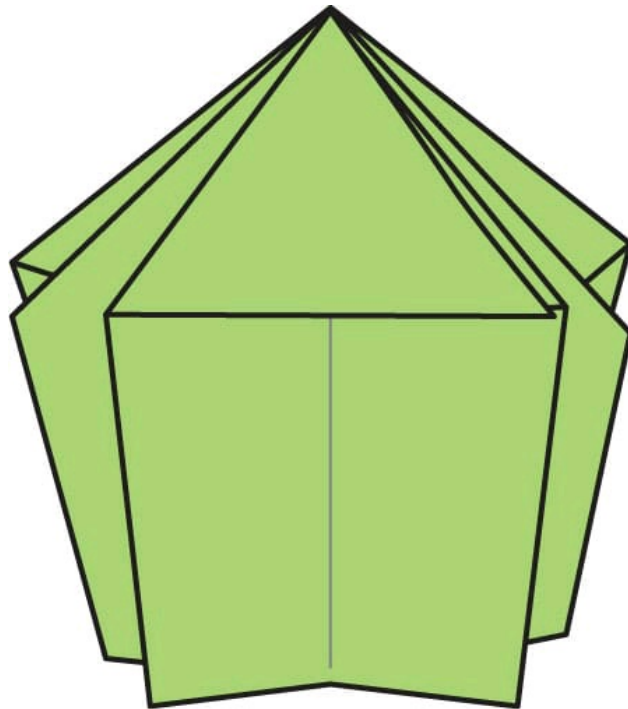
21. Flip the sections so that you can repeat step 18 on the remaining flaps.



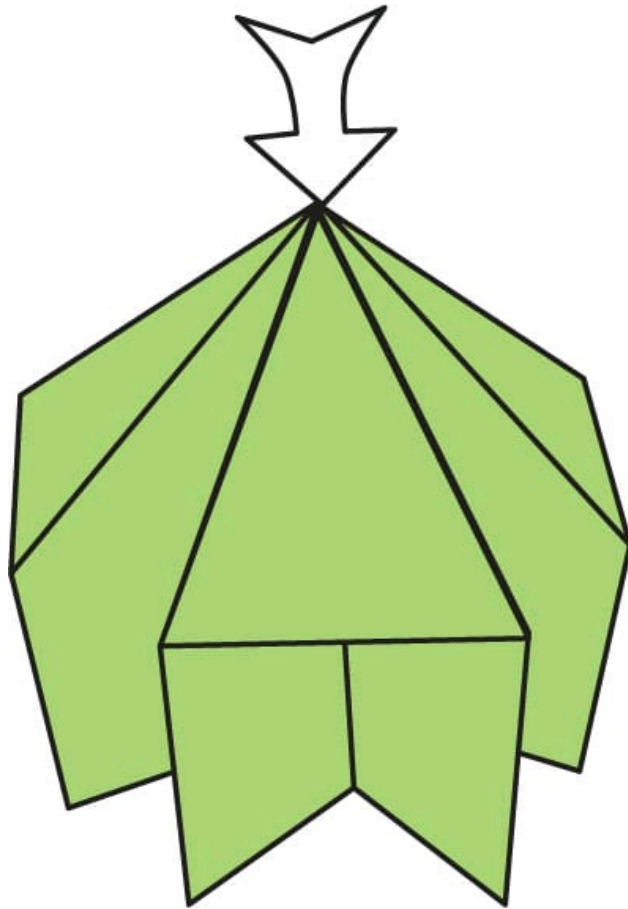
22. This is what your model should now look like.



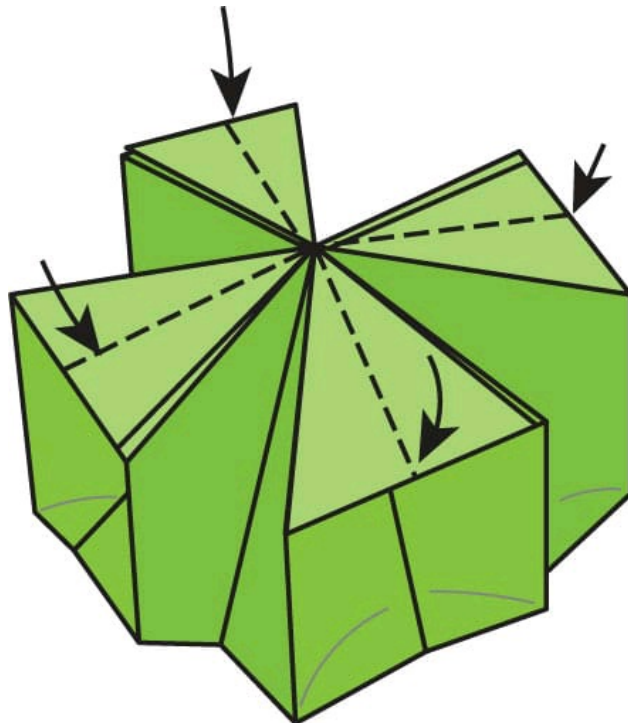
23. Insert the right flap inside the left flap, making the model three-dimensional.



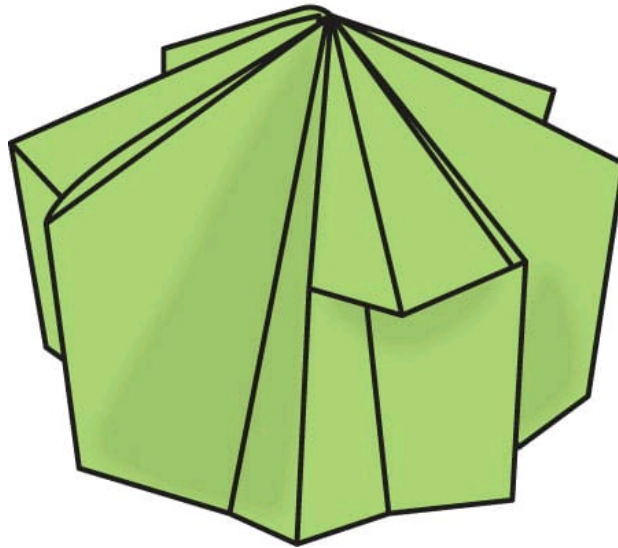
24. Repeat the previous step on all the sides.



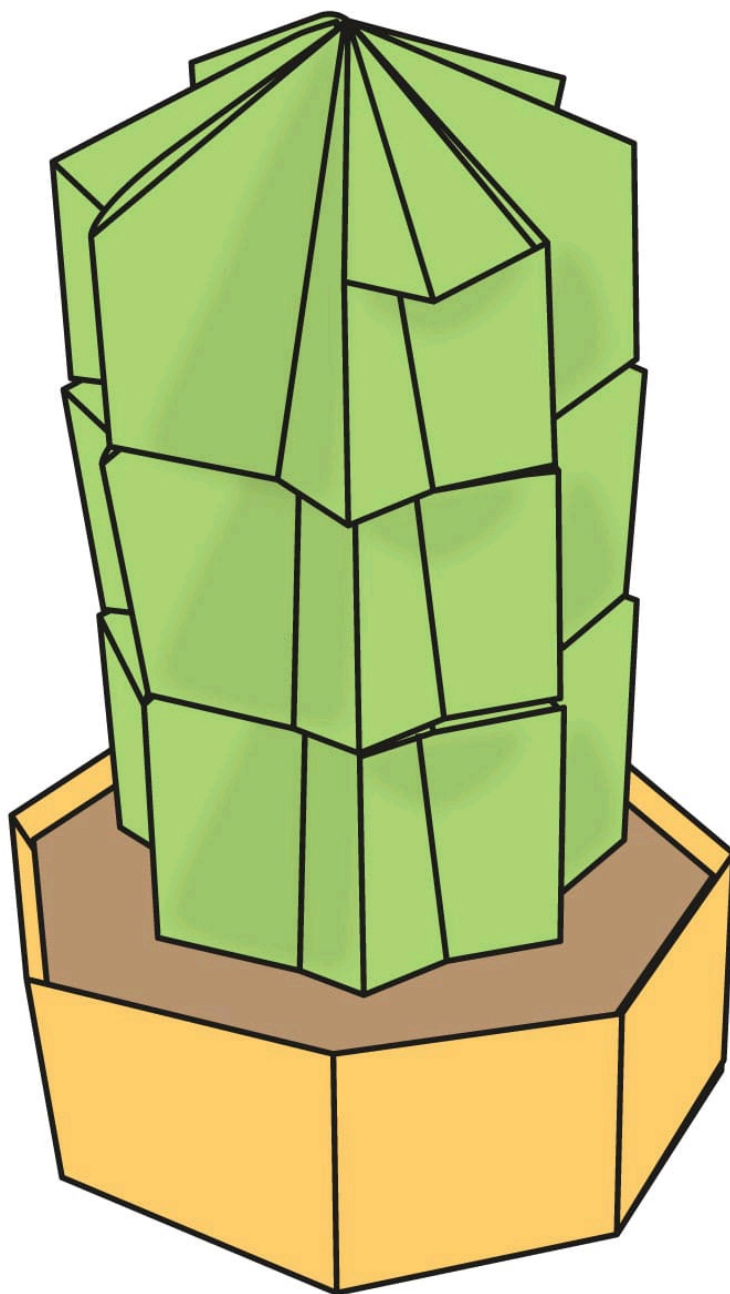
25. You can push the top point down to give the cactus a four-leaf clover shape.

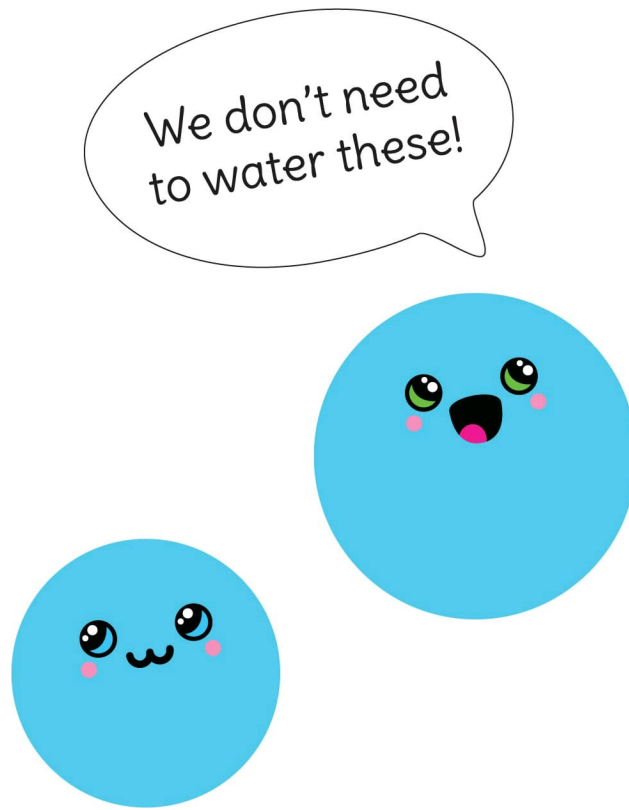


26. You can push the top flaps down, creating valley folds, and squash them, giving the cactus a pointier look.



27. If you are using small paper, you may want to use a dab of glue to secure the cactus sections together once you make more of them.





Round Pot

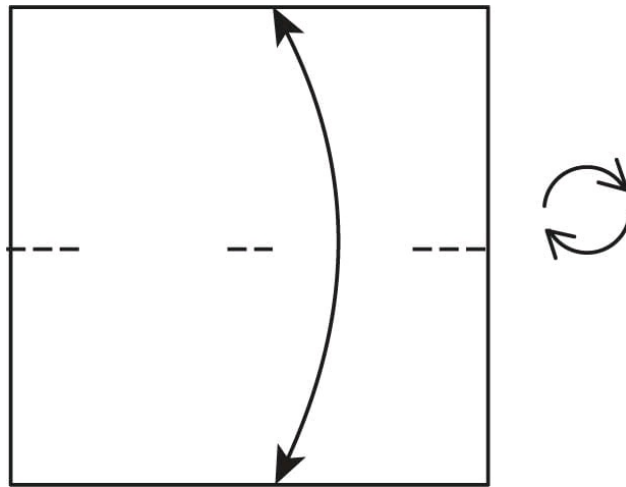
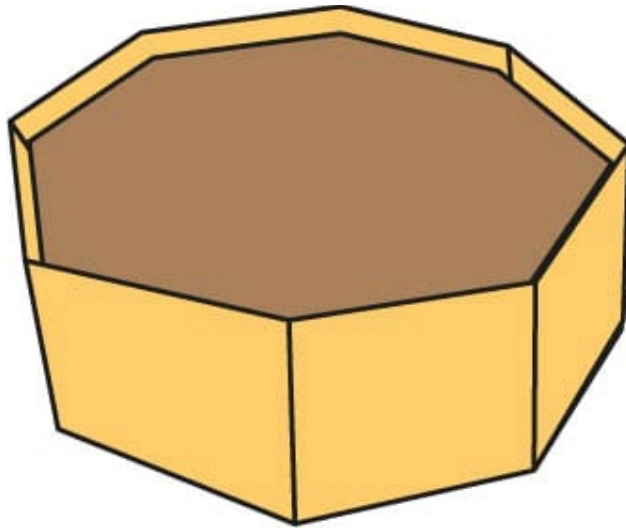
This octagonal pot is perfect to use as a base for our cactus project shown [here](#). We will use two sheets of paper, one for the outside of the pot and one for the inside. The paper for the inside part needs to be a tiny bit smaller than the paper used for the outside. This project uses the same method as the traditional masu box shown [here](#). If you are using 6 × 6-inch (15 × 15-cm) paper for the pot, then:

SOIL PAPER SIZE: 5.7 × 5.7 (14.5 × 14.5 cm)

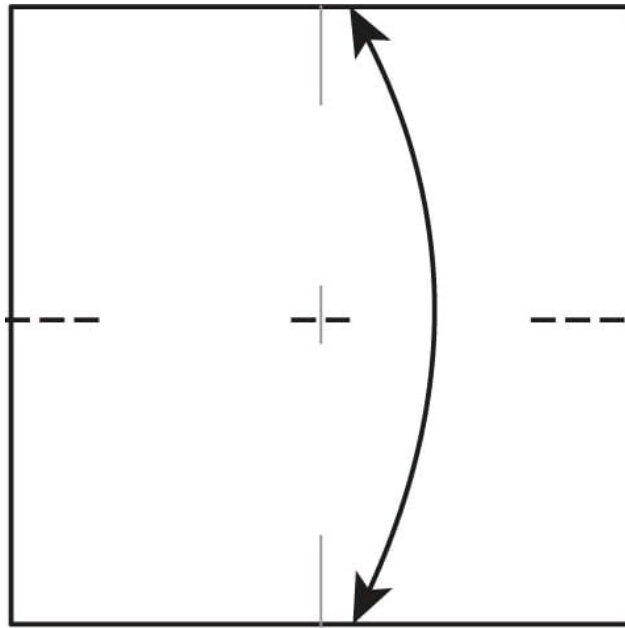
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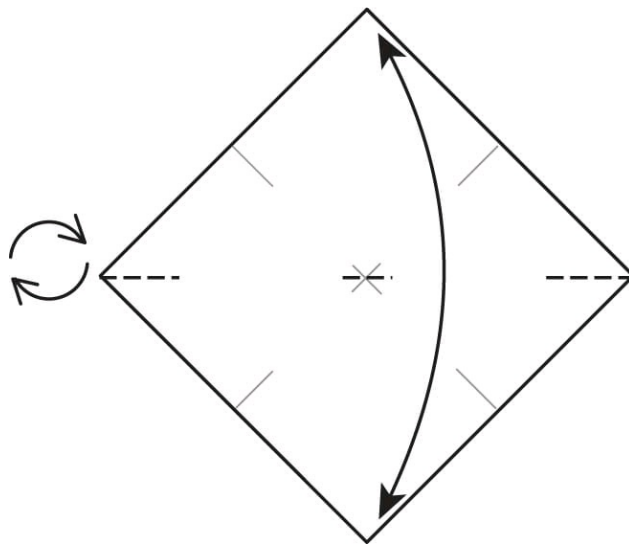




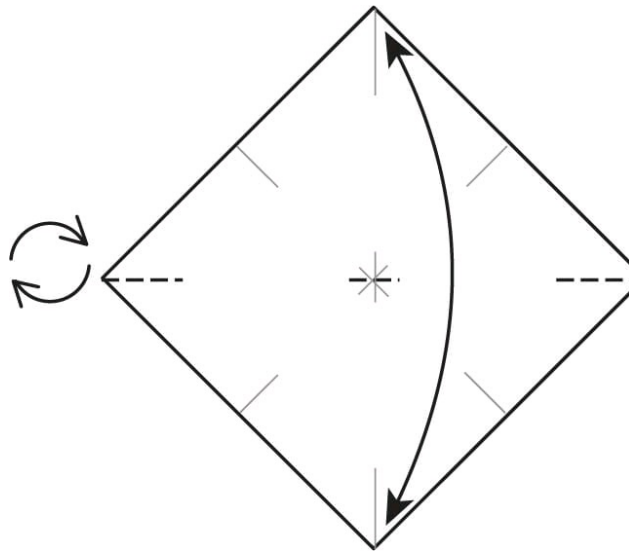
1. Start by creating horizontal creases where indicated by folding and unfolding the paper.



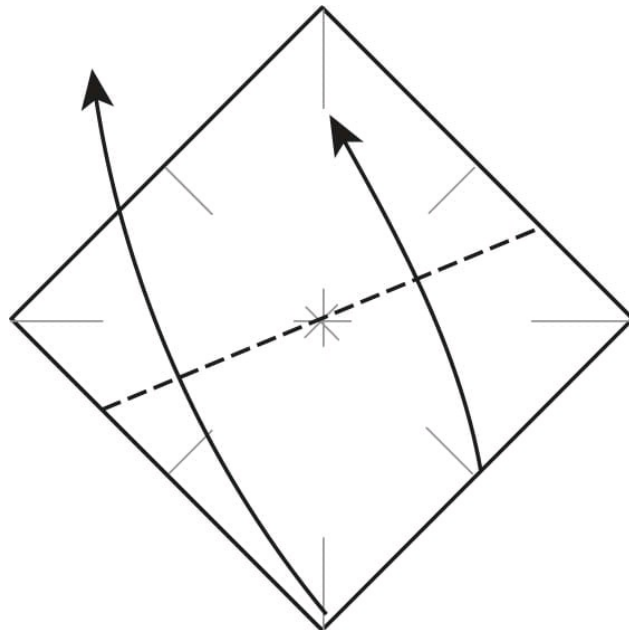
2. Rotate the paper and make the same horizontal creases.



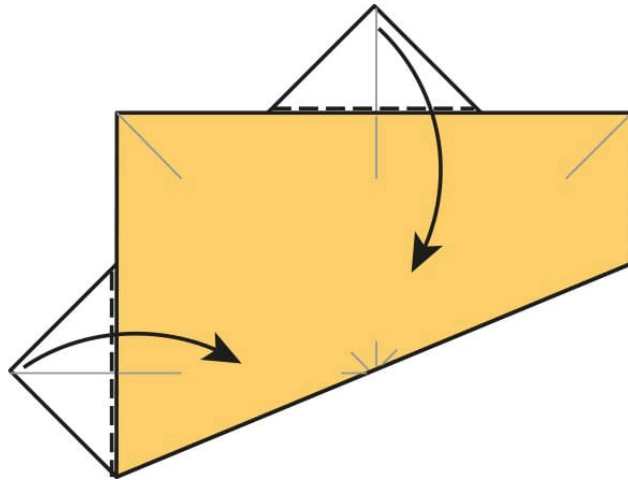
3. Rotate the paper so that it is oriented as shown and create the same horizontal creases.



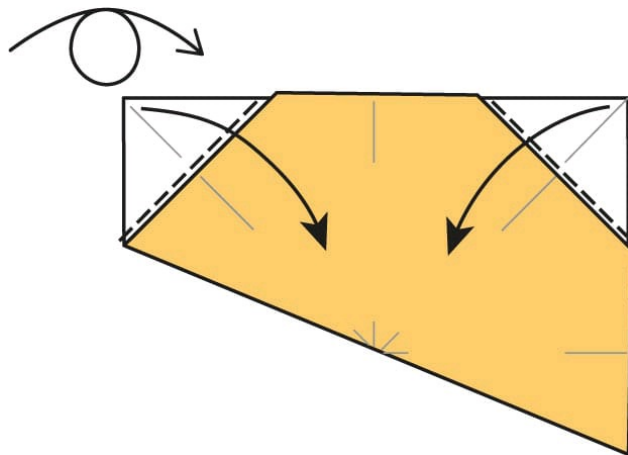
4. Again rotate the paper and create a final set of horizontal creases.



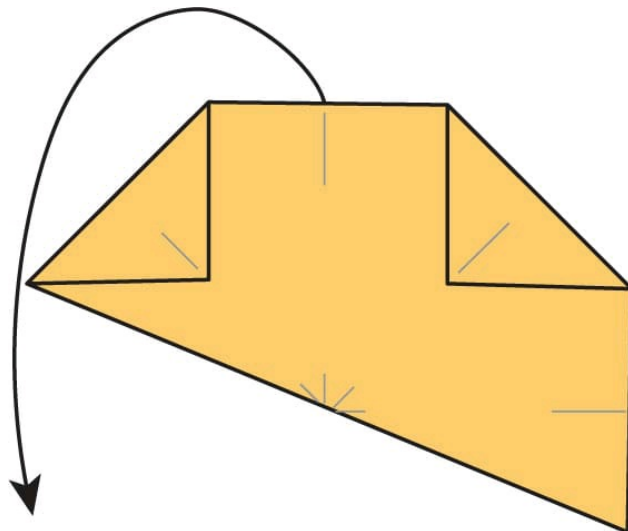
5. Fold the bottom right diagonal edge up so that the creases match as shown here.



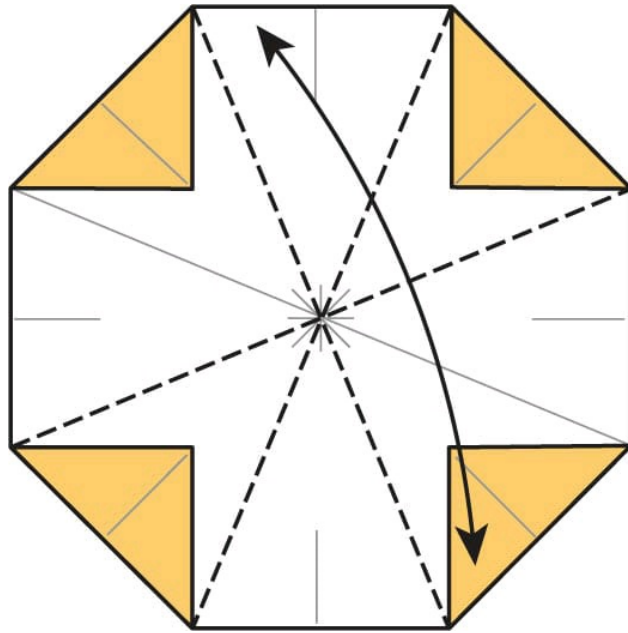
6. Fold the bottom left and top points over the front flap.



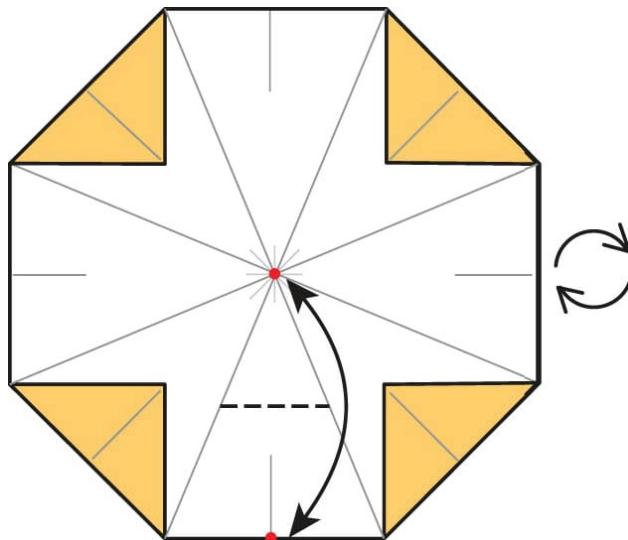
7. Flip the paper over from left to right, and fold the top left and right points forward.



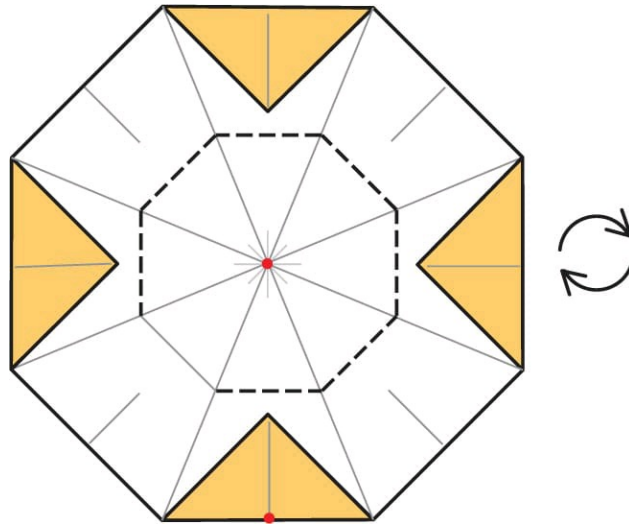
8. Open the paper, but leave the corners folded.



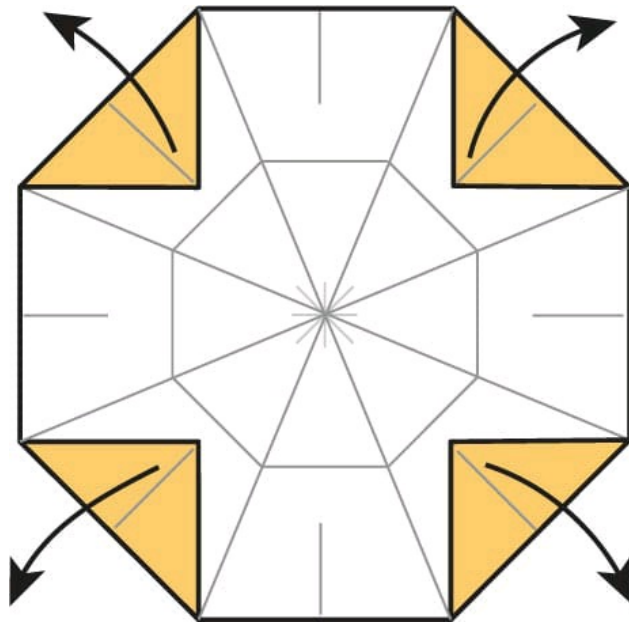
9. You should now have an octagonal shape. One of the diagonal creases is already completed; now create matching folds where indicated.



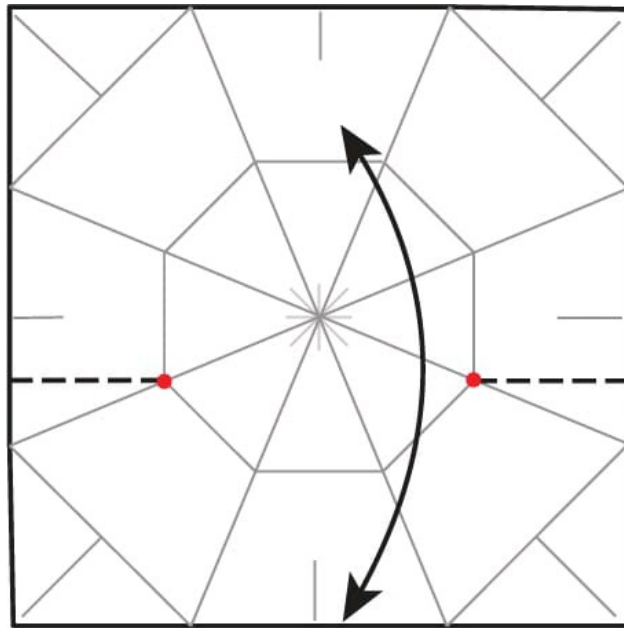
10. Bring the bottom edge to the center point and make a crease where indicated.



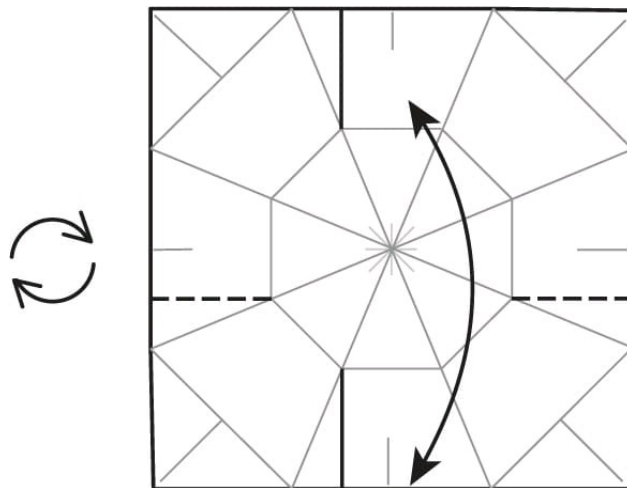
11. Rotate the paper and repeat the previous step on all eight sides.



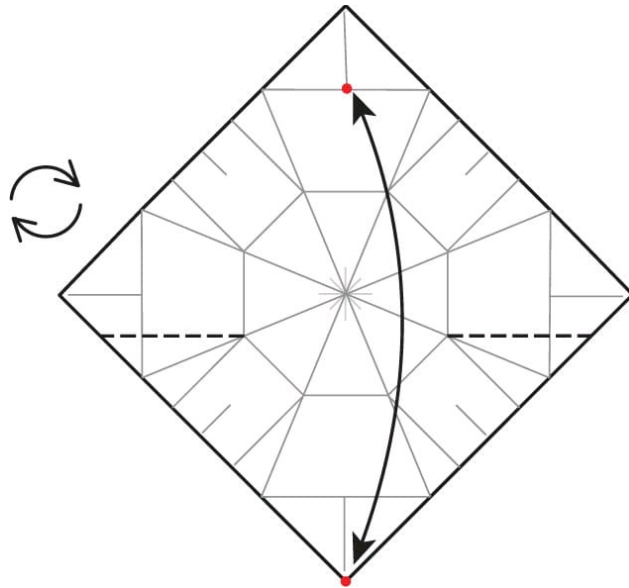
12. Rotate the paper and open up the four corner flaps.



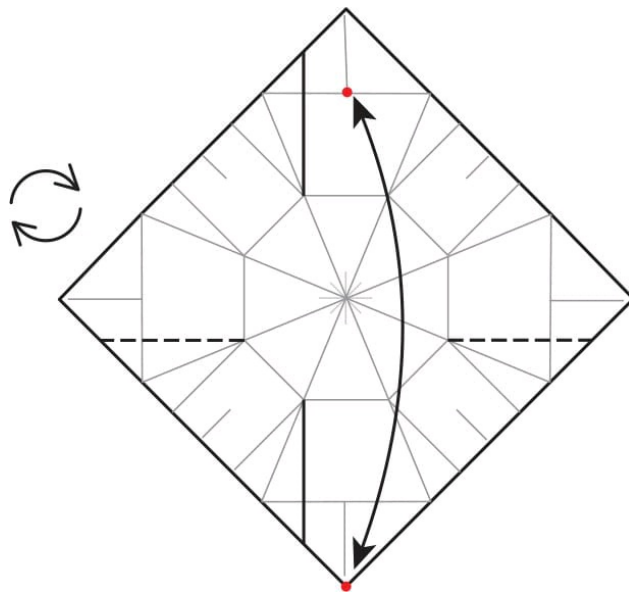
13. Make horizontal creases where indicated, avoiding the middle.



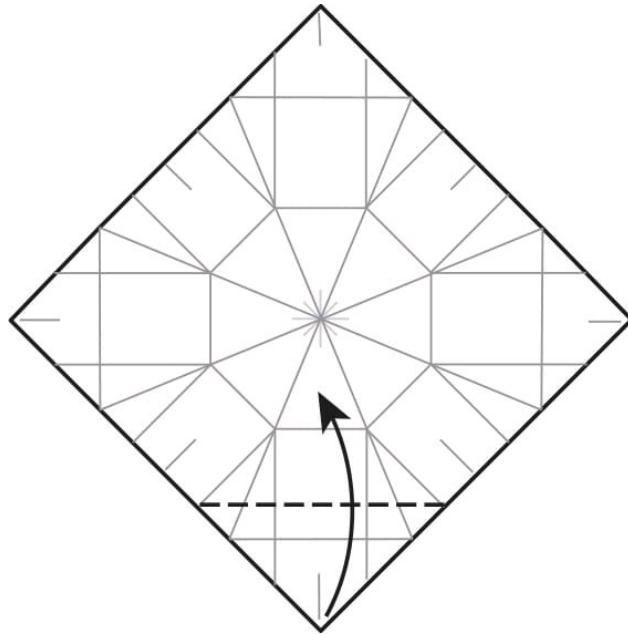
14. Rotate the paper and repeat the creases on the other three sides.



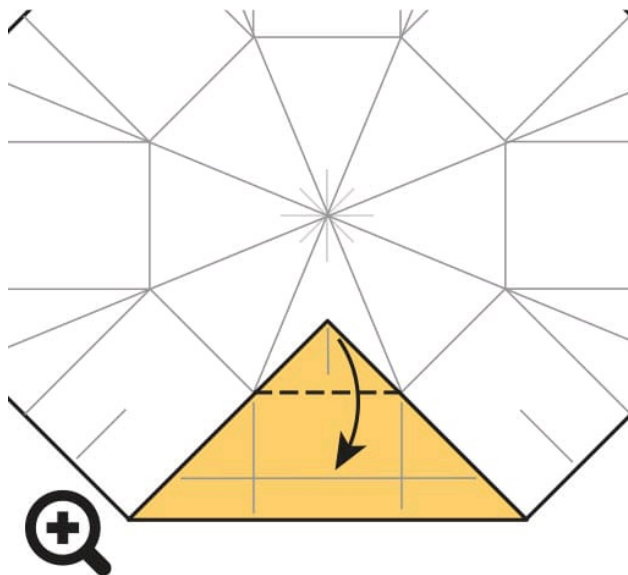
- 15.** Rotate the paper. Bring the bottom point up to the point indicated by the red dot and unfold, creating the horizontal creases indicated. Keep avoiding the middle.



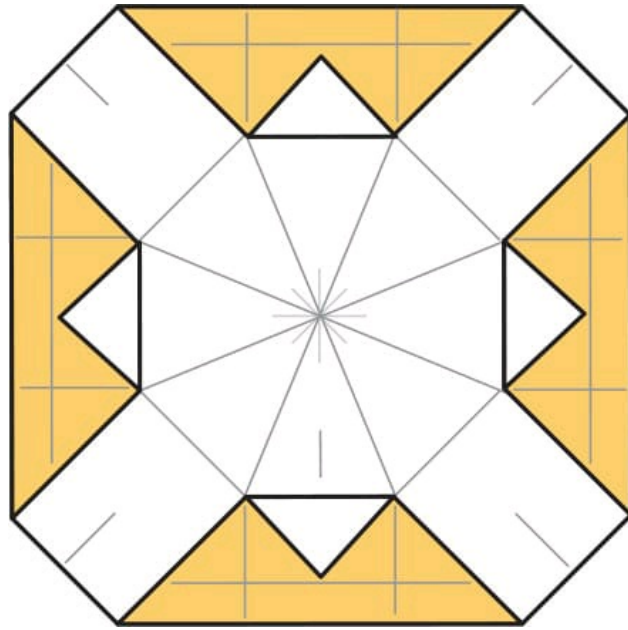
- 16.** Rotate the paper and repeat the previous step on the other three sides.



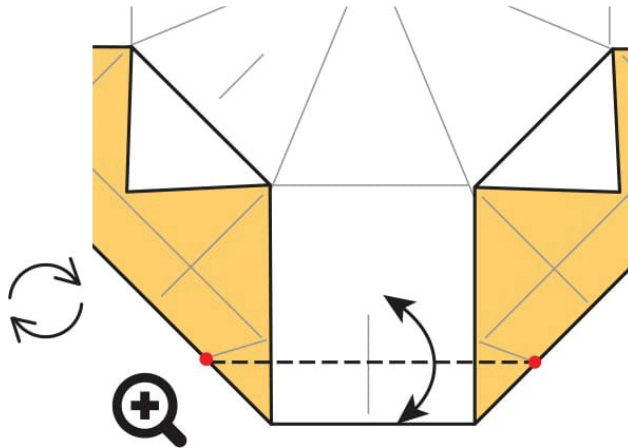
17. Using the existing creases as a guide, fold the bottom corner up.



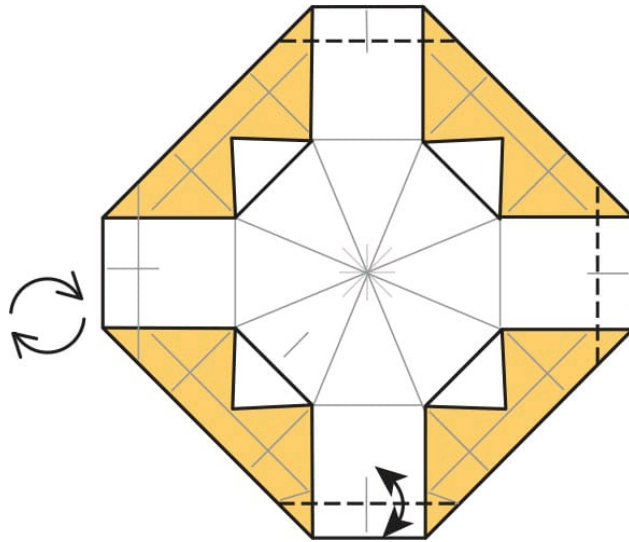
18. Fold the top point of the triangular flap down as indicated.



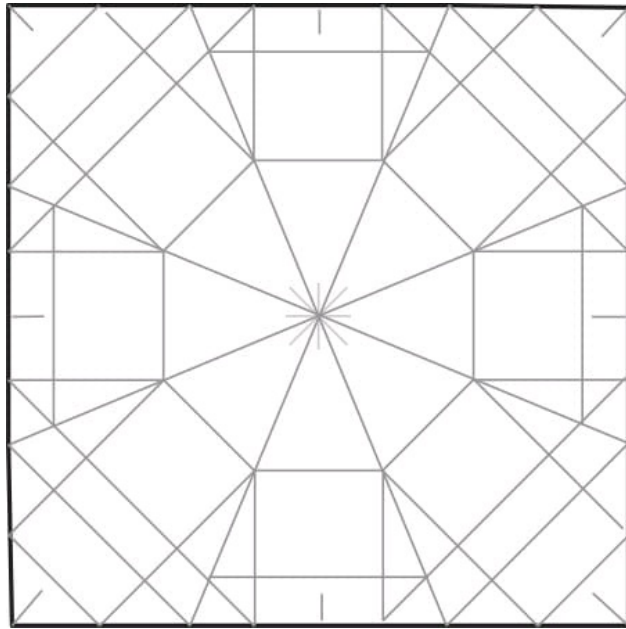
19. Repeat the last two steps on the other three points.



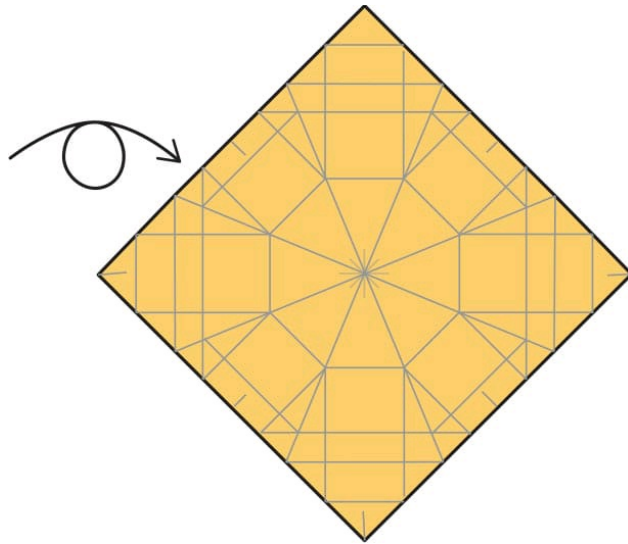
20. Rotate the paper and fold the bottom edge up from the points indicated by the red dots.



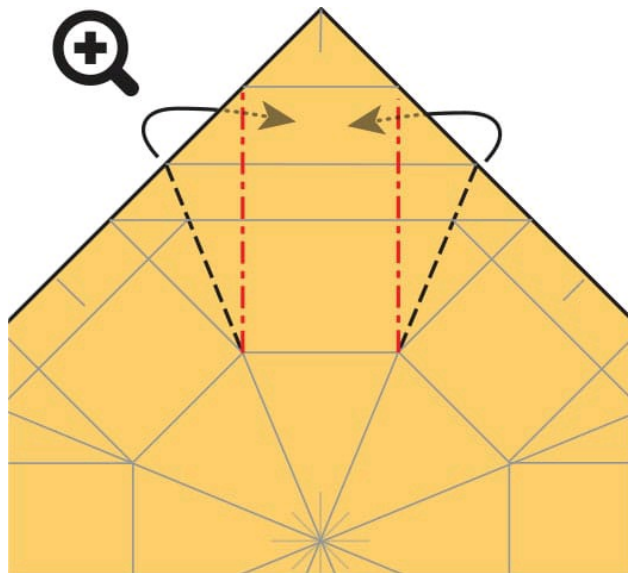
21. Rotate the paper and repeat the previous step on the other three edges.



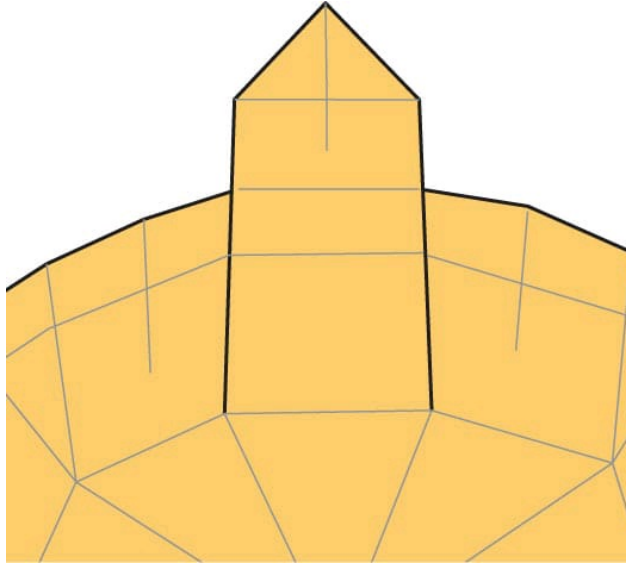
22. Open up the paper all the way.



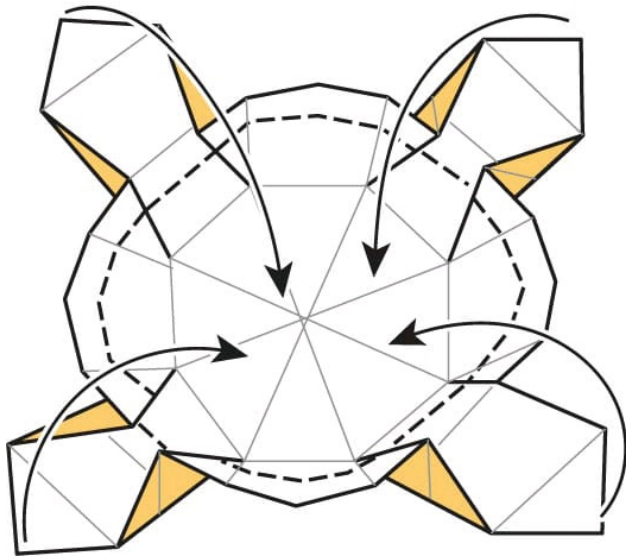
23. Flip the paper over to the color side and rotate it as indicated.



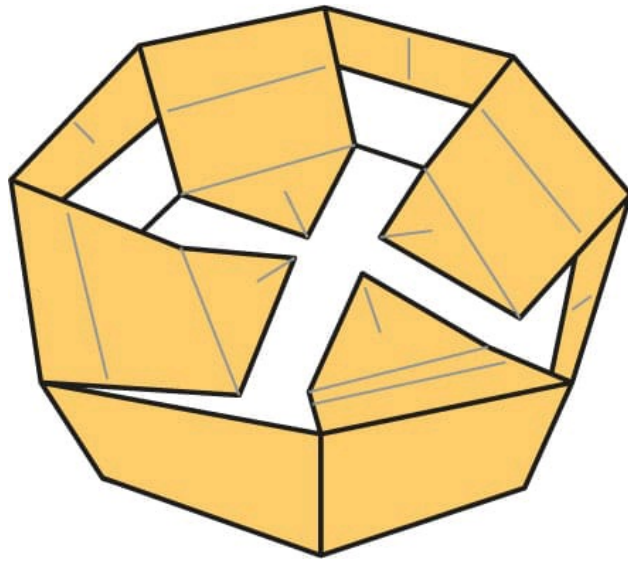
24. Focus on the top point. Pick up the paper and fold along the creases as indicated, making the pot three-dimensional.



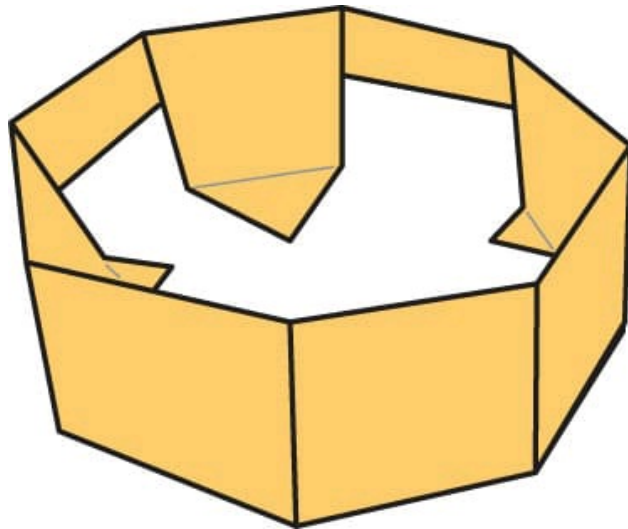
25. This is what the point should now look like. Repeat on the other three points.



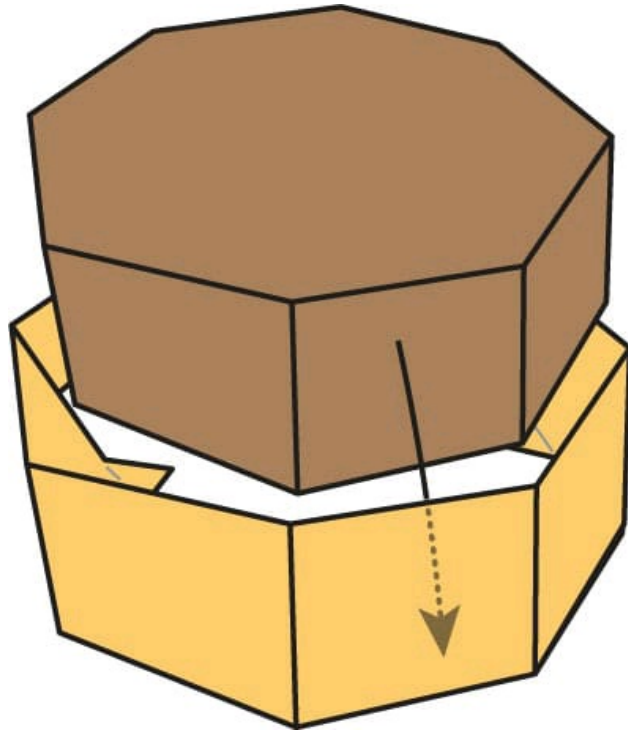
26. Looking at the pot from above, collapse all four points over and into the pot.



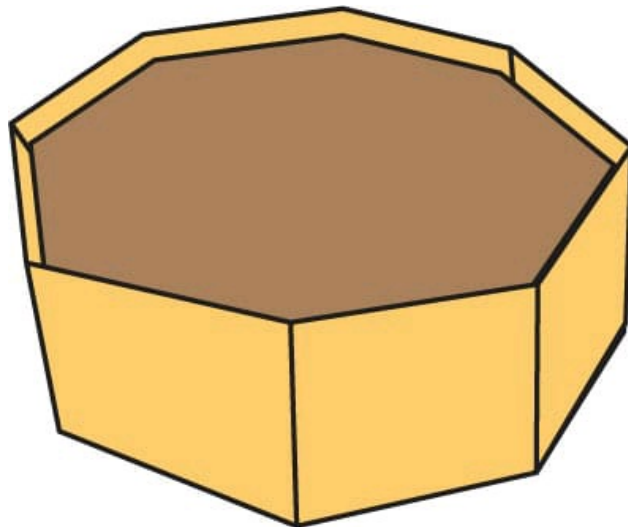
27. Straighten out the flaps inside the pot.



28. This is what your finished outside pot will look like.



29. Create a second pot from slightly smaller paper and insert it upside down inside the larger pot.



30. Here is your completed pot!



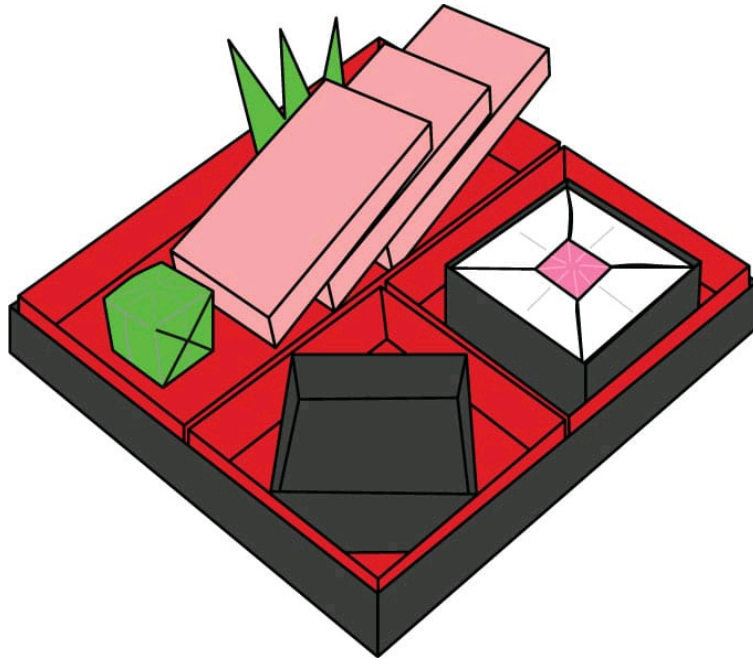
Bento Box

A showcase of your origami skills, this bento box is sure to be a display piece. It can also be used to organize your stationery, jewelry, and more! You can create a super-cute origami bento lunch with the origami sushi roll boxes (shown [here](#)), sashimi (shown [here](#)), and even a little wasabi (shown [here](#))!

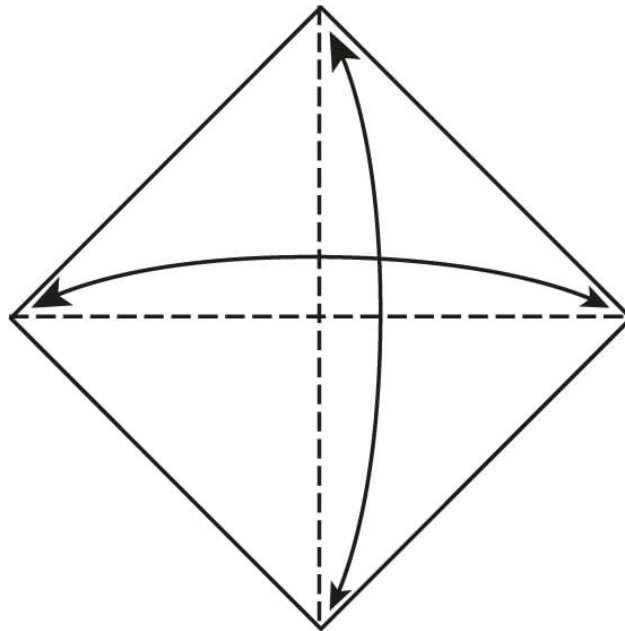
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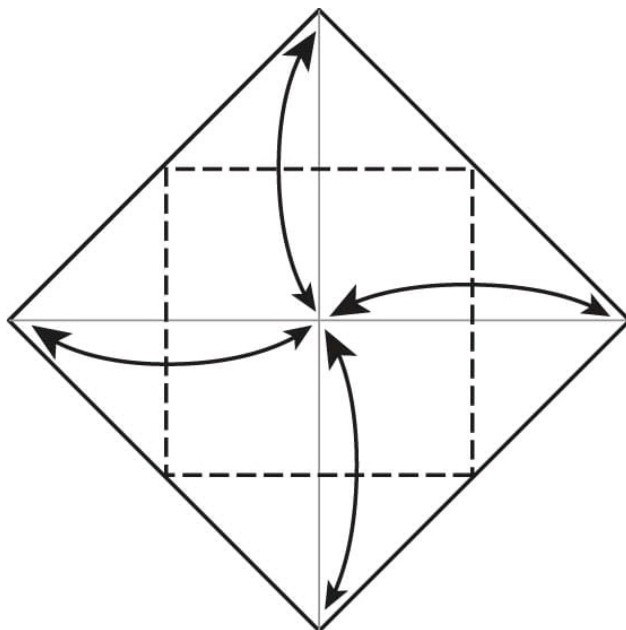




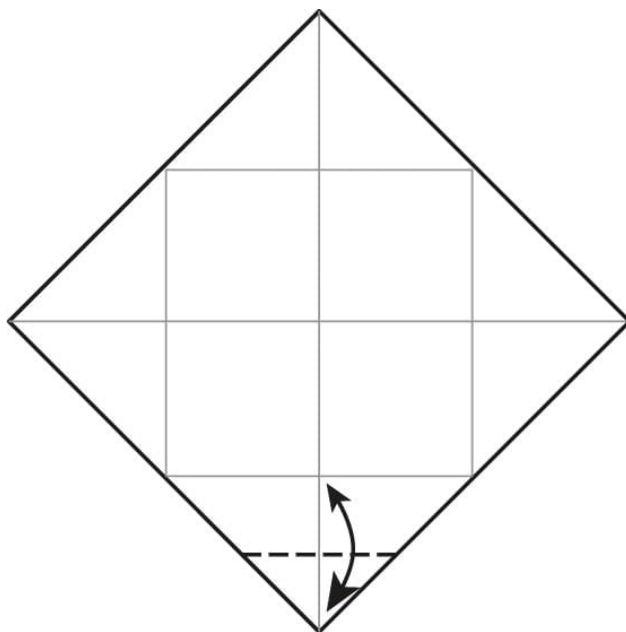
INNER RECTANGULAR BOX



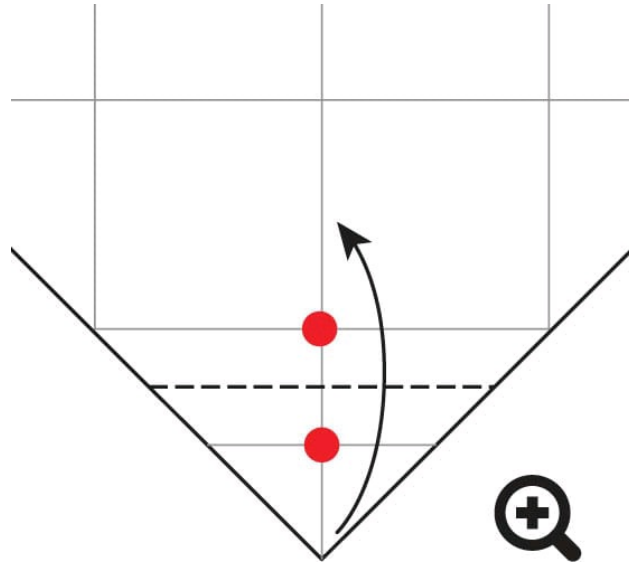
1. Create horizontal and vertical creases by folding and unfolding the paper in half from top to bottom and then left to right.



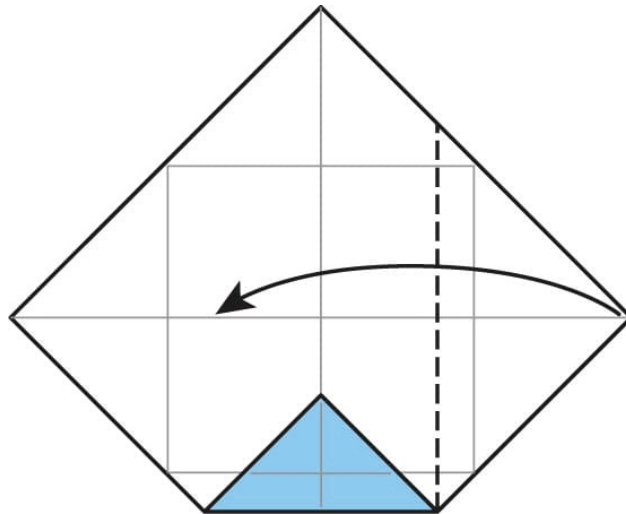
2. Fold all four corners to the middle and then unfold.



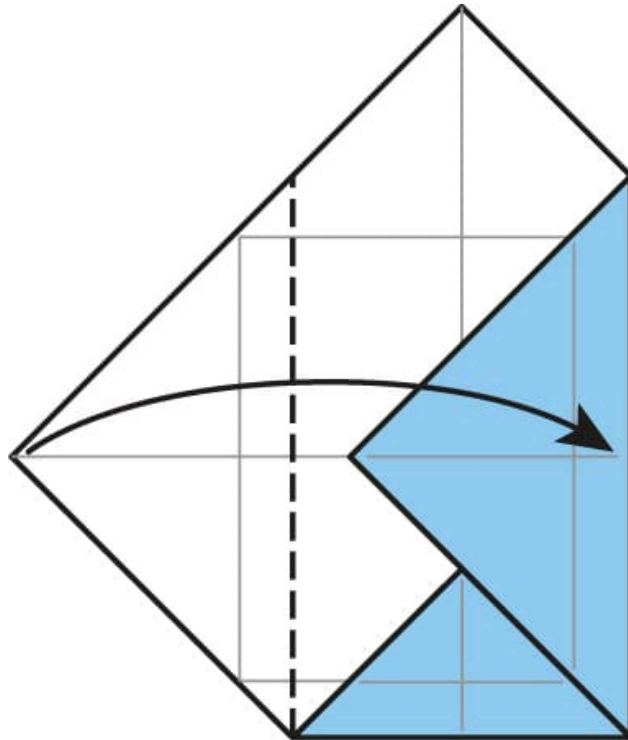
3. Fold the bottom corner up to the crease just above it and then unfold.



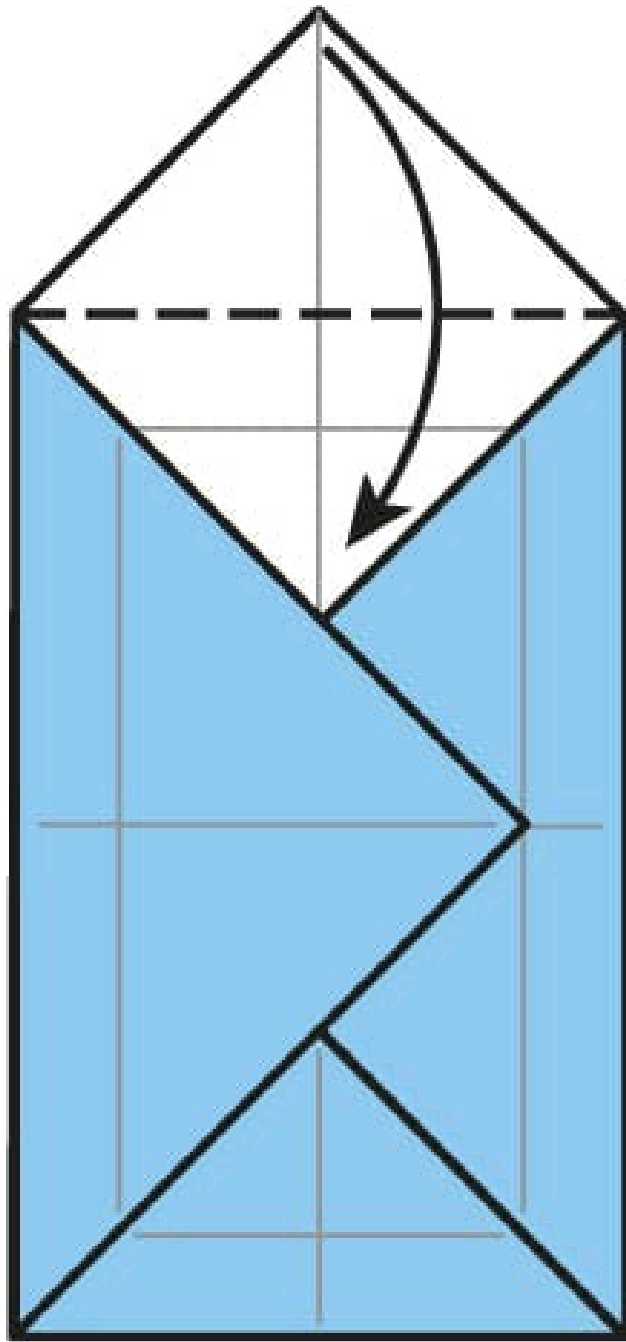
4. Fold the bottom corner up again, this time creating a crease halfway between the two existing creases, using the red dots as reference points.



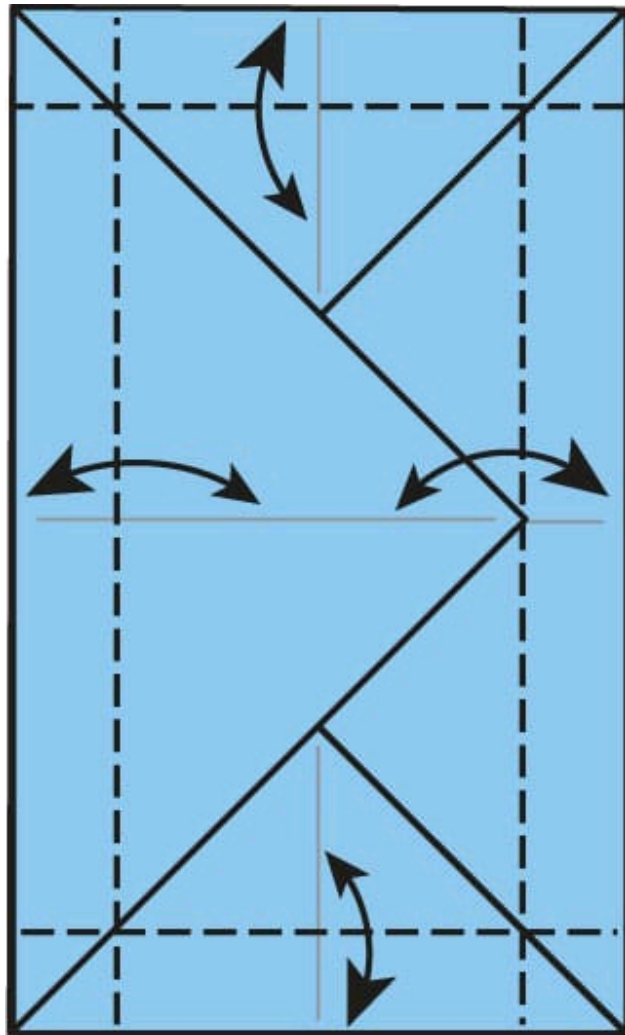
5. Fold the right point over to the left, aligning its diagonal edge against that of the lower flap you created in the previous step.



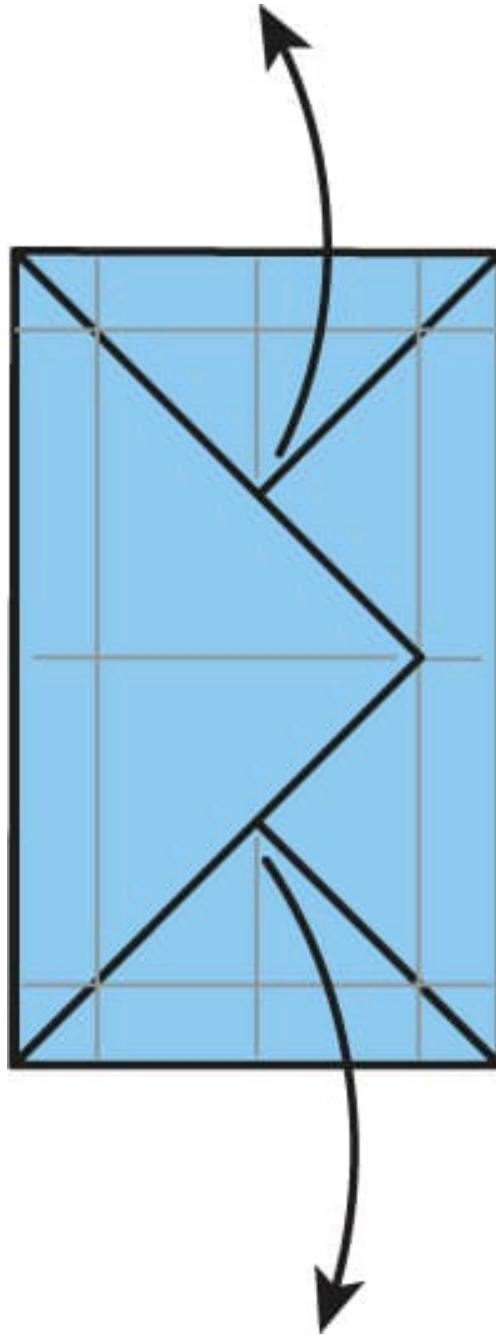
6. Repeat the same for the left point.



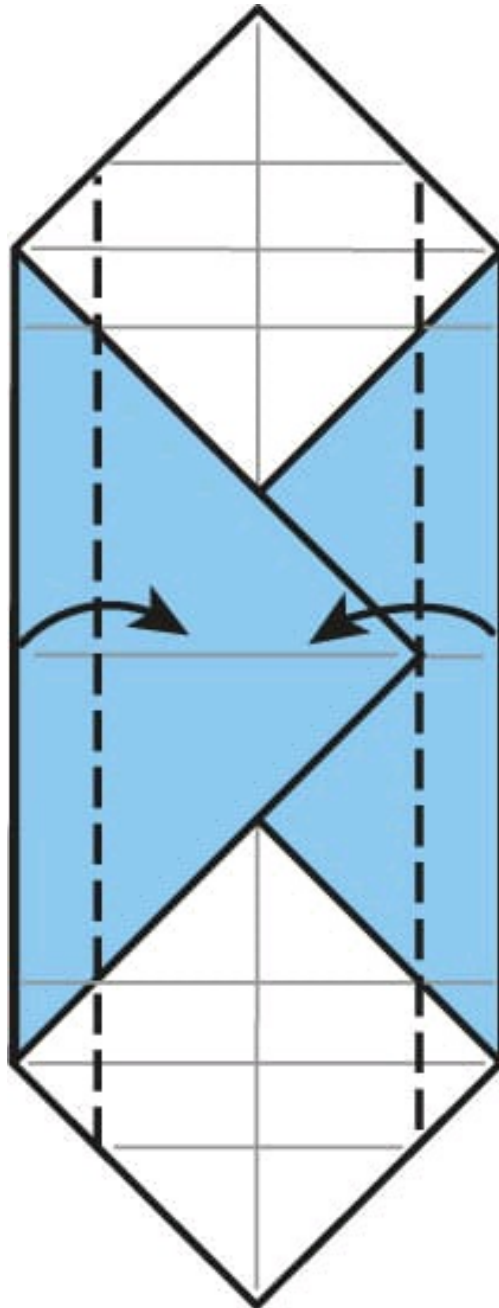
7. Bring the top point down to align with the diagonal edges of the left and right flaps.



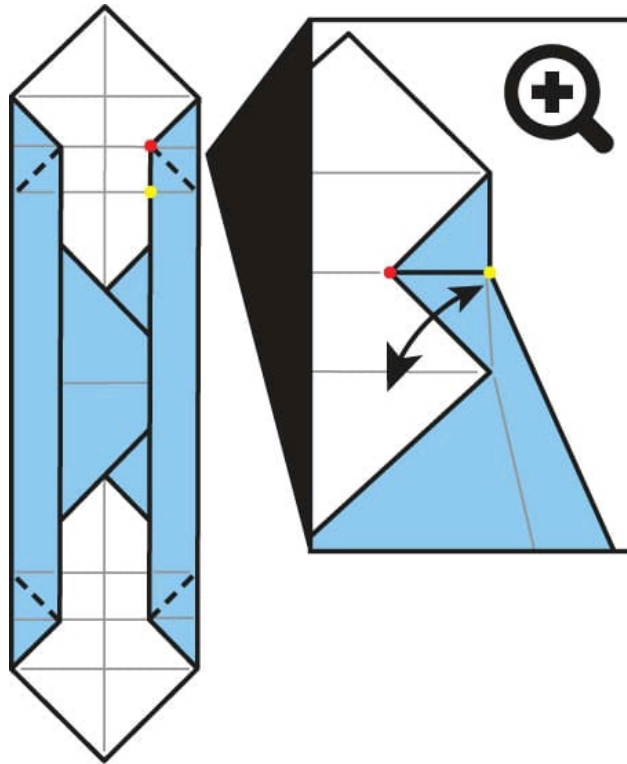
8. Using the existing creases, fold all the edges inward and unfold.



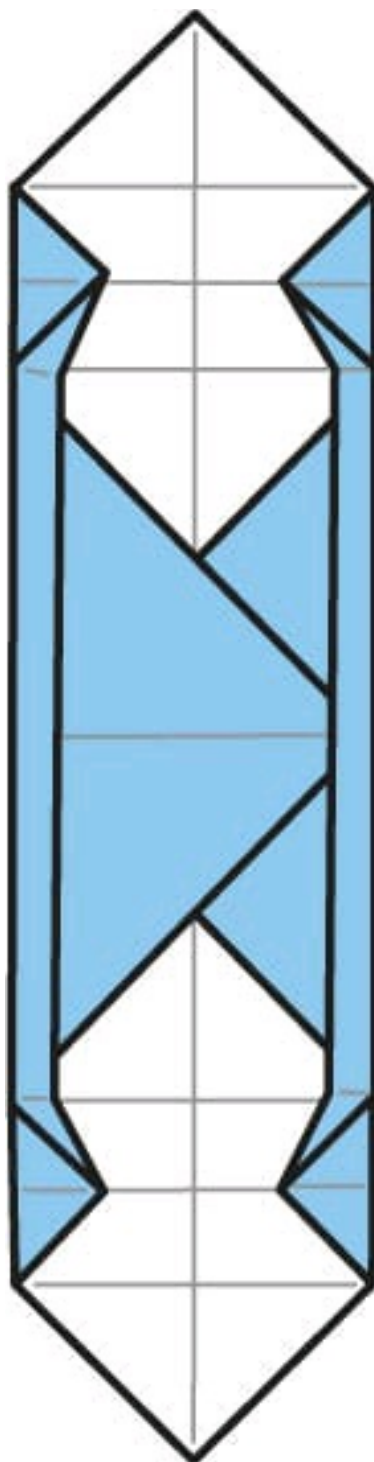
9. Open the top and bottom sections.



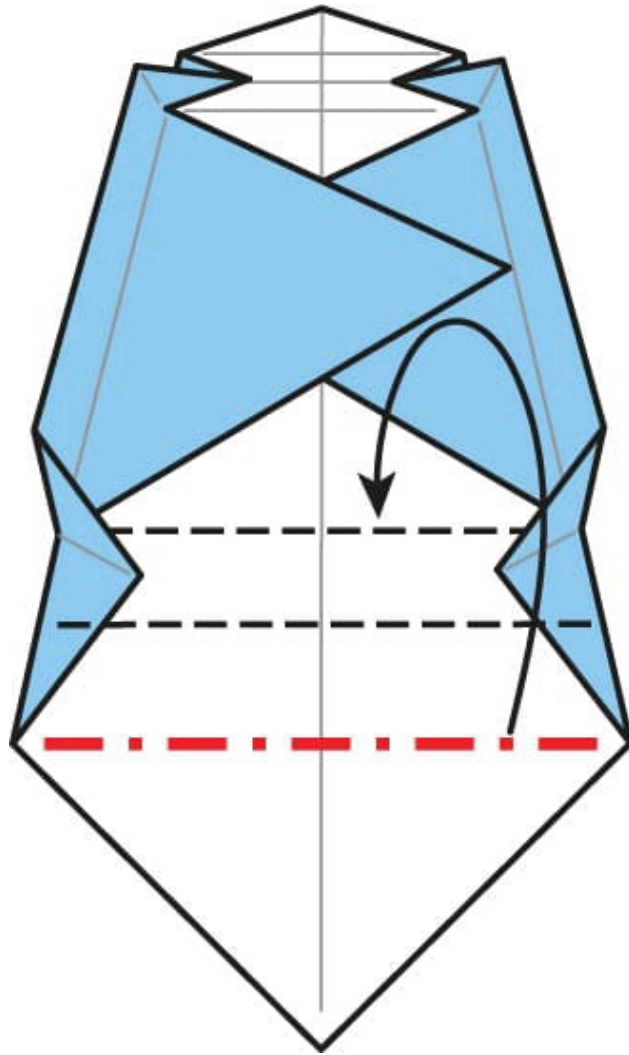
10. Refold the left and right edges inward.



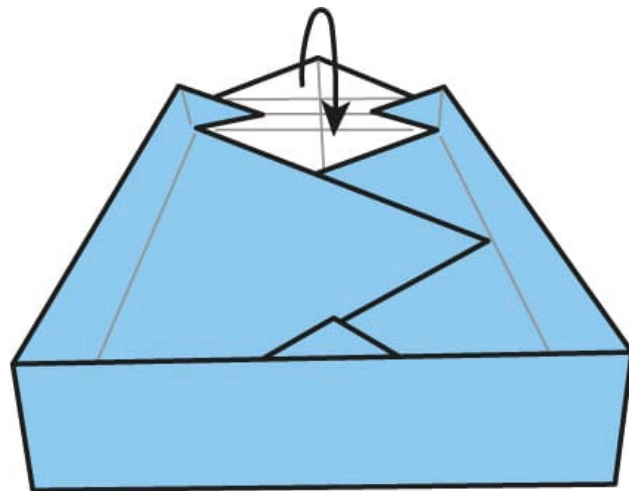
- 11.** Create diagonal folds where indicated on all four sides. You can pick the model up to make this easier to do.



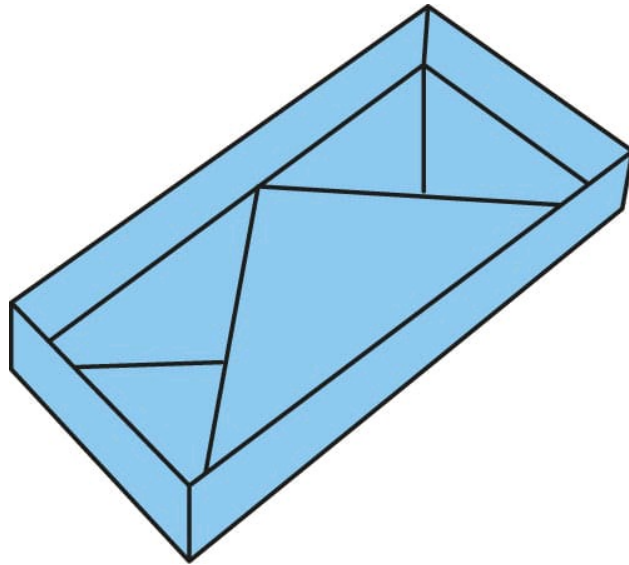
12. This is what your model should now look like.



- 13.** Focusing on the lower section, fold the bottom point over the diagonal folds you created and secure it inside the box.

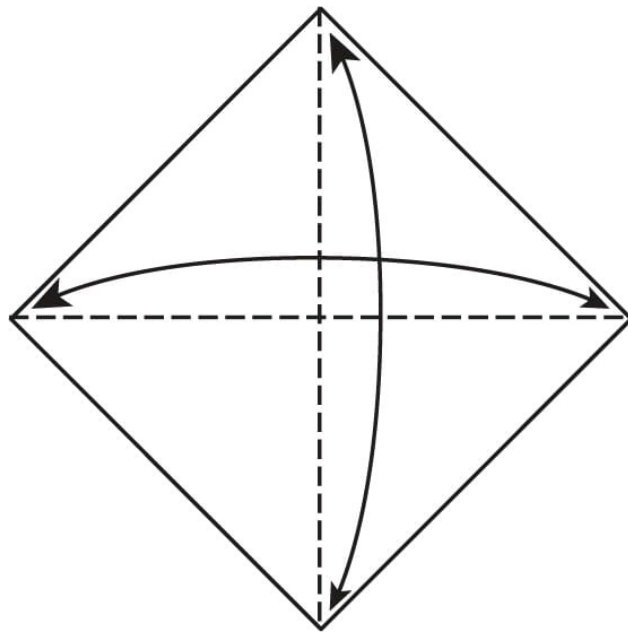


- 14.** Repeat the last step on the opposite end.

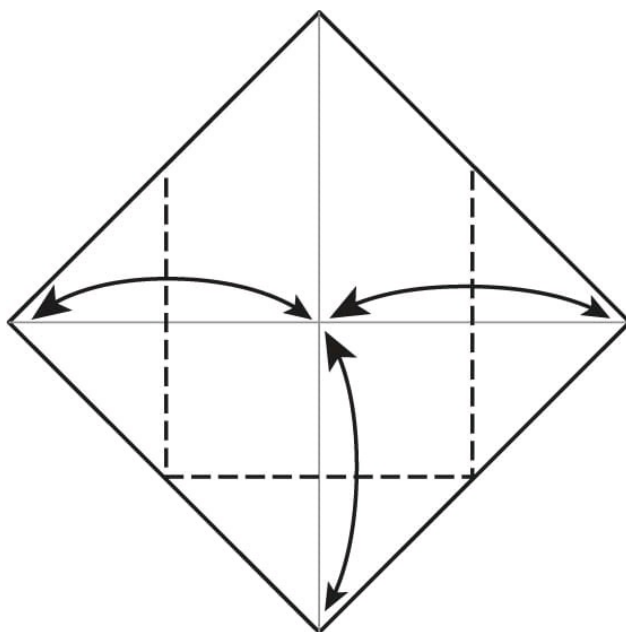


15. Now you've got yourself the inner rectangular box!

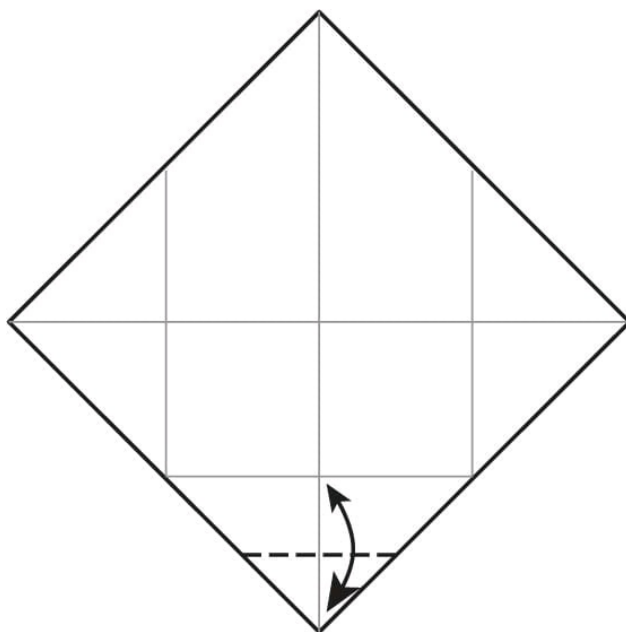
INNER SQUARE BOX



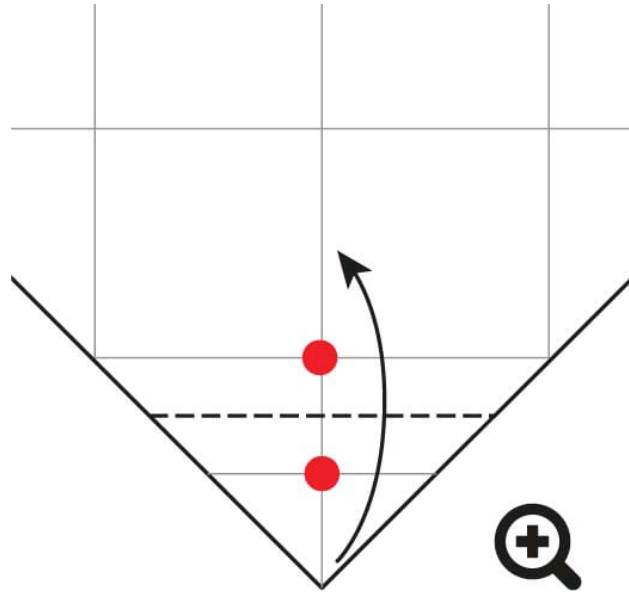
1. Create horizontal and vertical creases by folding and unfolding the paper in half from top to bottom and then left to right.



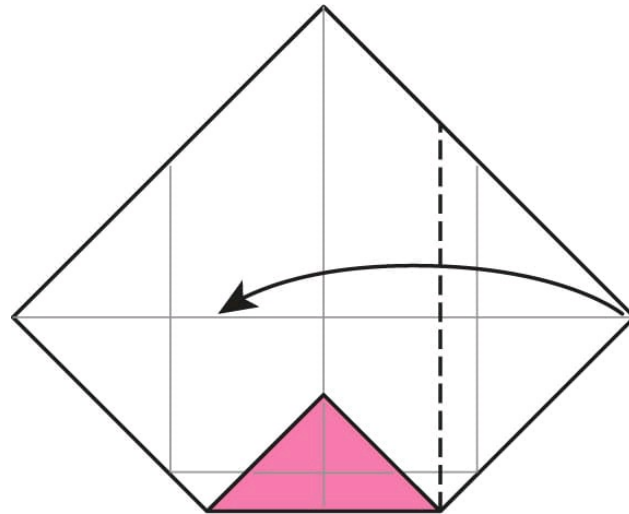
2. Fold the bottom, left, and right corners to the center, and then unfold them.



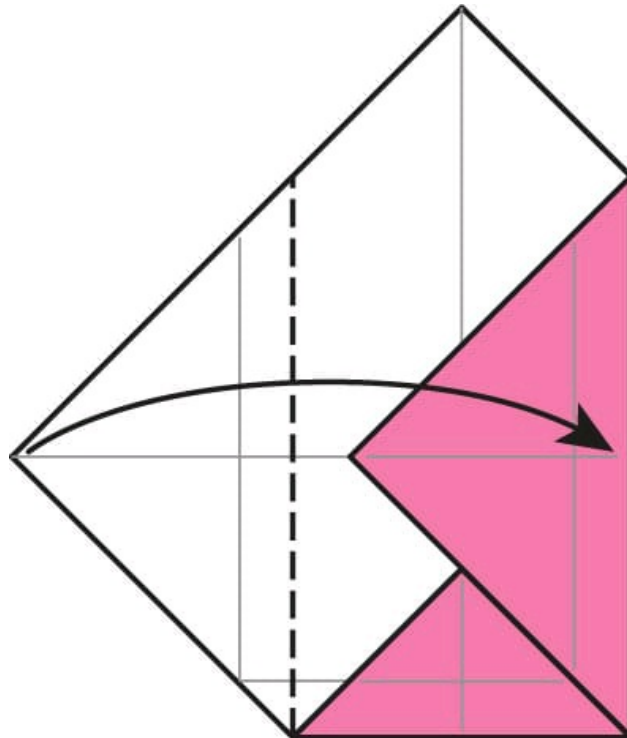
3. Fold the bottom corner up to the crease just above it and unfold.



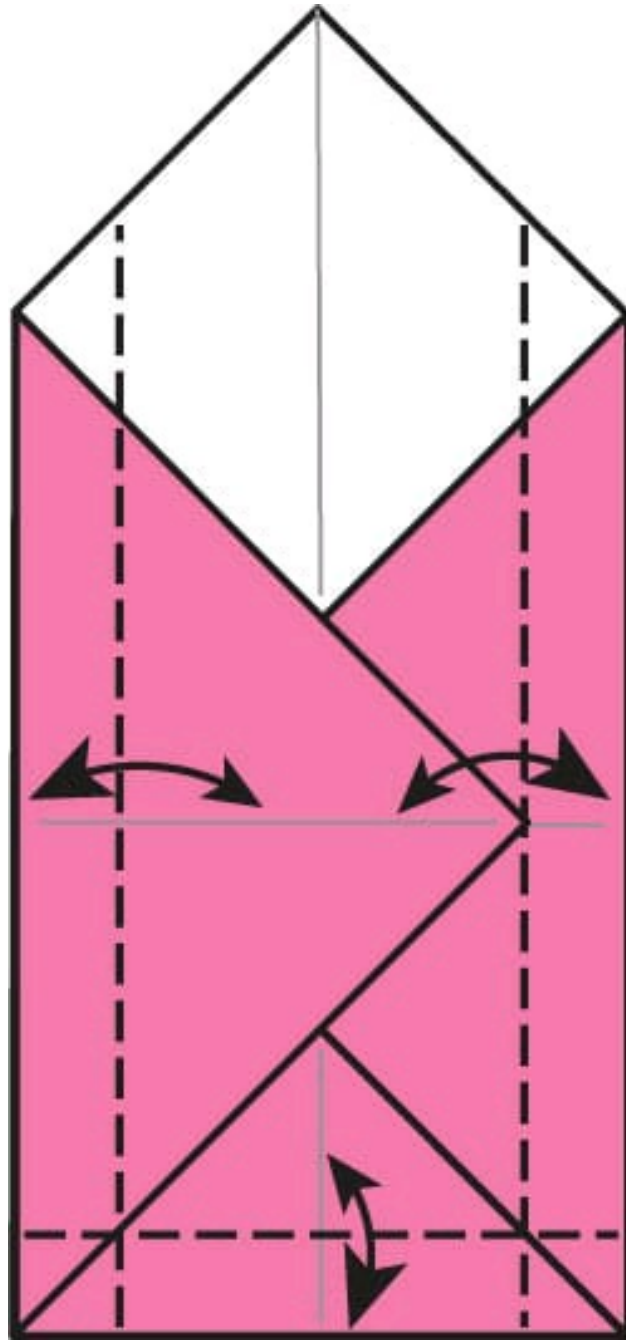
4. Fold the bottom corner up again, this time creating a crease halfway between the two existing creases. Use the red dots to help guide you.



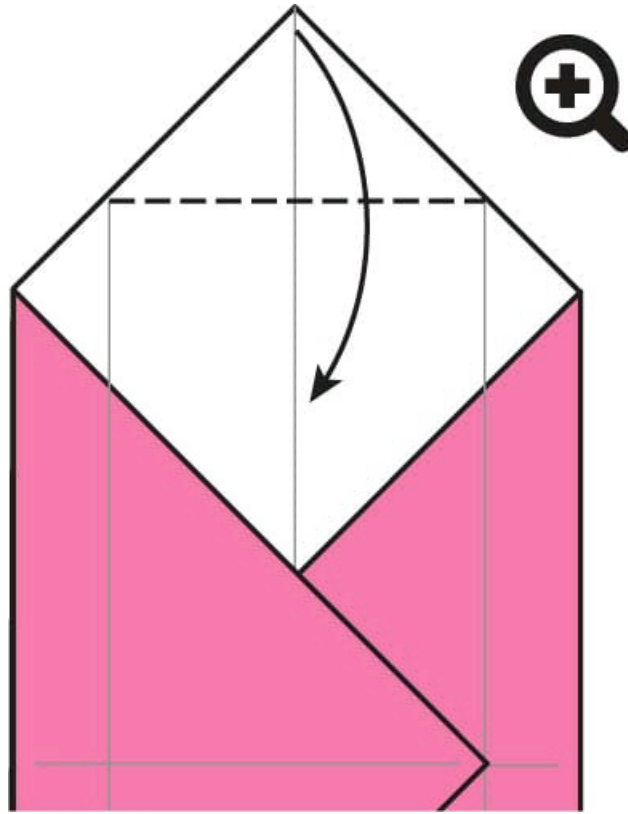
5. Fold the right point over to the left, aligning its diagonal edge against that of the edge of the lower flap you created in the previous step.



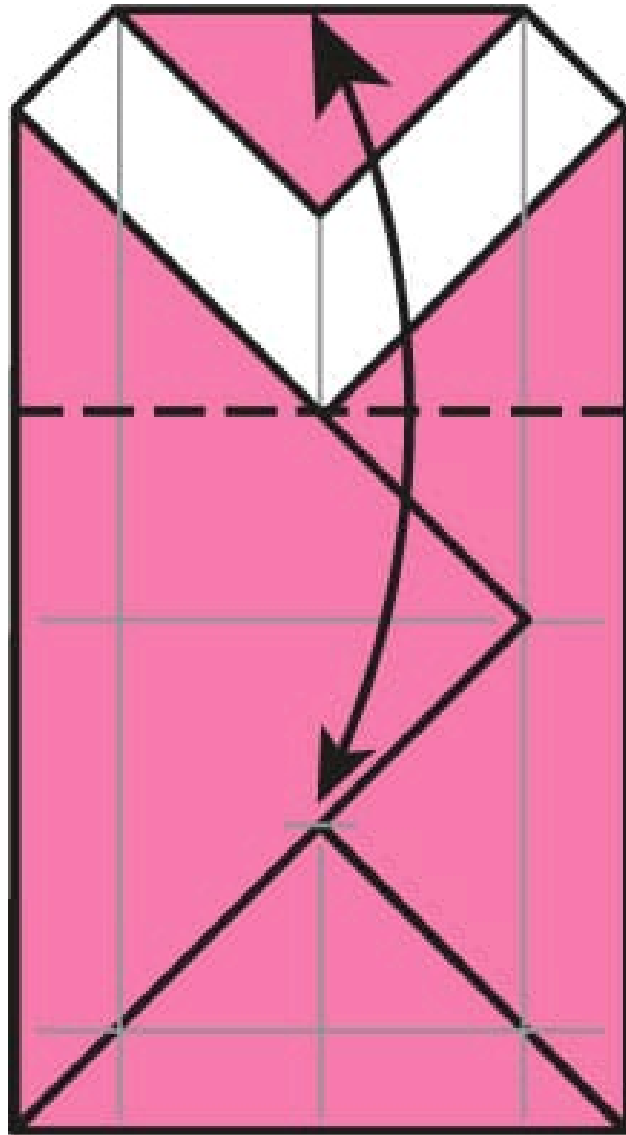
6. Repeat the same for the left point.



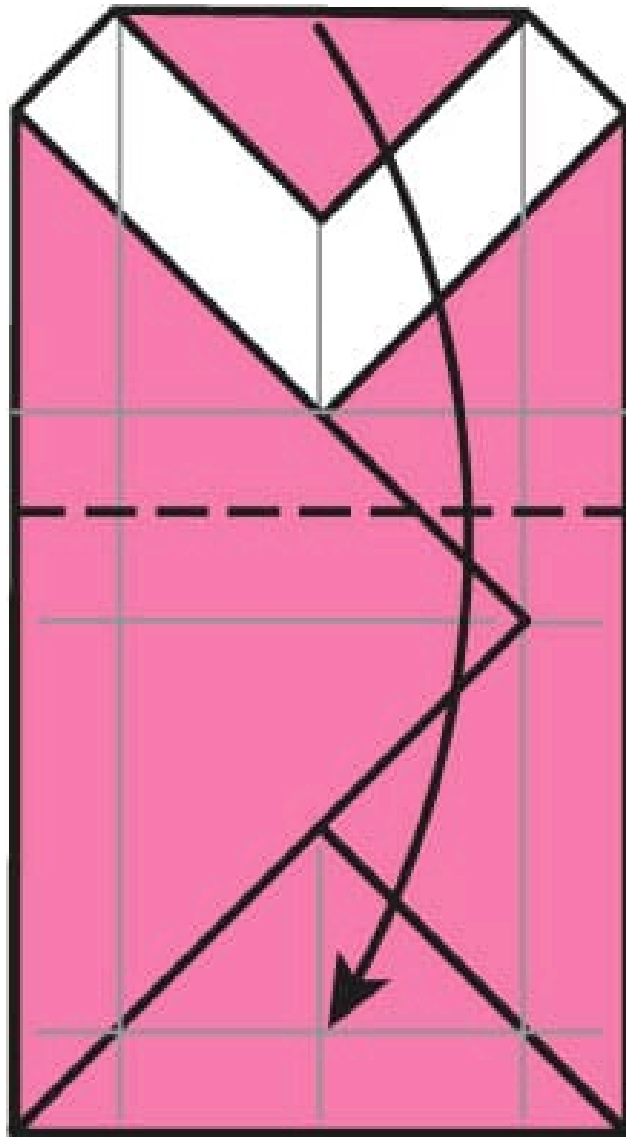
7. Using the existing creases, fold the left, right, and bottom edges inward and then unfold them.



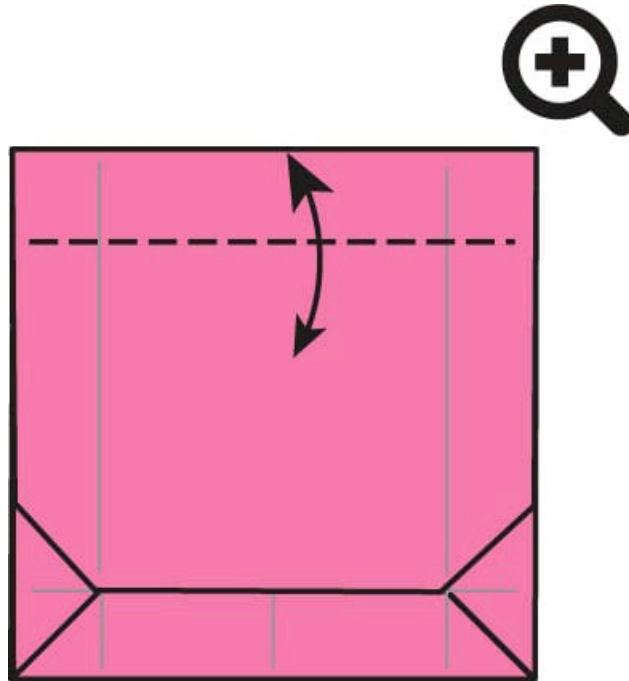
8. Fold the top point down, using the tops of the existing vertical creases as guides.



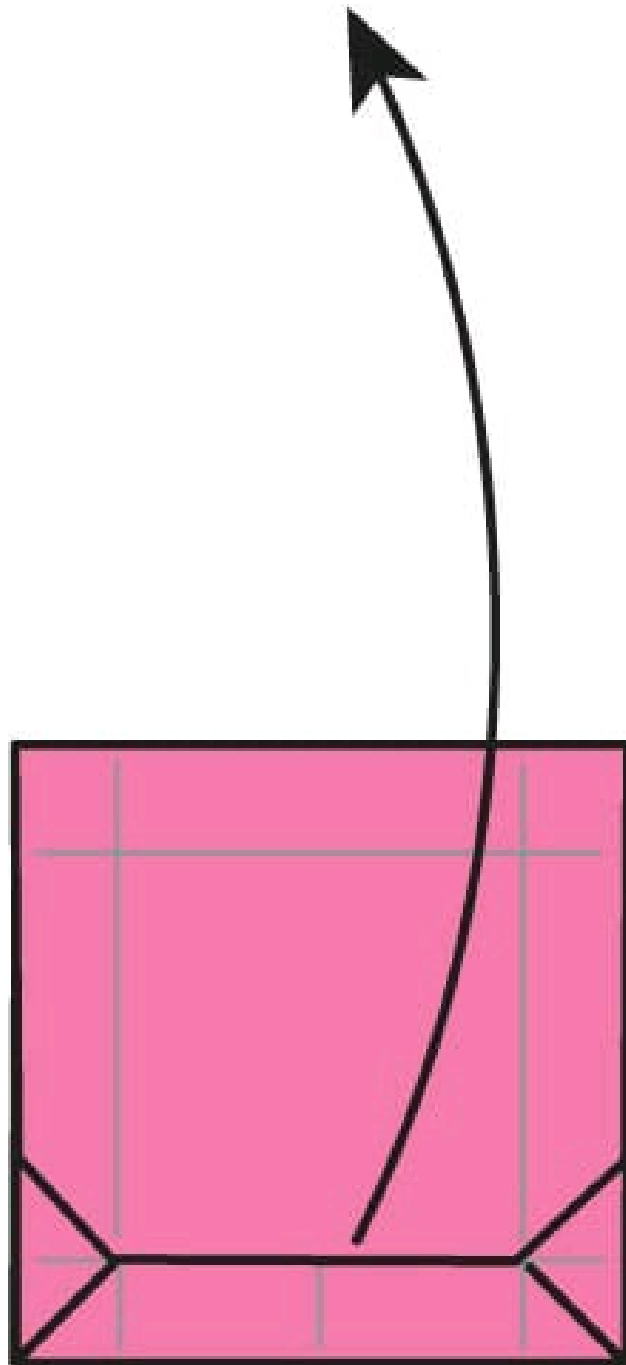
9. Fold the top edge down to meet the top point of the lower triangular flap. Unfold.



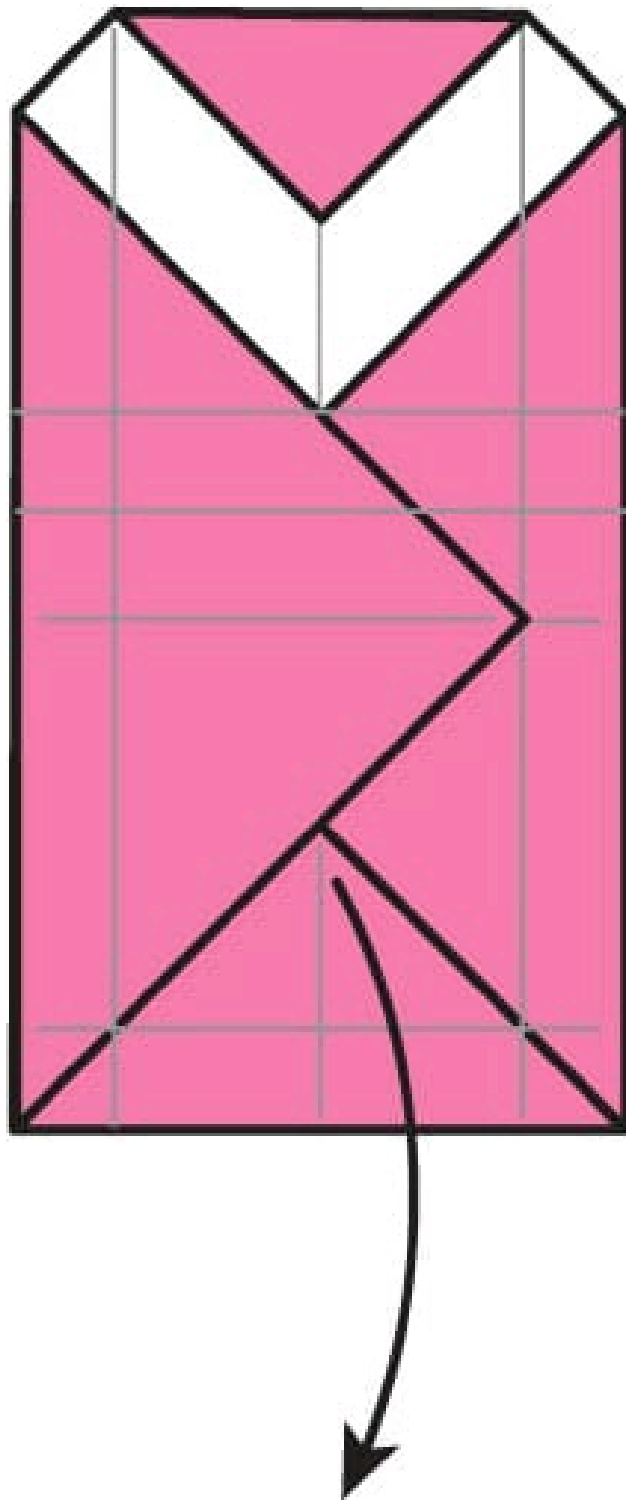
10. Fold the top edge down to lowest horizontal crease.



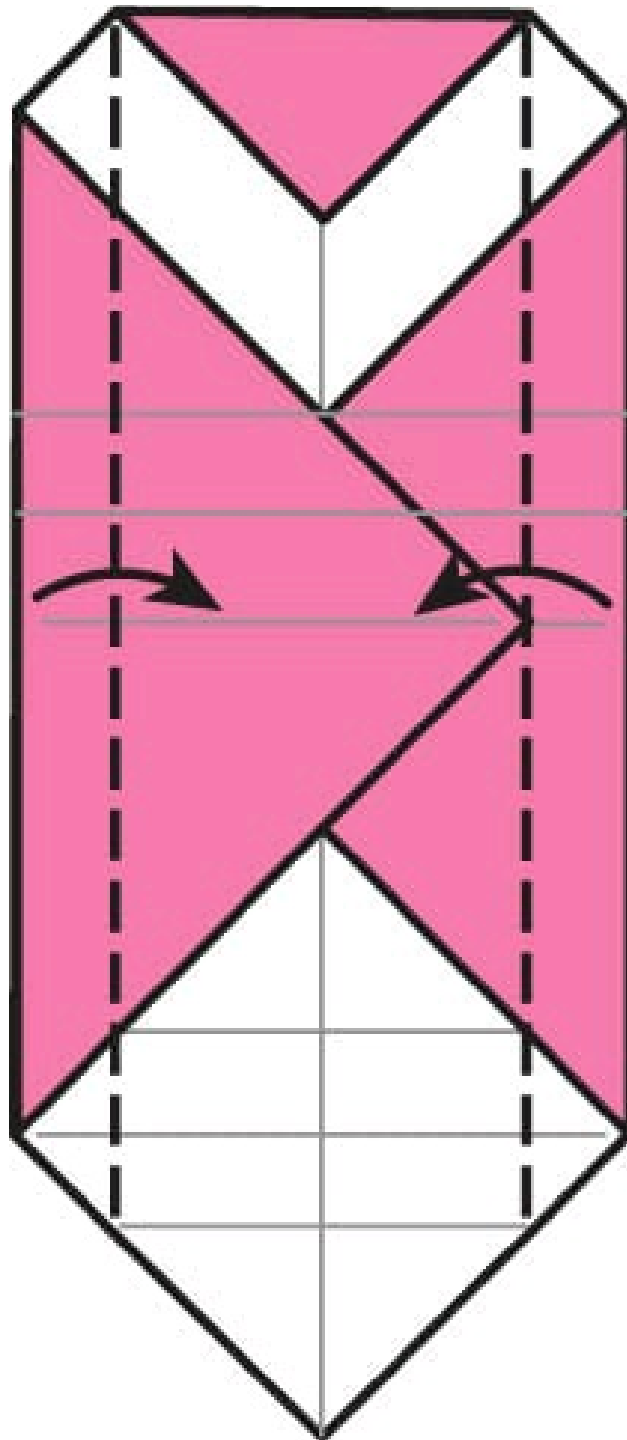
11. Using the existing crease, refold the top section down and unfold.



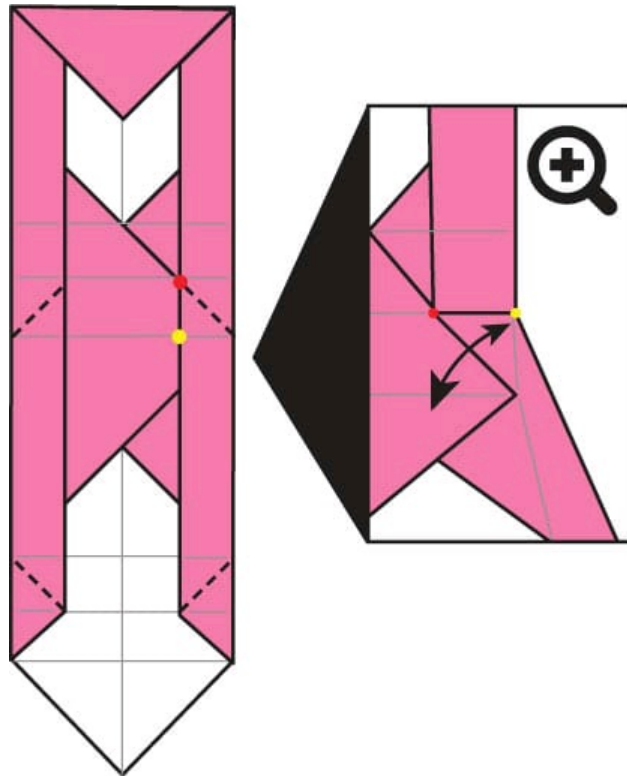
12. Unfold the top flap back up.



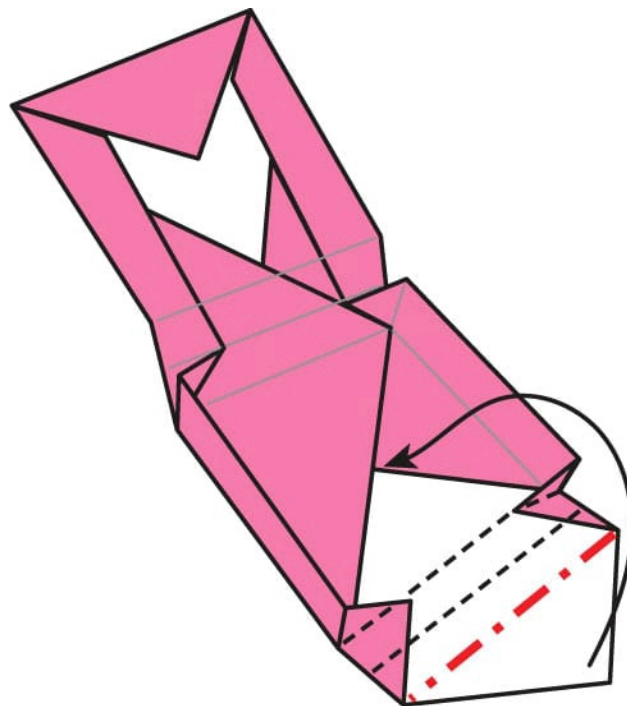
13. Open up the lower section.



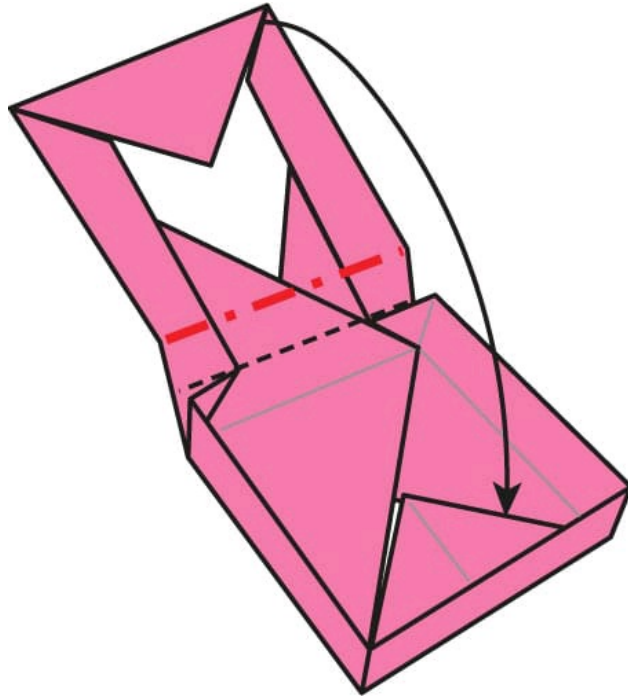
14. Refold the left and right edges inward.



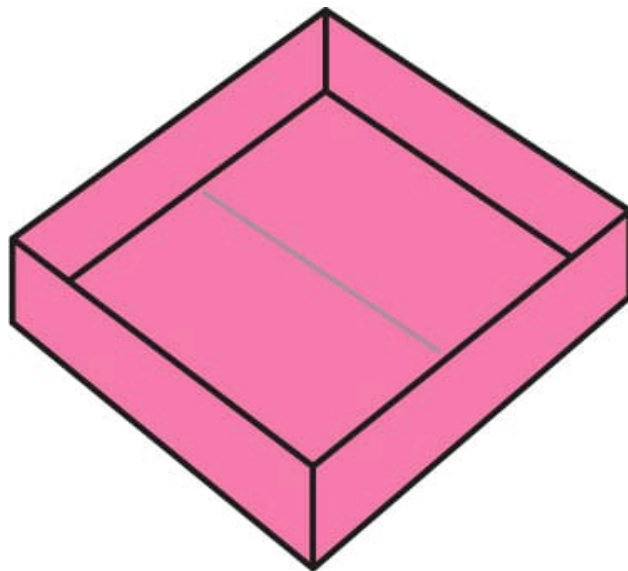
- 15.** Create diagonal folds where indicated. You can pick the model up to make this easier to do.



- 16.** Focusing on the lower section, fold the bottom point over the diagonal folds you created and secure it inside the box.

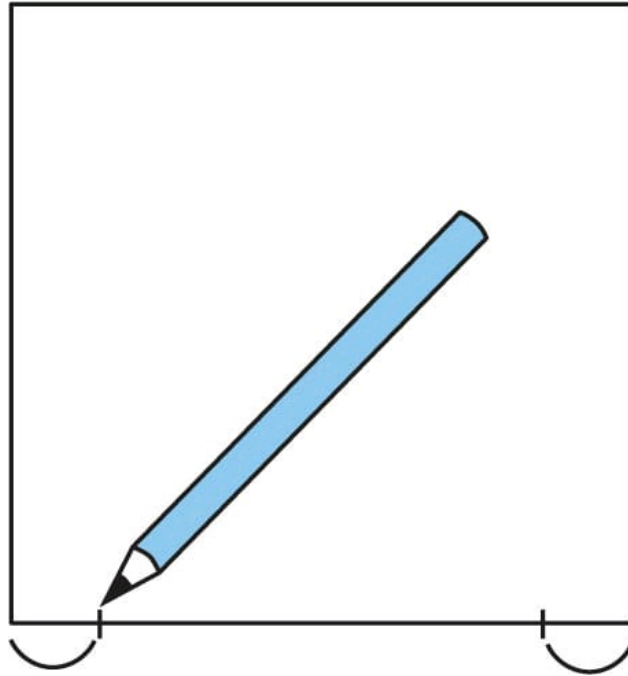


17. Repeat the last step on the opposite end.

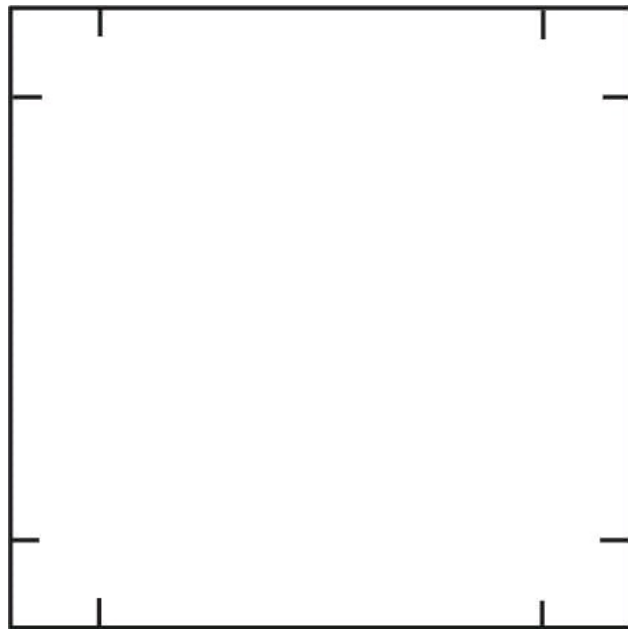


18. Here's your inner square box! You'll need two of them to make the bento box.

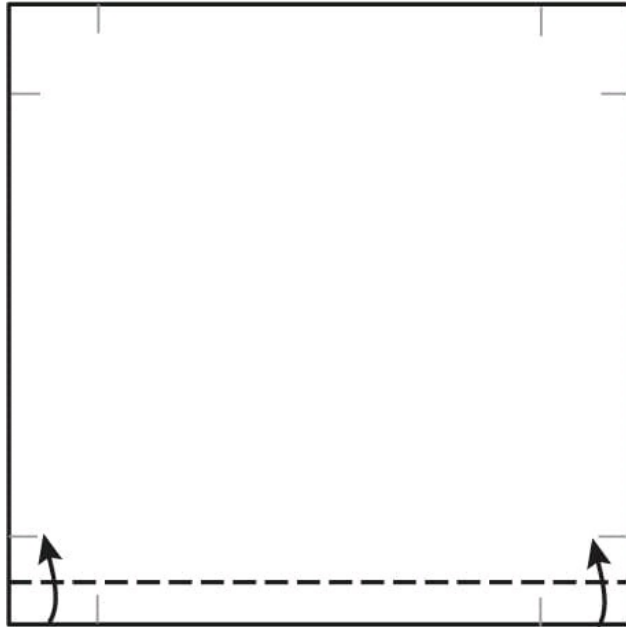
OUTER BOX



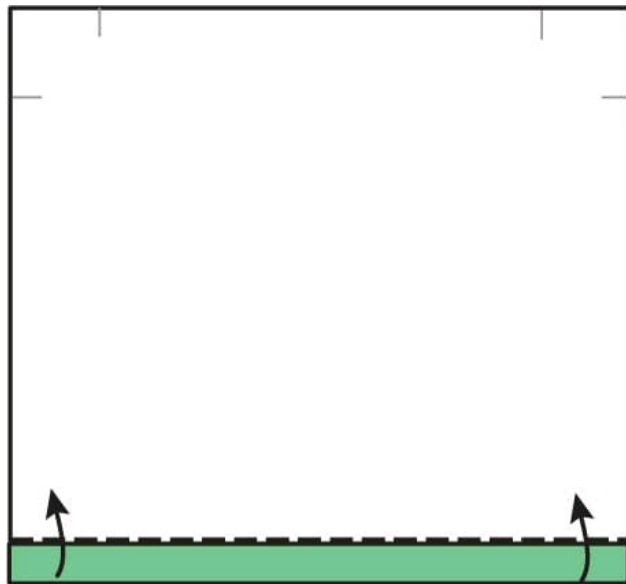
1. We need to fold in one-seventh of each edge. To work out sevenths, simply take the width of the paper and divide by 7. If you're using 6×6 -inch paper, this measurement will be .85 inches.



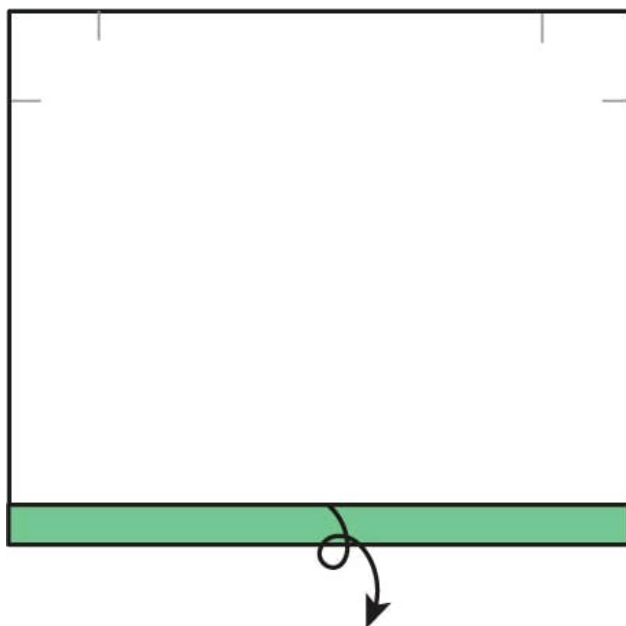
2. Mark a seventh from the left and right on all four edges of the paper.



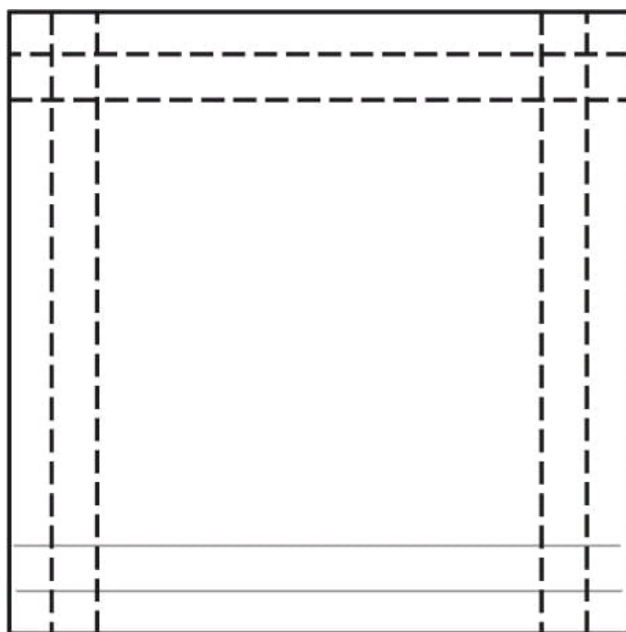
3. Fold the bottom edge up to meet the marks on the left and right edges.



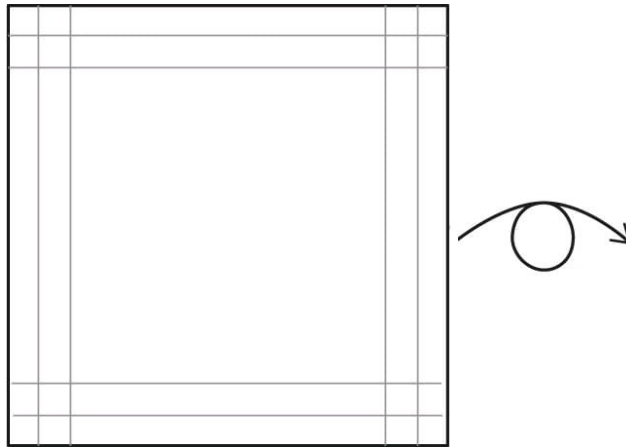
4. Fold the bottom edge up along the top edge of the flap.



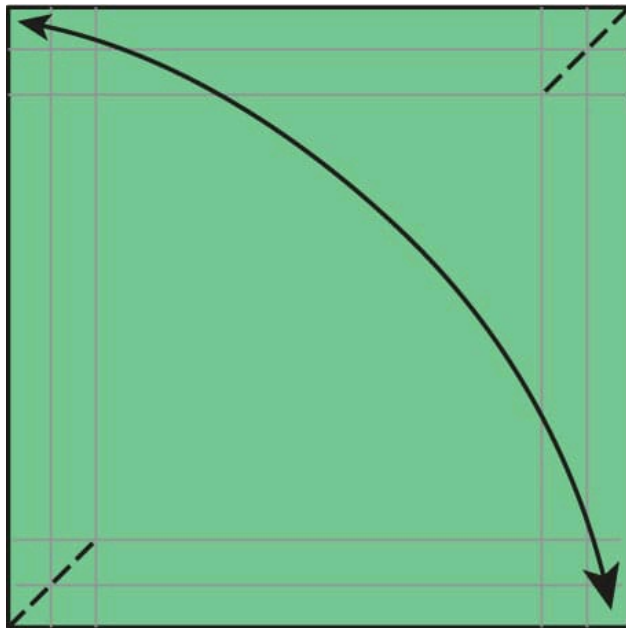
5. Unfold the paper completely.



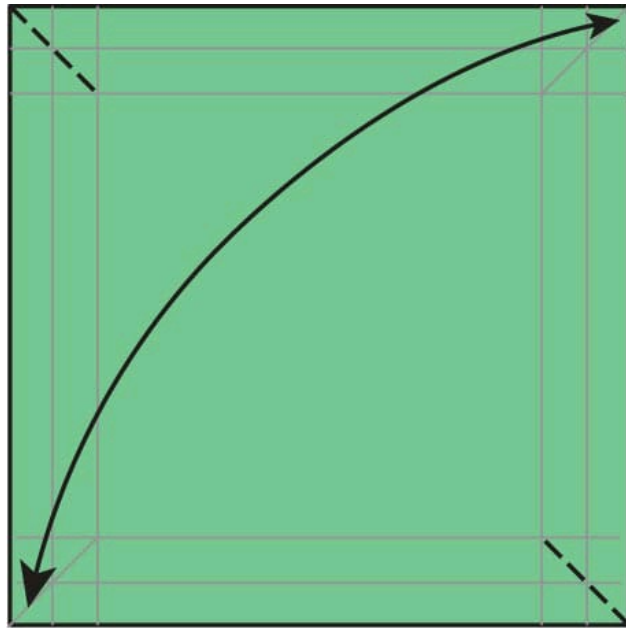
6. Repeat steps 3 to 5 on the other edges.



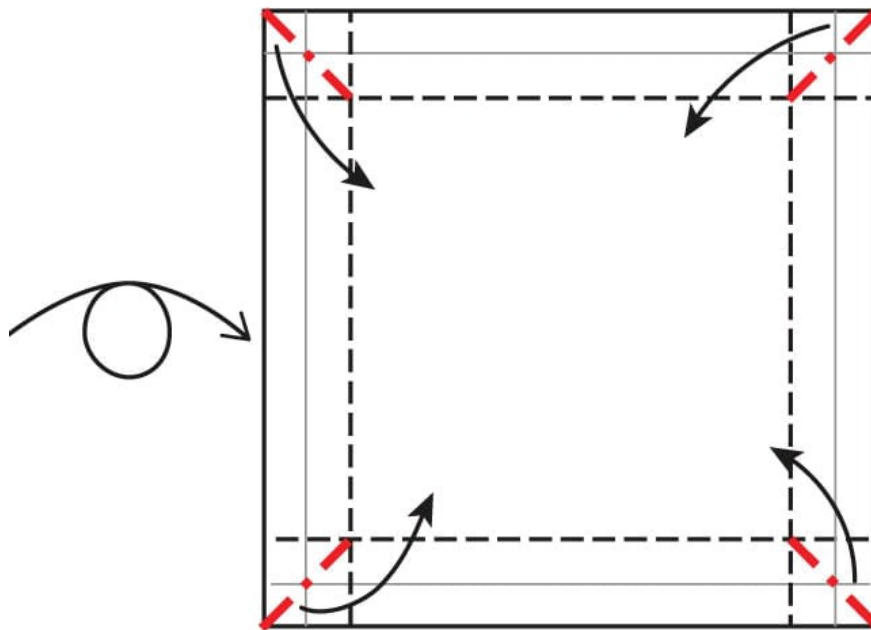
7. Here's what your paper should look like.



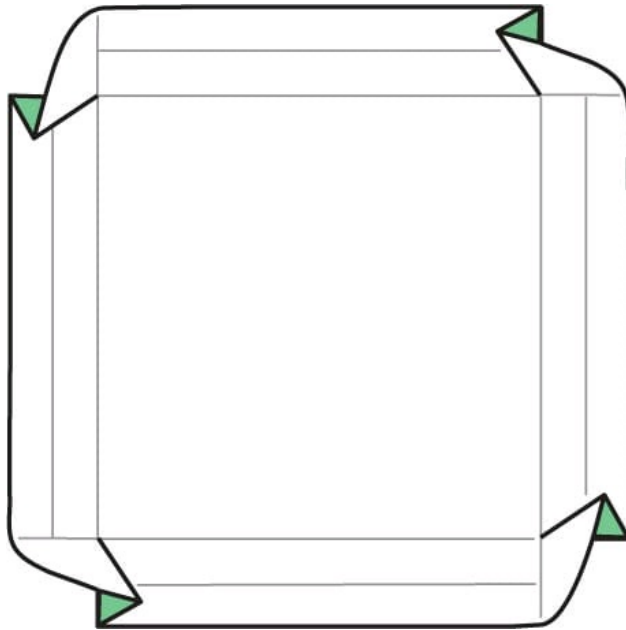
8. Flip the paper over to the other side. Take the lower right corner up to the top left corner and create diagonal creases on the top right and lower left sections only.



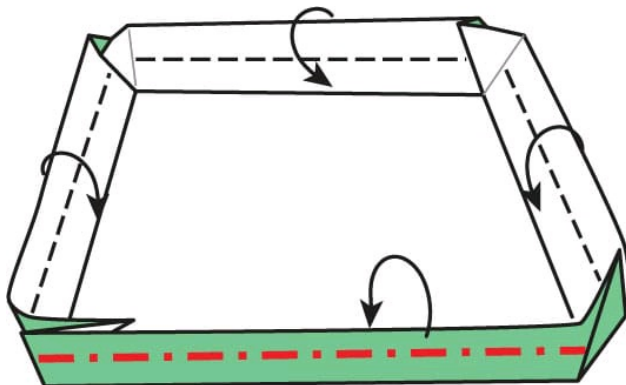
9. Repeat the last step on the opposite side.



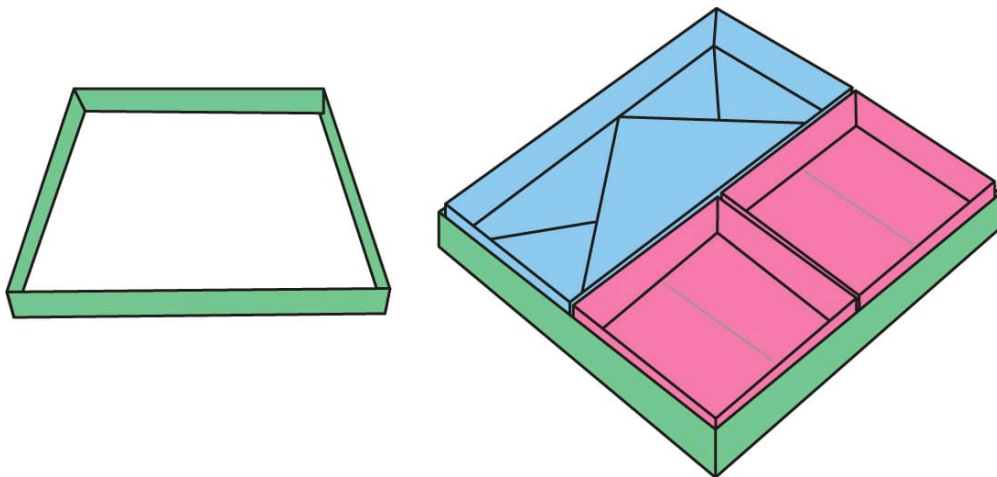
10. Flip the paper back over to the other side. Bring all four corners inward.



11. Make sure the points inside are all pointing in the same direction.



12. Fold all four edges over along with the inner triangular corners to finish the outer box.

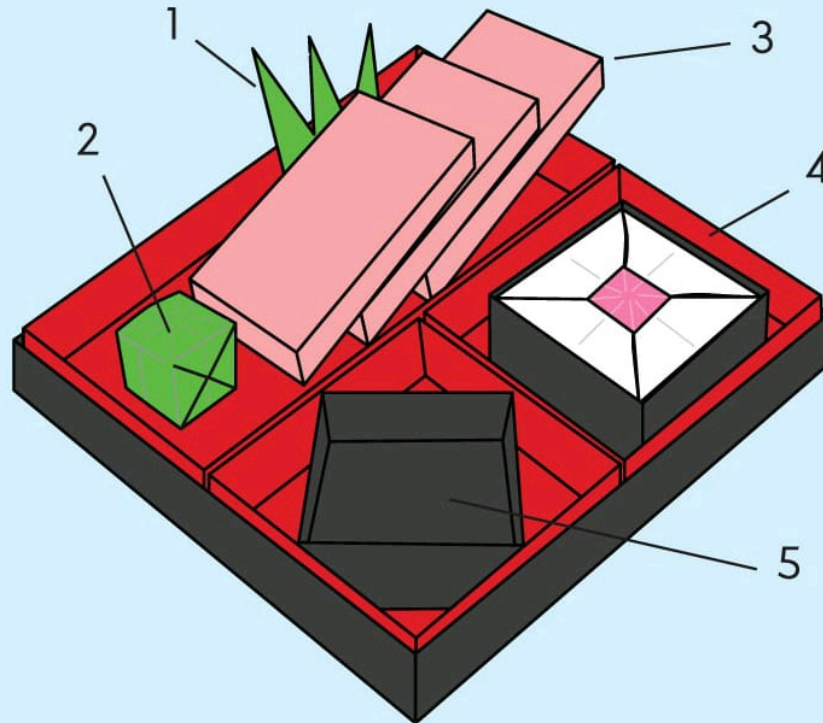


13. This box is not stable on its own, but once you put the inner boxes inside, the whole thing will be strong.

MAKE A BENTO LUNCH!

Bento boxes usually come in a deep red color with black on the outside.

1. Lettuce: Cut some simple jagged shapes from green paper.
2. Wasabi: Make an origami water balloon with or without blowing it up (shown [here](#)) using 3 × 3-inch (7.5 × 7.5-cm) paper.
3. Sashimi: Make another rectangular box, this time using paper that is 4 × 4 inches (10 × 10 cm).
4. Sushi Roll Box: Make this by using the instructions (shown [here](#)) using standard 6 × 6-inch (15 × 15-cm) paper.
5. Soy Sauce Dish: Make another square box (shown [here](#)) this time using 4 × 4-inch (10 × 10-cm) paper.

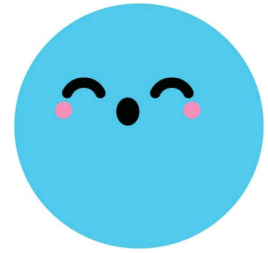


Mini Trash Bin

Whether used to store pencil shavings or candy wrappers, this mini trash bin is both practical and decorative, as the flap swings back and forth. It can also serve as a secret hiding place for notes and other items people would never think to look for in the trash!

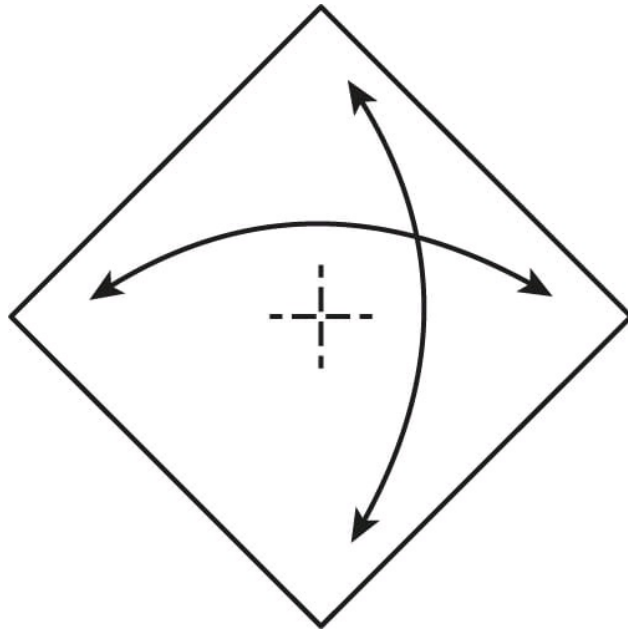
PAPER SIZE & ADDITIONAL MATERIALS: 7 × 7 inches (17.5 × 17.5 cm), pencil, ruler, calculator

DIFFICULTY: ★★☆☆

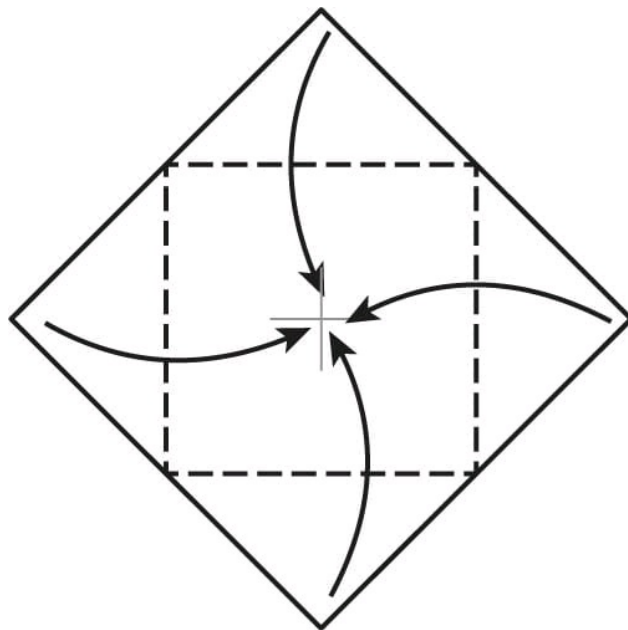




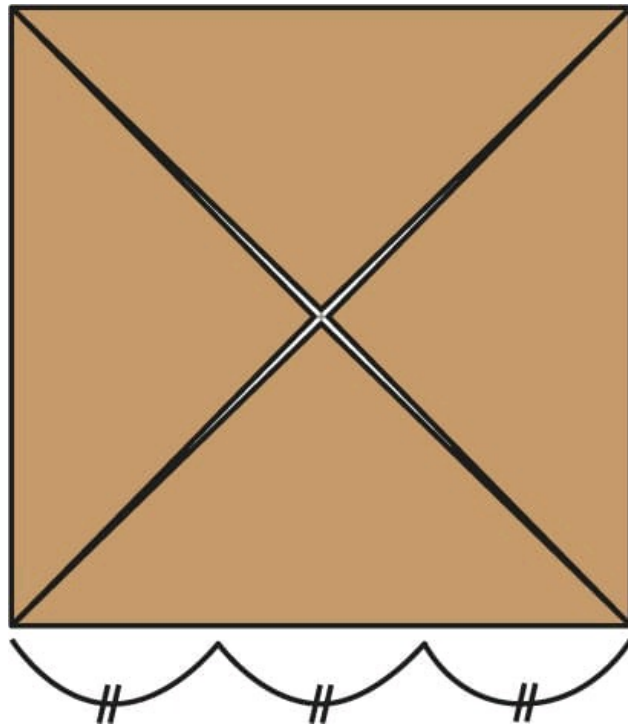
TRASH BIN BOX



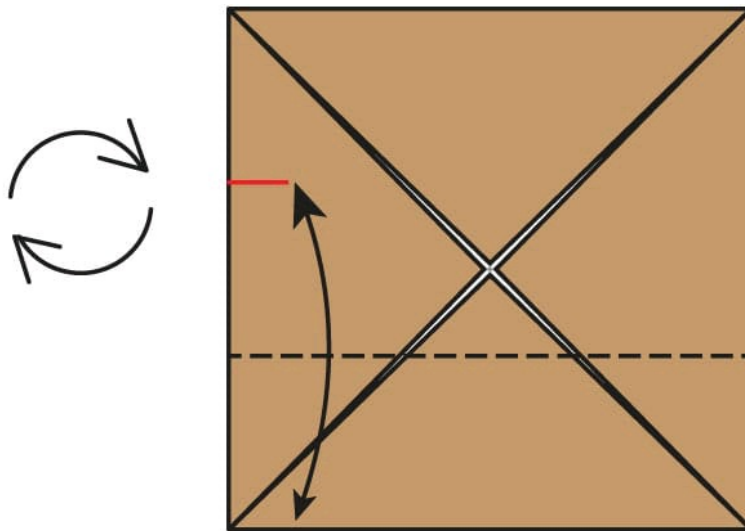
1. Fold your paper in half, top point to the bottom point, only creasing the middle point. Repeat from left to right.



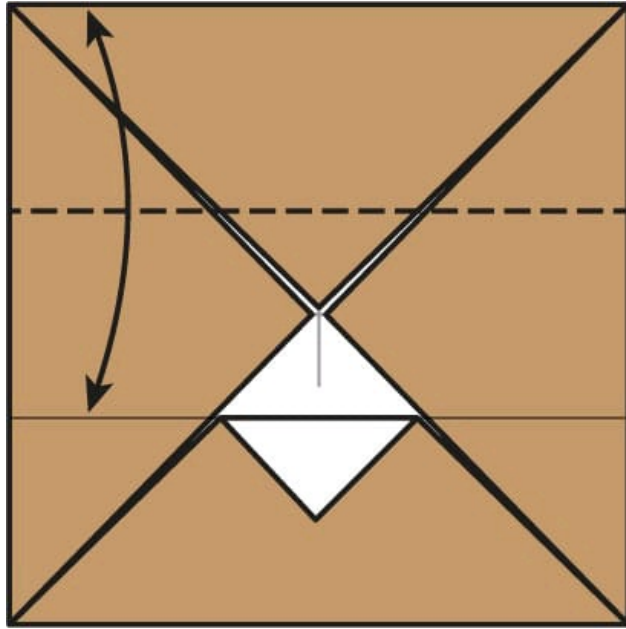
2. Fold all four points to the middle of the cross-shaped crease you created in the previous step.



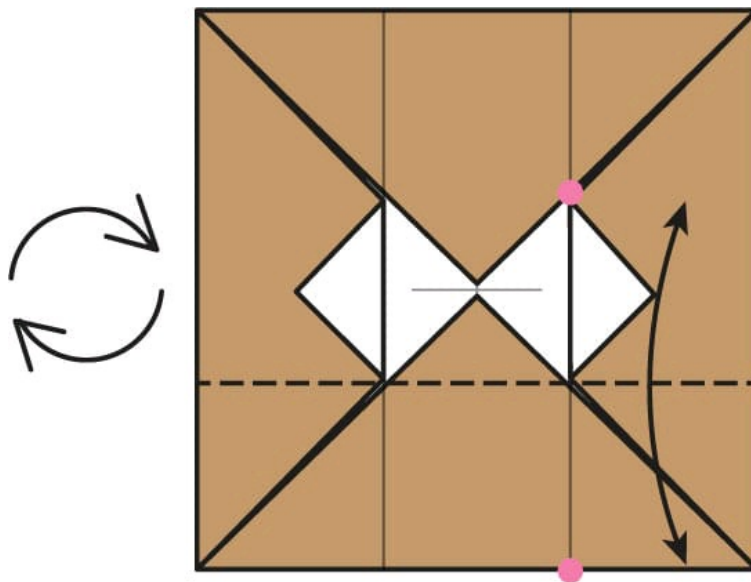
3. We need to fold this into thirds. Use your ruler to measure the width of an edge. Take that number and divide it by 3. Keep a note of this measurement, as you'll need it later on.



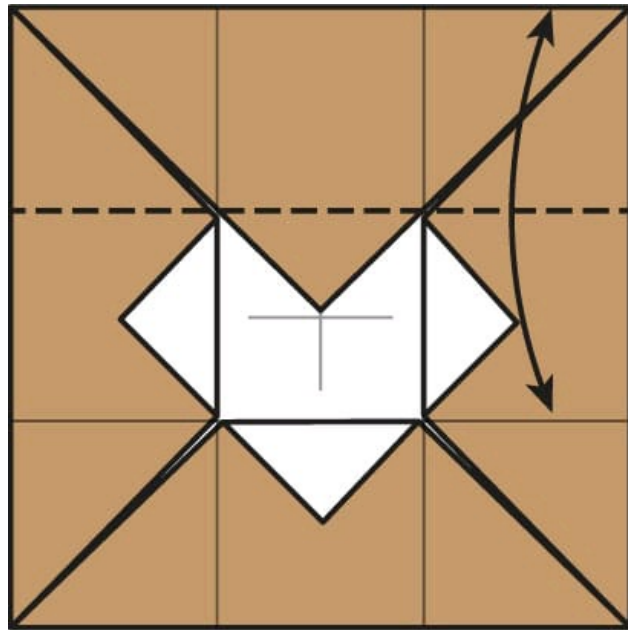
4. Measure from the bottom left edge of the paper, using the measurement you got in step 3, and mark the spot. Rotate the paper clockwise so that the mark is on the top left. Fold the bottom edge up to the mark and unfold.



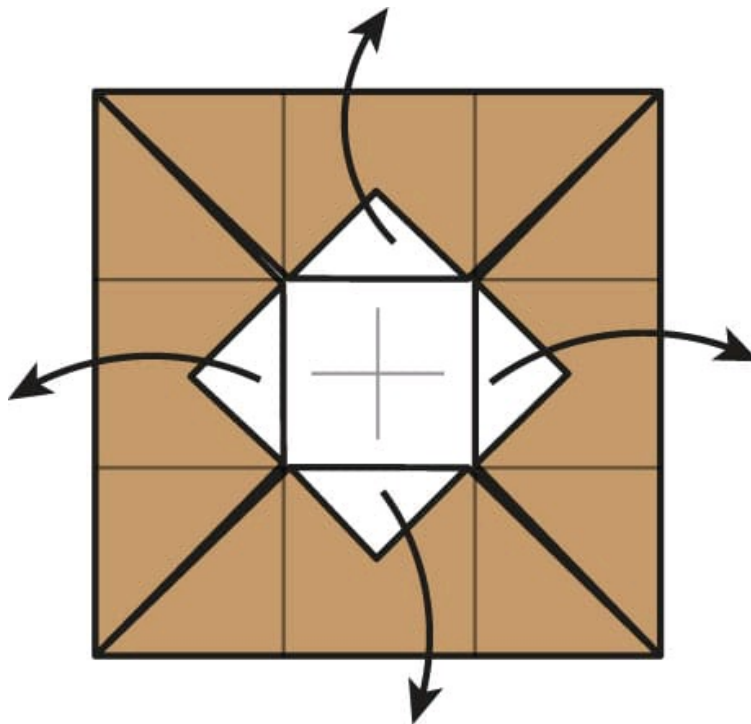
5. Fold the top edge down to meet the previous crease and unfold.



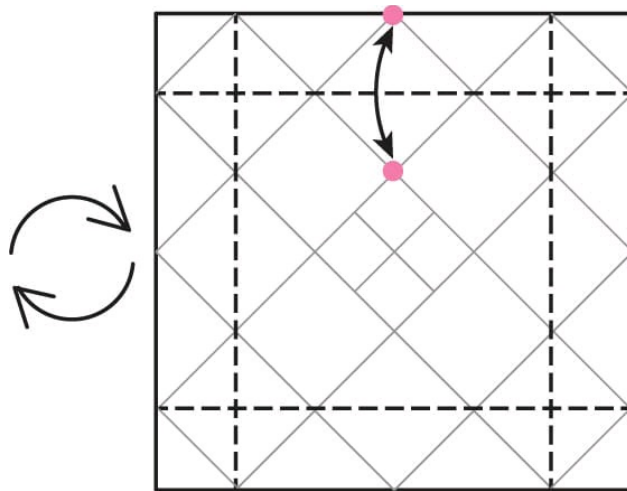
6. Rotate the paper clockwise. Fold the bottom edge up to where the previous crease intersects with the diagonal edges of the left and right flaps. Use the pink dots to help guide you.



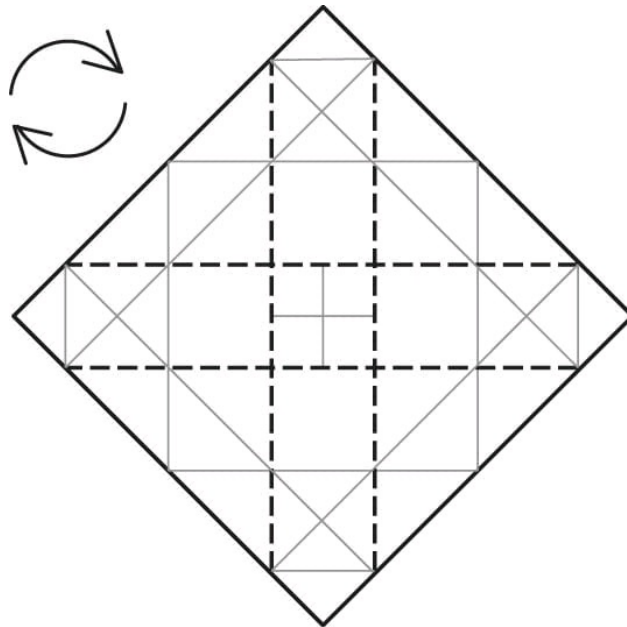
7. Fold the top edge down to the previous crease.



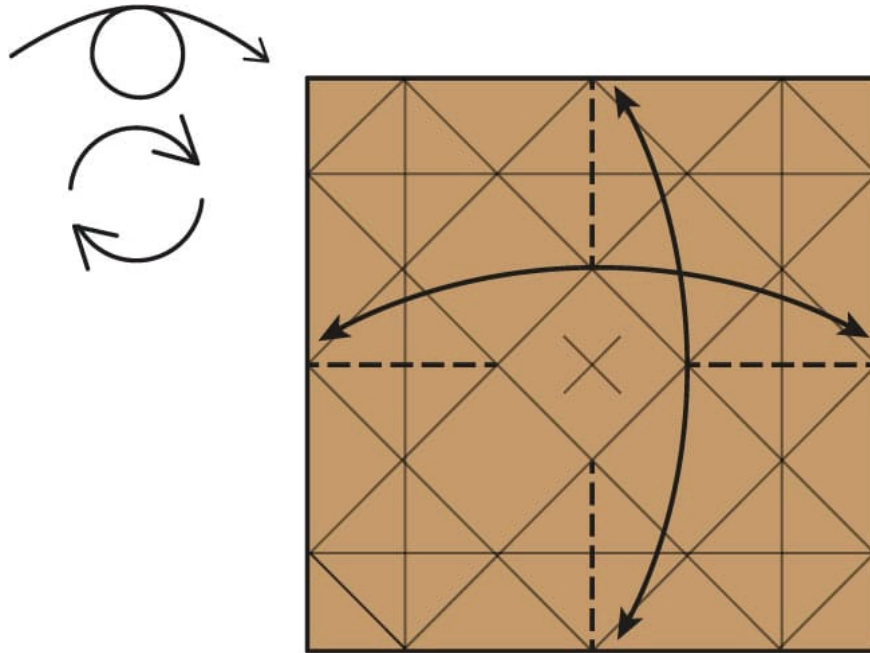
8. Unfold the paper completely.



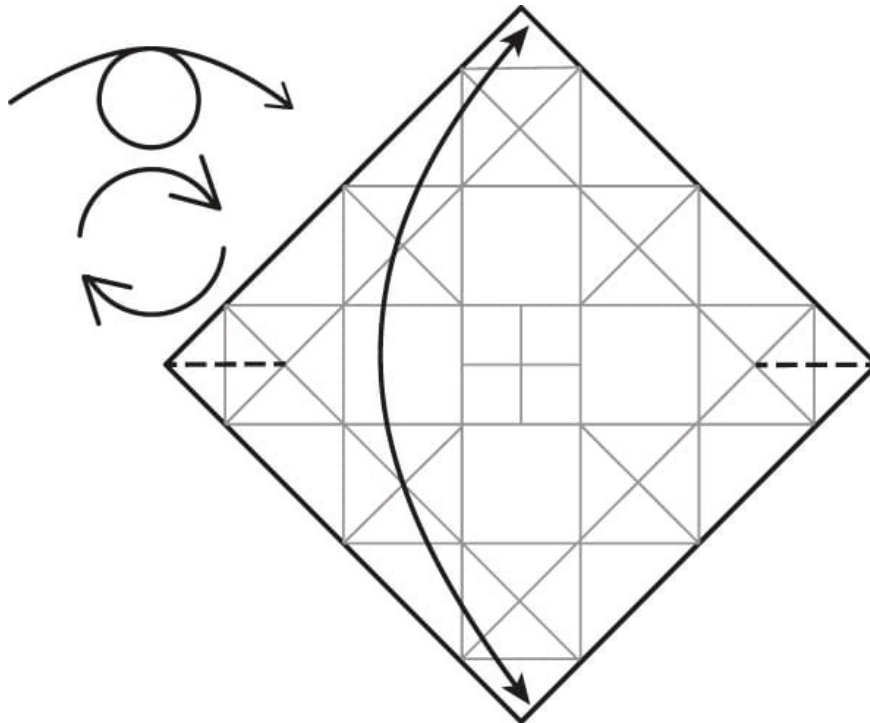
- 9.** Rotate the paper and fold the top edge down to the point indicated and unfold. Repeat on the other three edges.



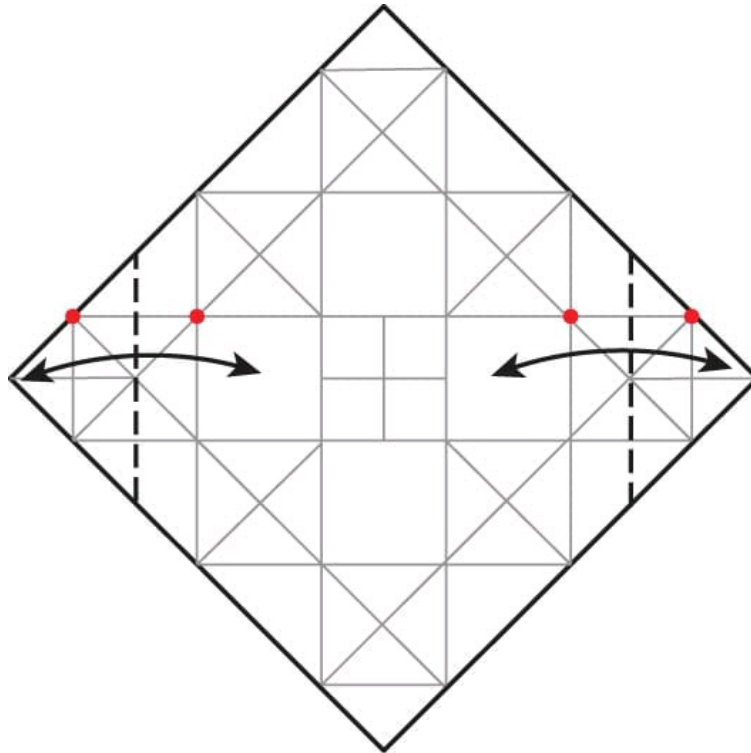
- 10.** Rotate the paper and refold the indicated creases as valley folds.



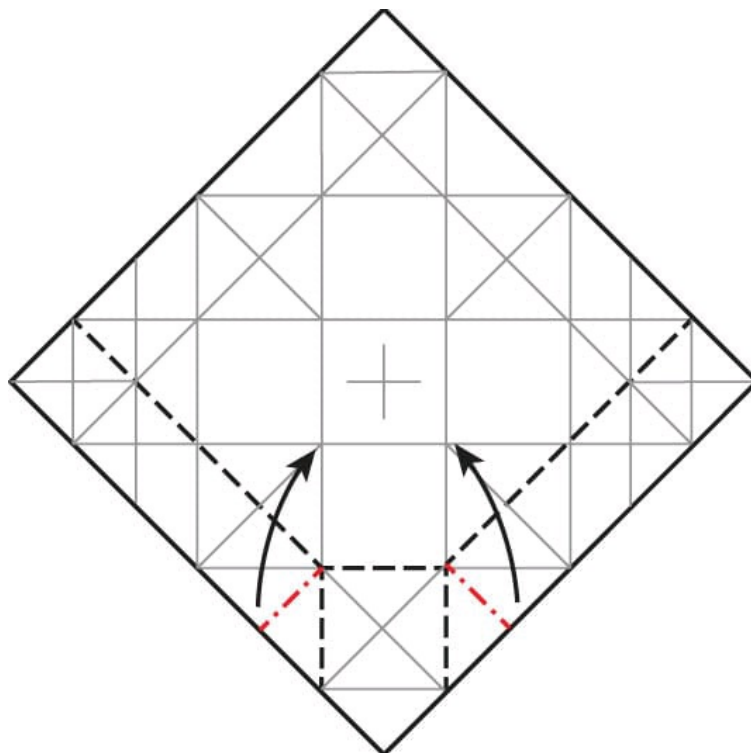
- 11.** Flip the paper over and rotate it so it is oriented as shown. Fold the paper in half and unfold, avoiding the central diamond. Repeat with the opposite edges.



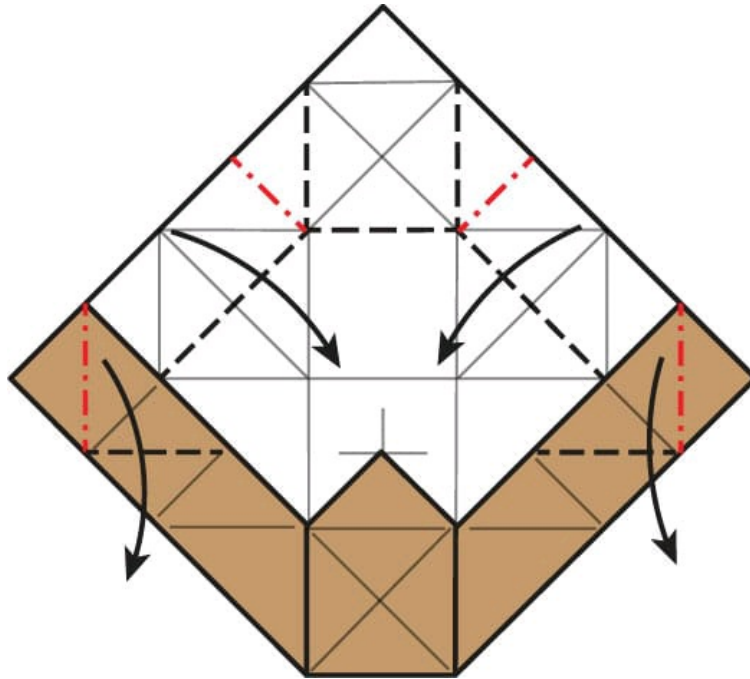
- 12.** Rotate the paper and flip it back over to the white side. Bring the bottom point up to the top point and crease only the left and right points.



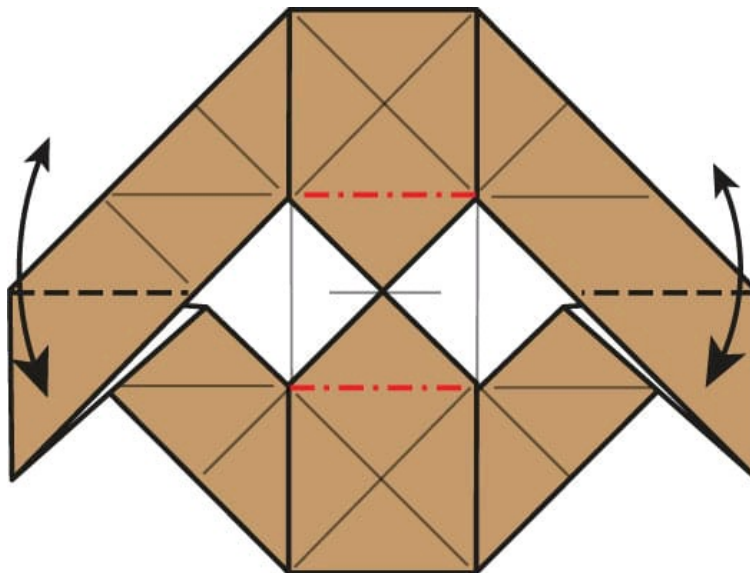
13. Fold the left and right points inward as indicated by the red dots, then unfold.



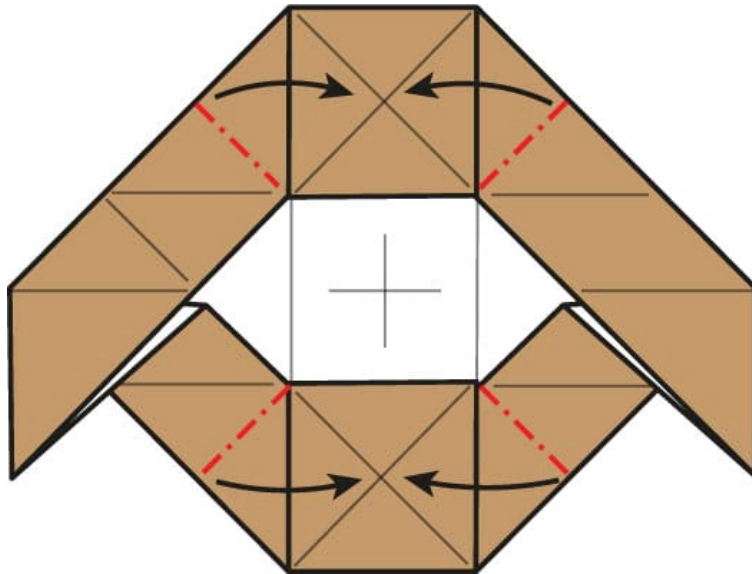
14. Fold the bottom left and right diagonal edges up, and at the same time fold the bottom point up on top.



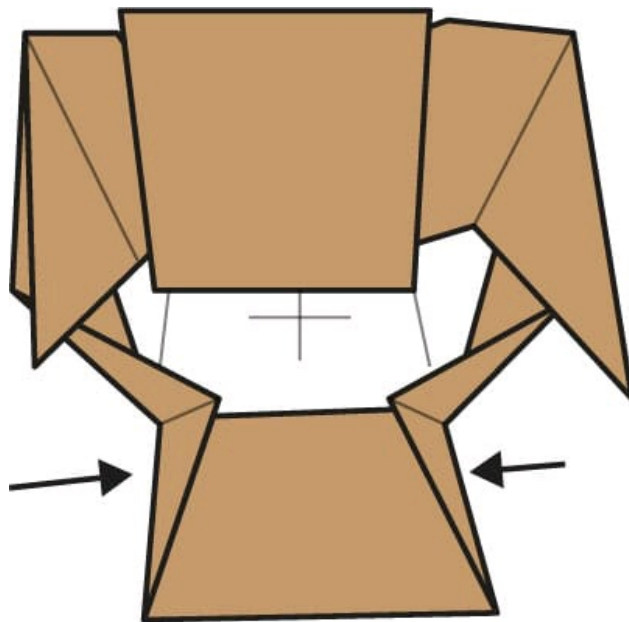
15. Repeat the same process on the top section, this time folding the left and right points down first.



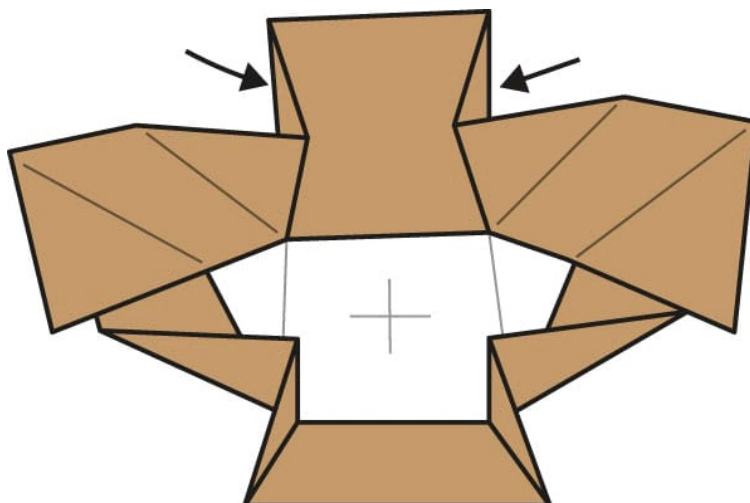
16. Refold the left and right triangles up and back down. Fold the points of the top and bottom section underneath.



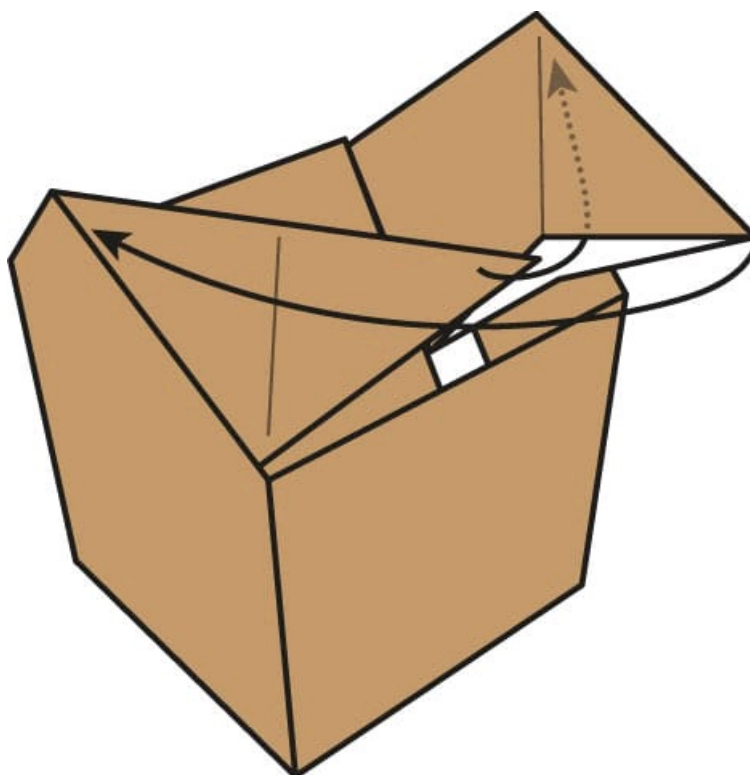
17. Using the existing diagonal creases as mountain folds, make the model three-dimensional by folding these inward.



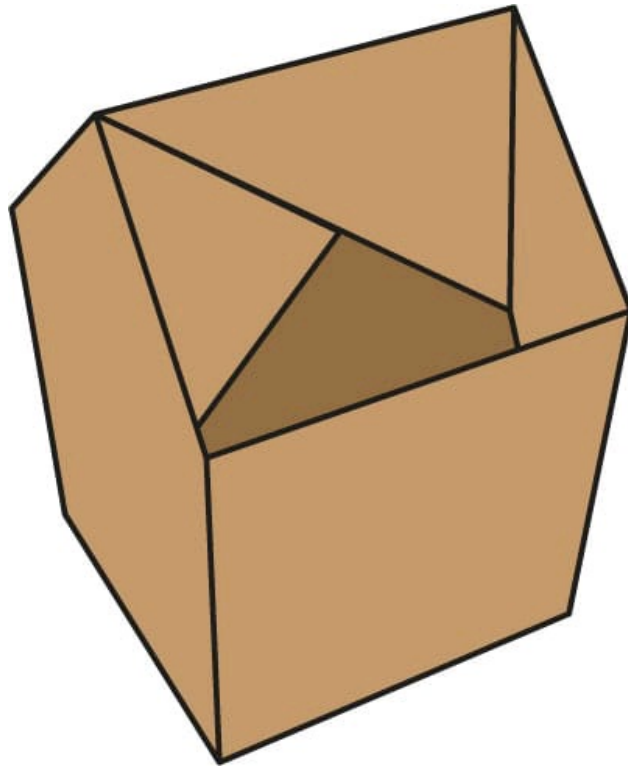
18. Starting on one end, slot the diagonal flaps in behind the back wall of the box. You need to open the back flap a little to do this.



19. Repeat the same on the opposite side.

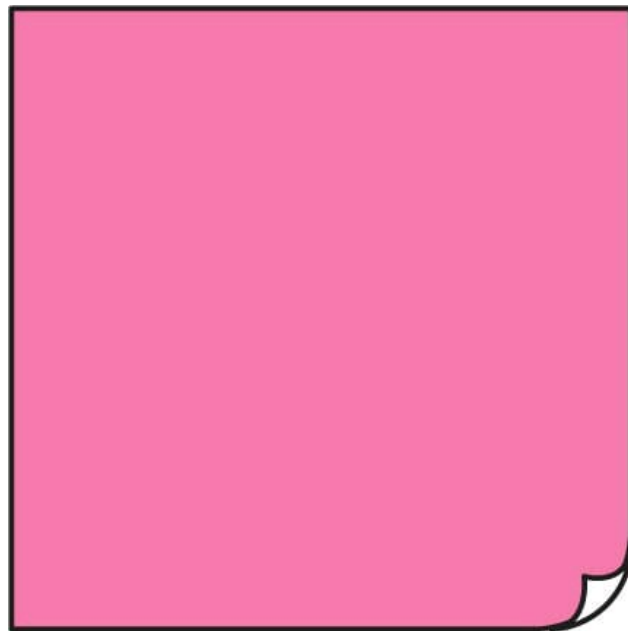


20. Slot one of the inner triangular flaps inside the other, bringing them to the middle.

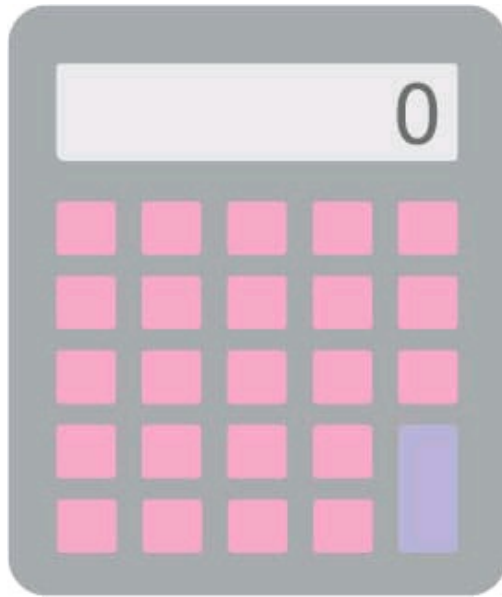


21. Here's your finished trash bin box!

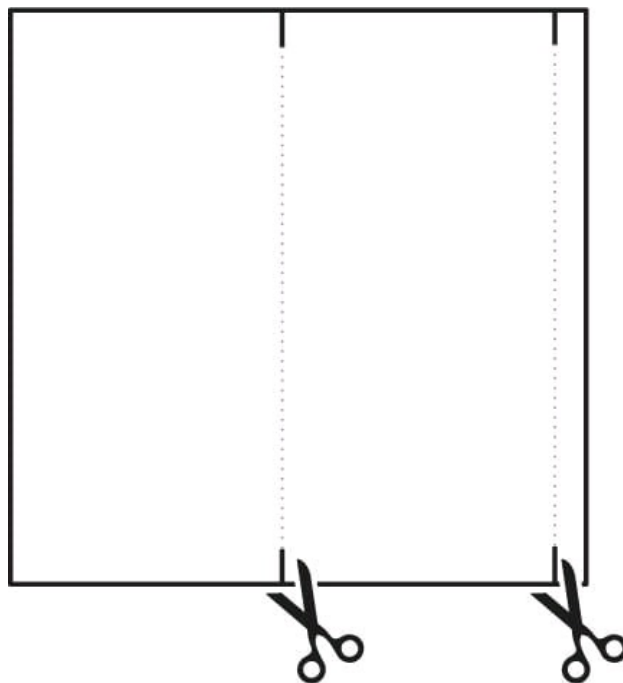
TRASH BIN FLAP



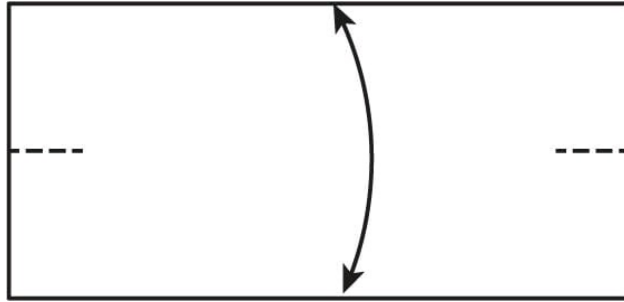
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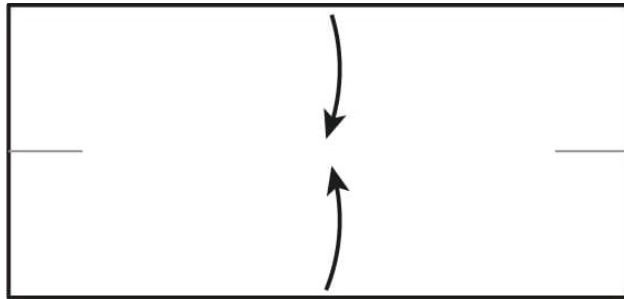
2. ... take the measurement you noted earlier and multiply it by 2.



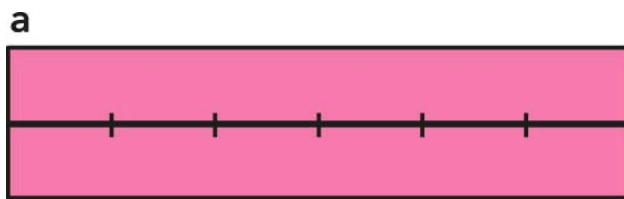
3. Using this new measurement, measure and mark it twice along the top and bottom edges. Use a ruler to connect the marks and cut along the lines. Discard the small excess strip.



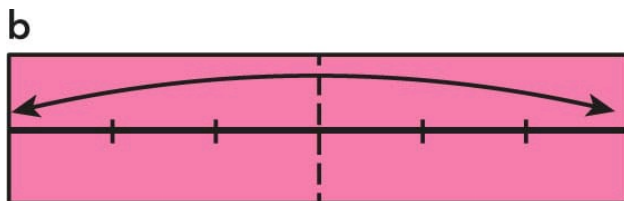
4. Take one of the paper strips and fold it in half from top to bottom, creasing only a little on the left and right sides.



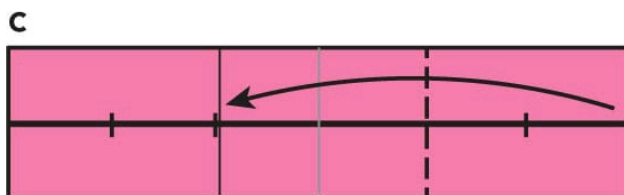
5. Fold the top and bottom edges to the creases you created in the previous step. Unfold.



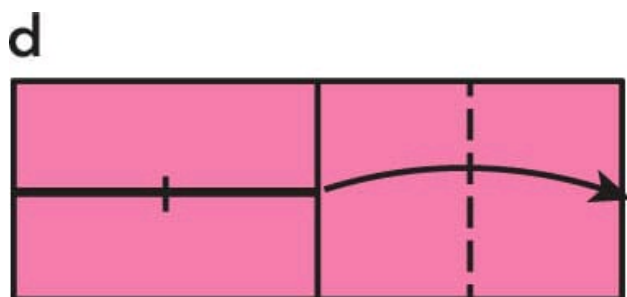
- 6a. Divide the paper into sixths using a ruler, calculator, and pencil (measure the length and divide by six). Mark the sixths along the inner edge of the top flap.



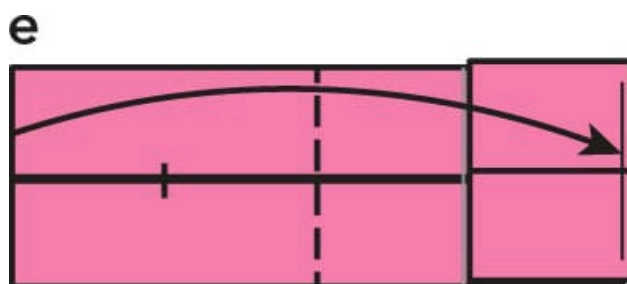
- 6b. Fold the paper in half side to side and unfold.



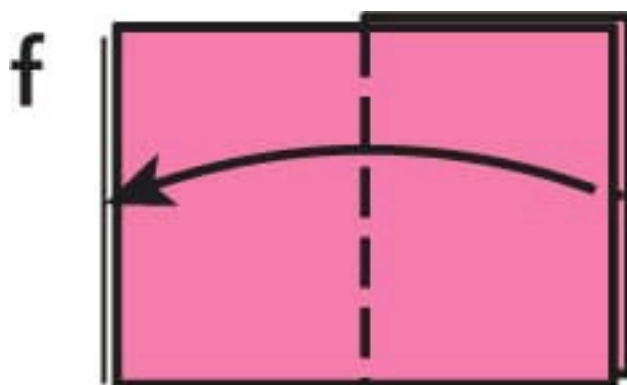
- 6c.** Fold the right edge almost to the second mark from the left, leaving a tiny gap so that you can still see the mark.



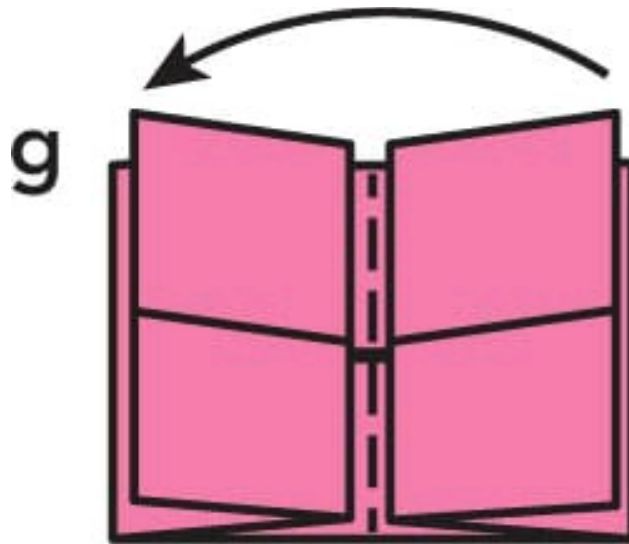
- 6d.** Fold the flap you created in the last step over to the right, extending it a tiny bit farther than the edge, so that you can see the central crease you made in step 6b.



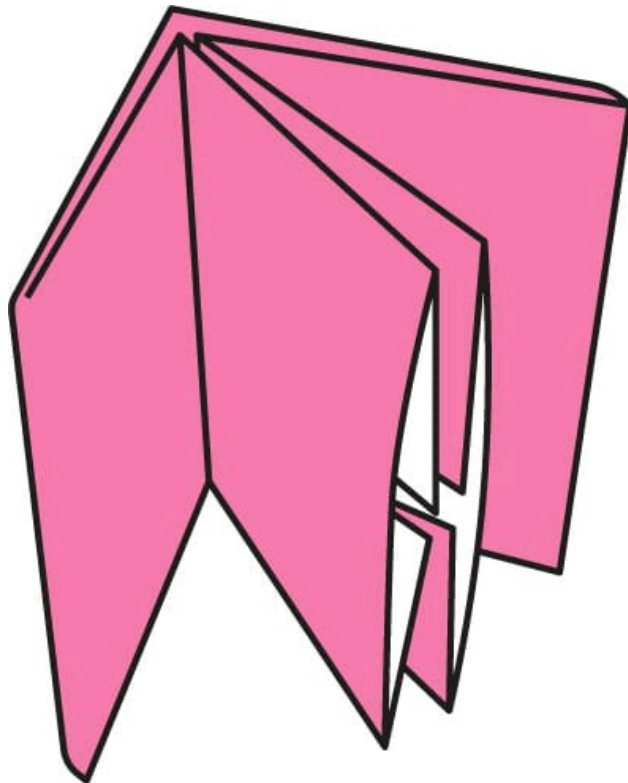
- 6e.** Fold the left edge over almost to the right edge, leaving a tiny gap.



- 6f.** Fold the flap you created in the previous step to the left, extending it a tiny bit farther than the edge so that you can see the central crease you made in step 6b.

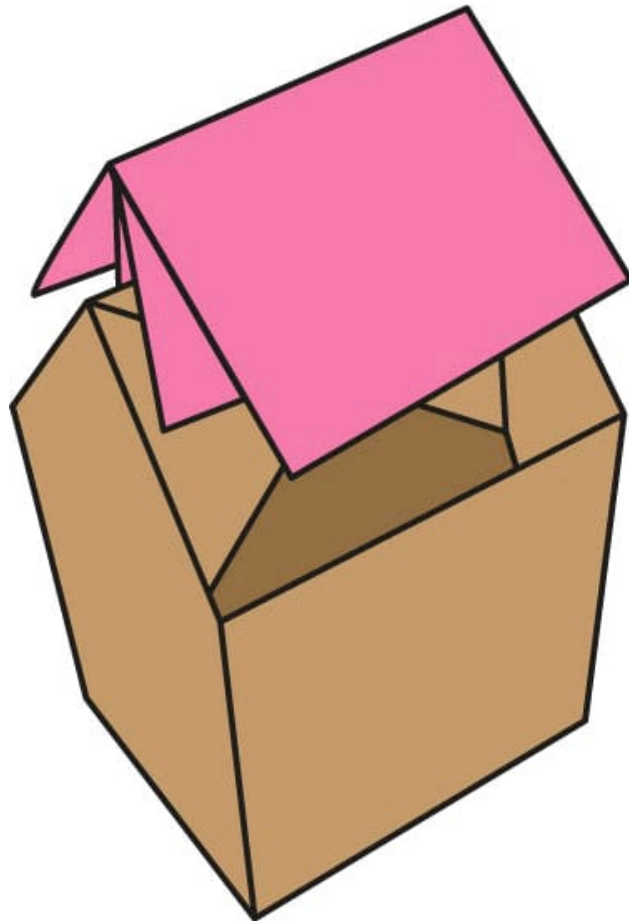
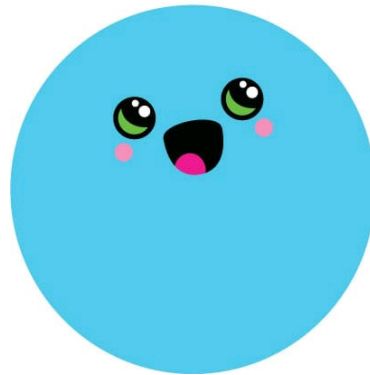


6g. Fold the paper in half side to side.

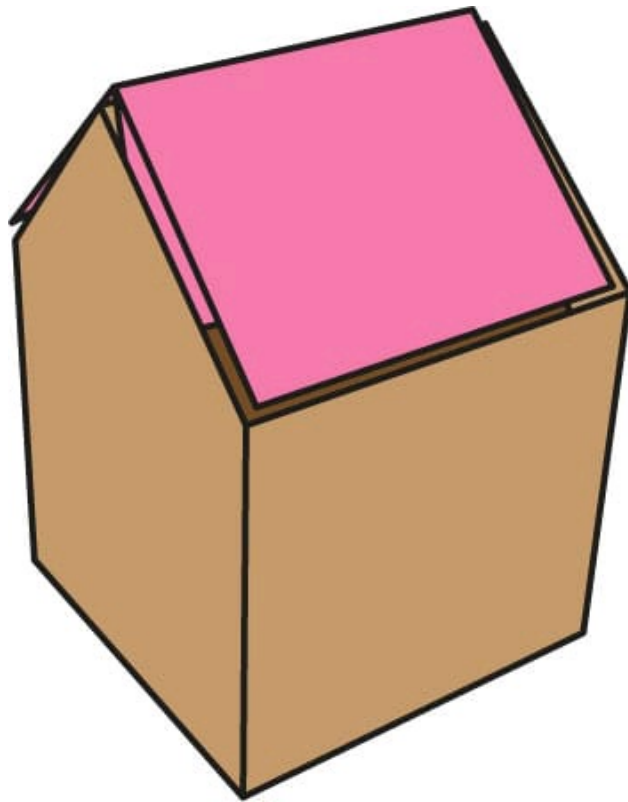


7. Here's how your trash bin flap should now look.

It's cute
and helpful,
just like me!



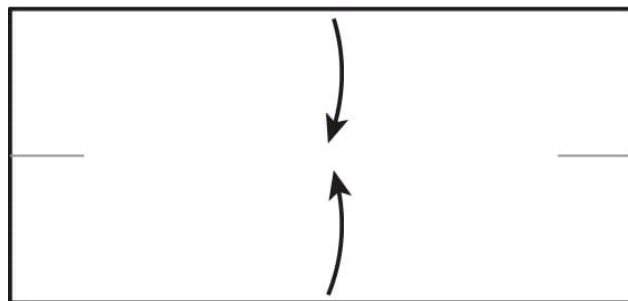
8. Slot the trash bin flap onto the top of the trash bin box. The two lower flaps should go over the horizontal top edge of the trash bin box.



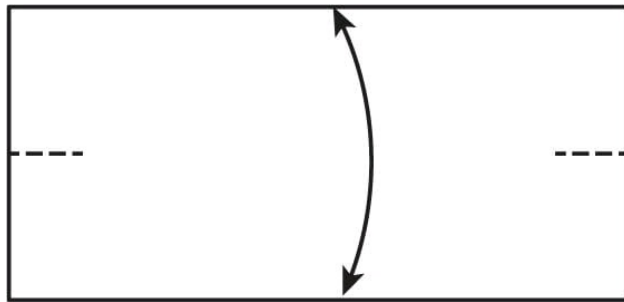
9. You should be able to push one side of the flap and the other side will raise, just like the real swinging top of a trash bin! If it is not swinging, you may need to adjust the folds you made in step 6.

INNER SUPPORT SQUARE

If you like, you can make a little square of paper to fit inside the bottom of the box to give it a little extra structural support—and a pop of color! You could also cut out a little cardboard square instead of folding the square, but it's not as fun.



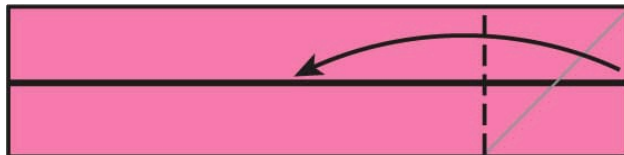
1. Take the second strip of paper that you created in step 3 of the trash bin flap and fold it in half, top to bottom, only creasing the left and right edges. Unfold.



2. Fold the top and bottom edges to the marks you made in the previous step.



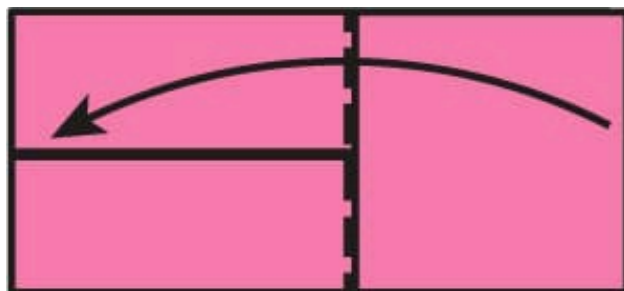
3. Fold the bottom right corner diagonally up to the top edge and unfold.



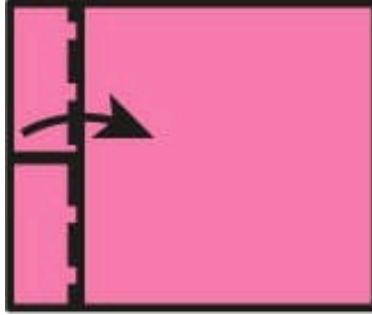
4. Using the diagonal crease you made in the previous step as a guide, fold the right edge over to the left.



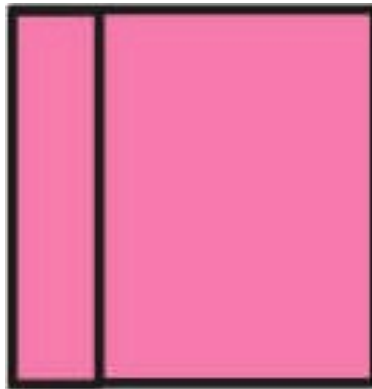
5. Again, fold the right edge over to the left.



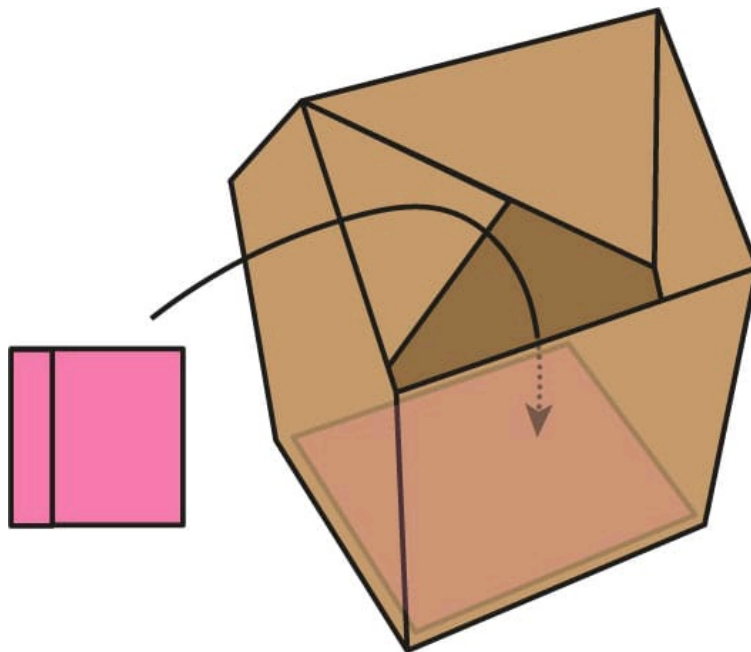
6. Fold the right edge over to the left a third time.



7. Fold the excess paper on the left over to the right so that it lays on top of the right section.



8. This is your inner square.



9. Now you can put the inner square facedown inside the box, which will prevent the sides from springing open.

Mini Drawer

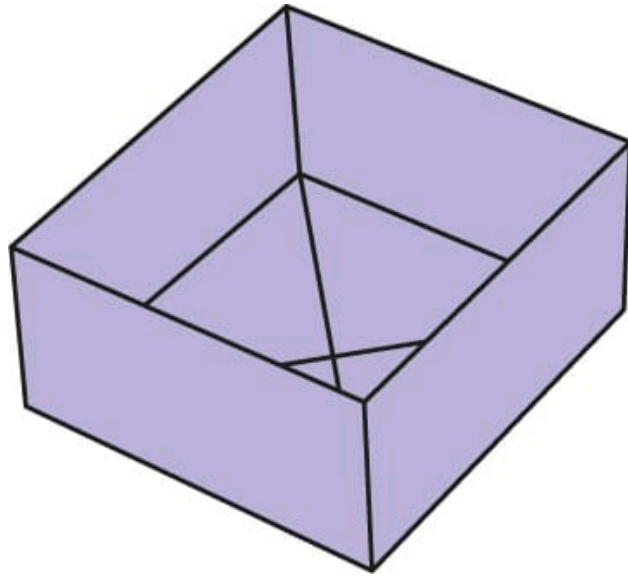
This adorable little origami drawer makes a perfect gift box, or you can use it to store your jewelry. Make as many as you like and stack them to make a chest of drawers. To make a drawer, you need two sheets of paper, with one slightly smaller than the other. To work out what size the smaller sheet should be, all you need to do is measure an edge of the larger sheet and divide it by 1.25. So if you are using a 6 × 6-inch (15 × 15-cm) sheet of paper, your smaller sheet would need to be 4.72 × 4.72 inches (12 × 12 cm). It's easy to mark 4.72 inches (12 cm) with a ruler and pencil and trim the paper down.



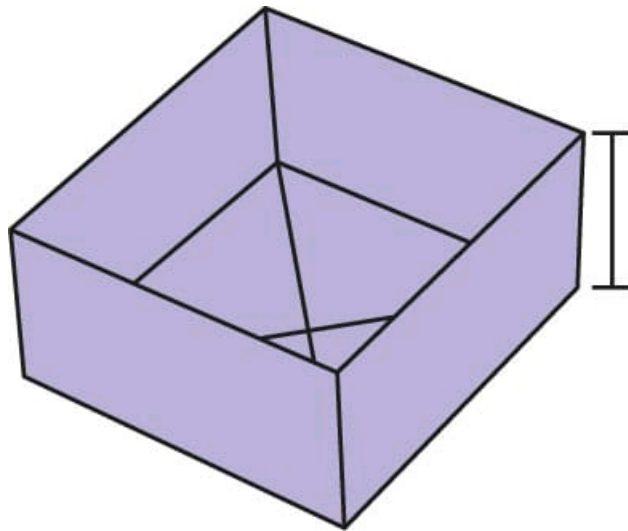
PAPER SIZES: 7 × 7 inches (17.5 × 17.5 cm), 5.5 × 5.5 inches (14 × 14 cm)

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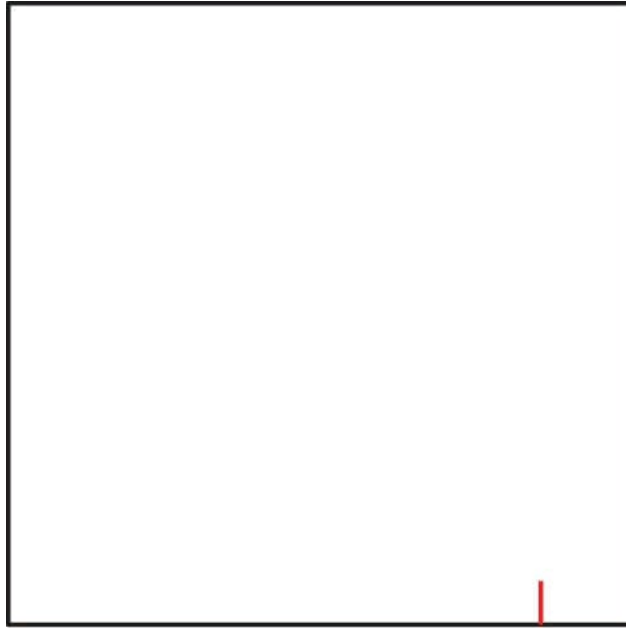




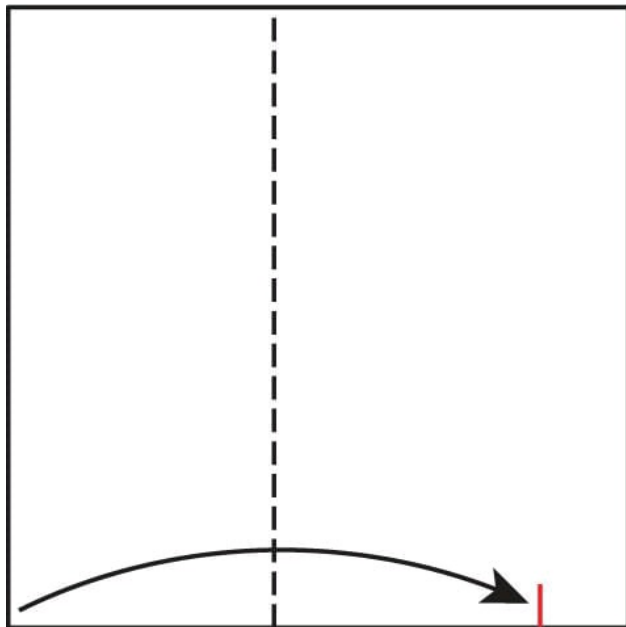
1. Make a masu box using the instructions shown [here](#) using your smaller sheet of paper. In our example, it's 4.72×4.72 inches (12×12 cm).



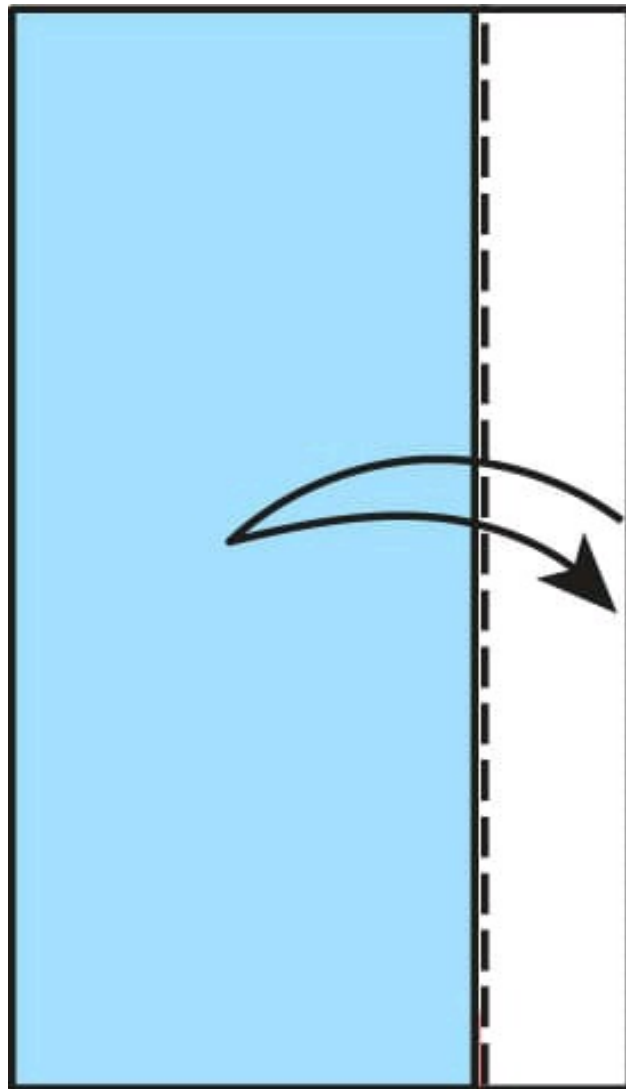
2. Measure the height of the box. Our example is 0.84 inch (2.14 cm) tall.



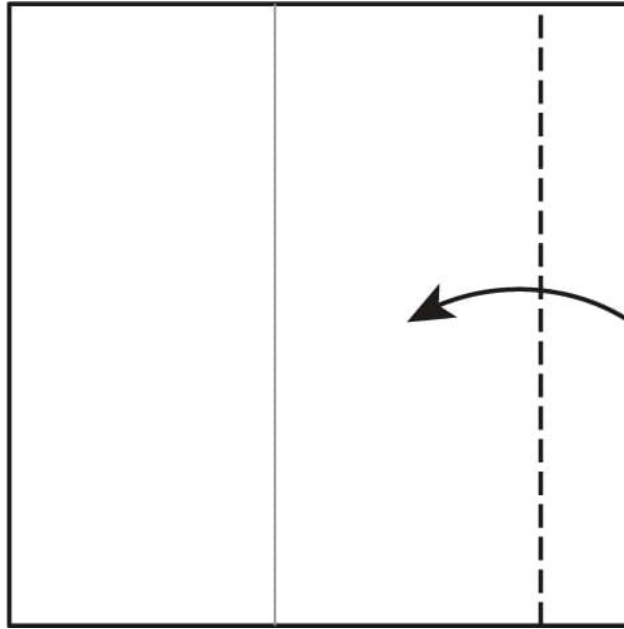
3. Using a ruler and pencil, mark that measurement along from the right edge of your larger sheet of paper.



4. Fold the left edge over to the mark you made.



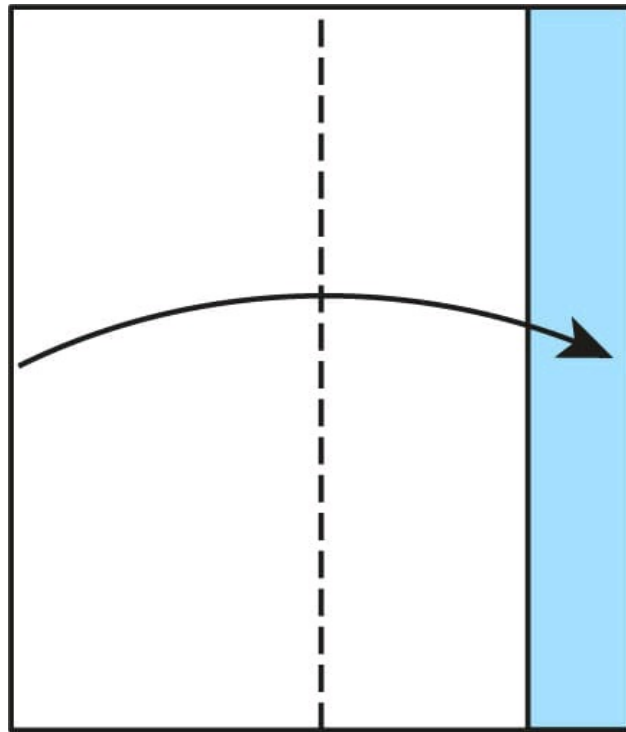
5. Fold the right edge over the top of the left section.



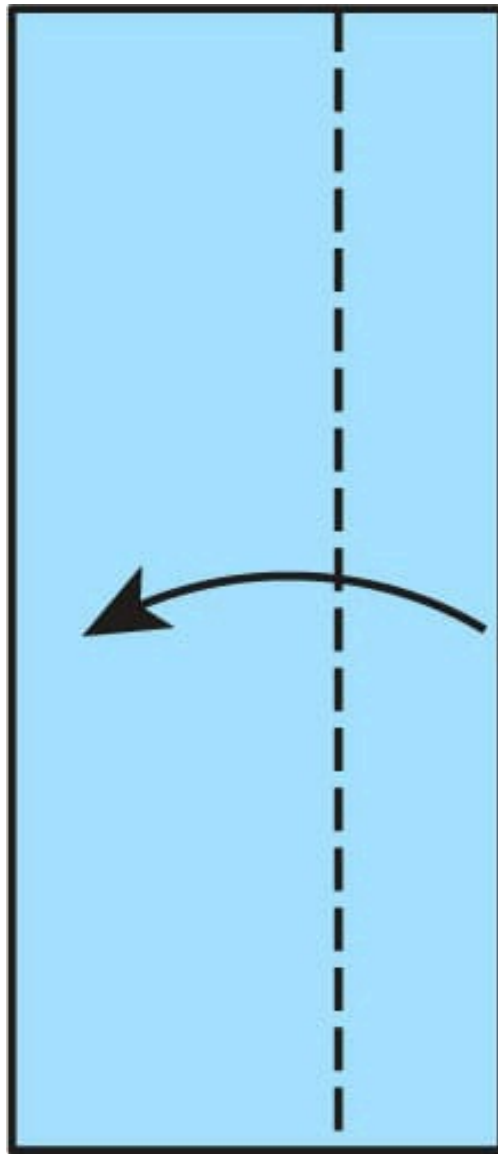
6. Unfold the previous steps and refold the right flap.

TIP

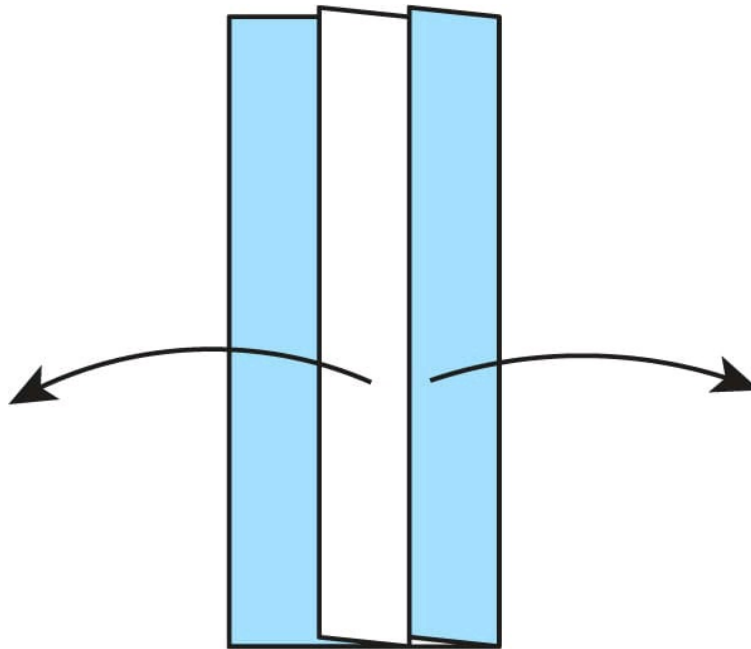
For the mini origami drawers, it's a good idea to use larger paper to start with. Example sizes would be: 7.5 × 7.5 inches (19 × 19 cm) and 6 × 6 inches (15 × 15 cm) papers, or 11 × 11 inches (28 × 28 cm) and 8.8 × 8.8 inches (22 × 22 cm).



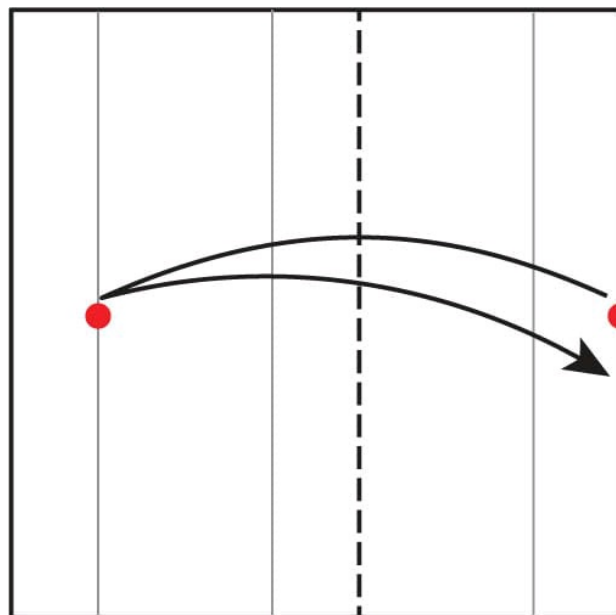
7. Refold the left edge over to the right edge.



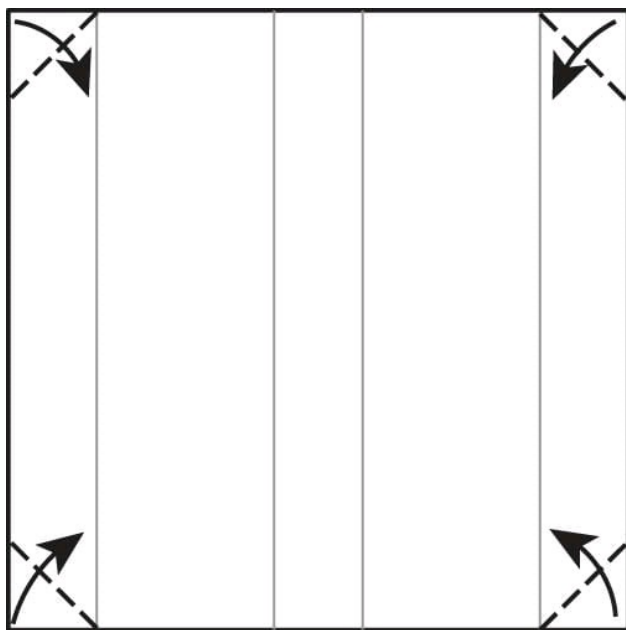
8. Fold the top layer of the right edge to the left, using the layer underneath as a guide.



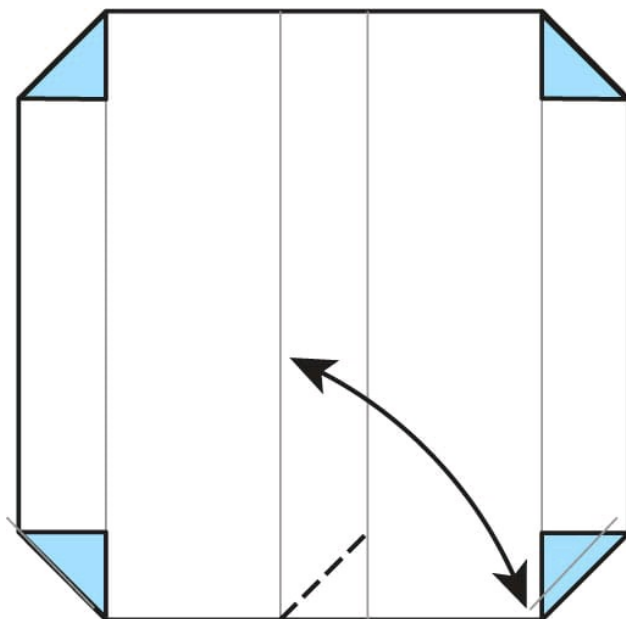
9. Unfold the paper completely.



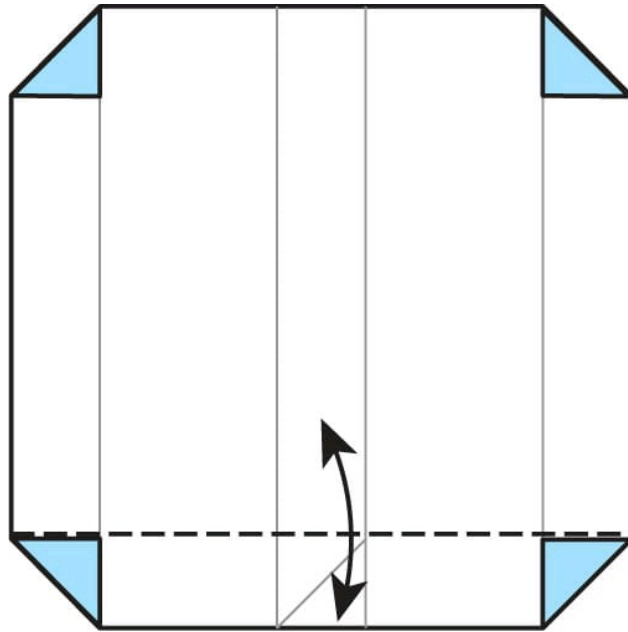
10. Take the right edge and fold it to the leftmost crease and unfold.



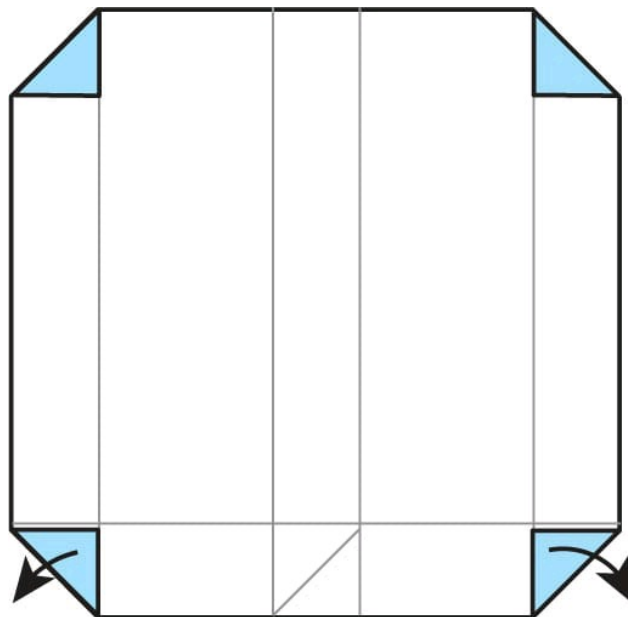
11. Fold all four corners diagonally inward, using the creases as guides.



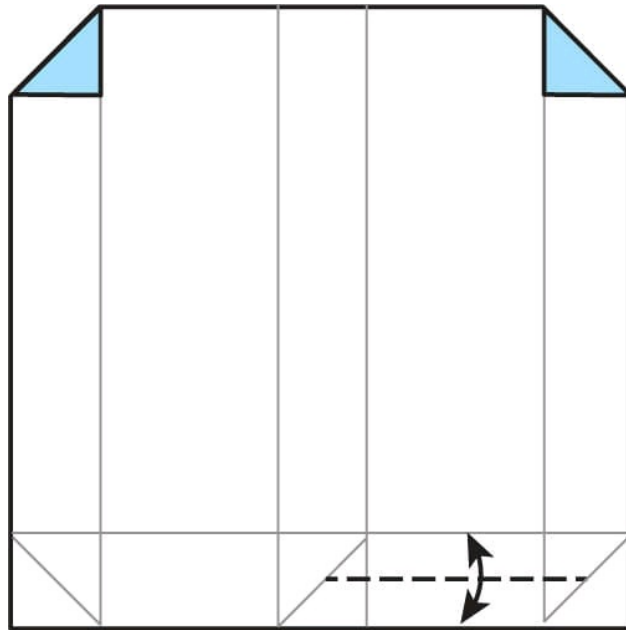
12. Make a diagonal fold on the bottom middle section by bringing the bottom right edge up to align with the vertical crease indicated.



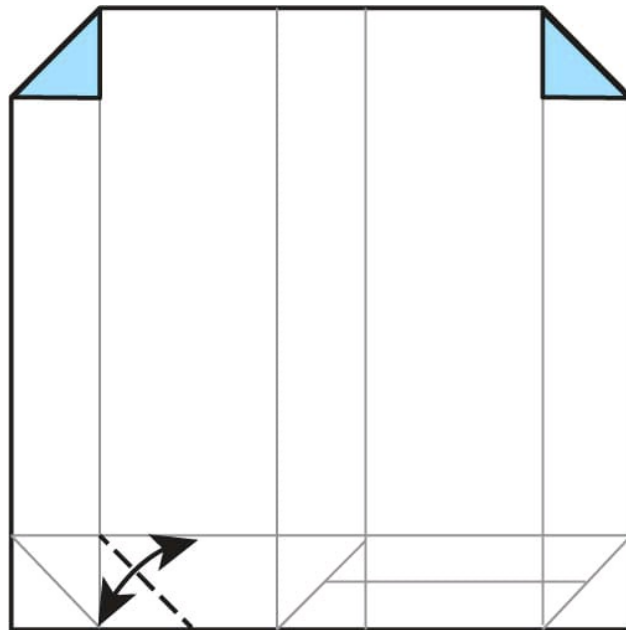
13. Fold the bottom edge up using the bottom left and right diagonal flaps as guides. Unfold.



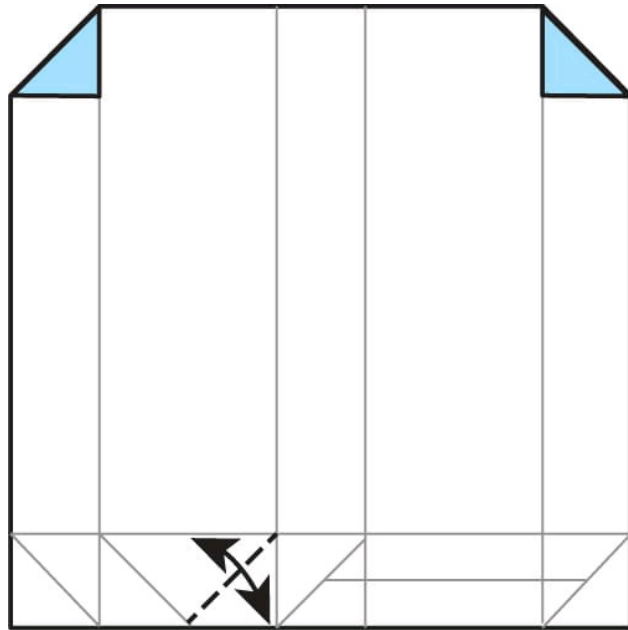
14. Unfold the bottom left and right diagonal flaps.



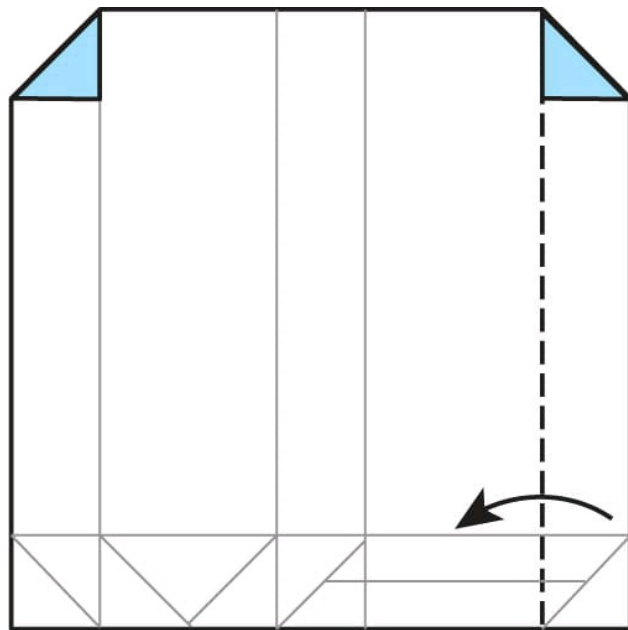
15. Make a horizontal crease on the bottom right section where indicated.



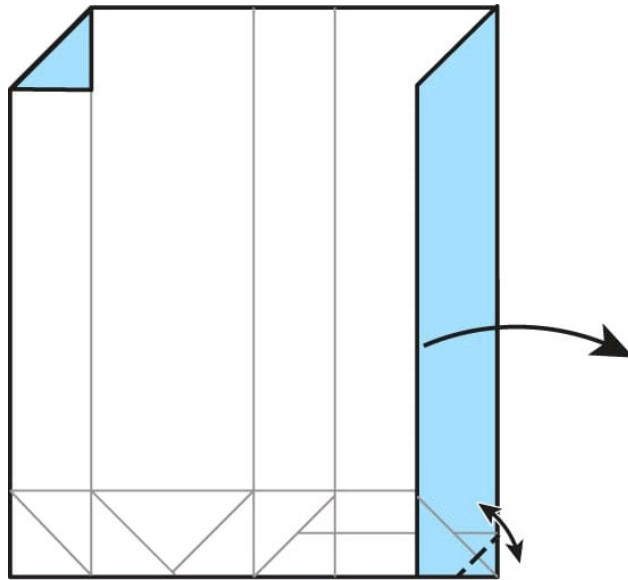
16. Make a diagonal crease on the bottom left as indicated.



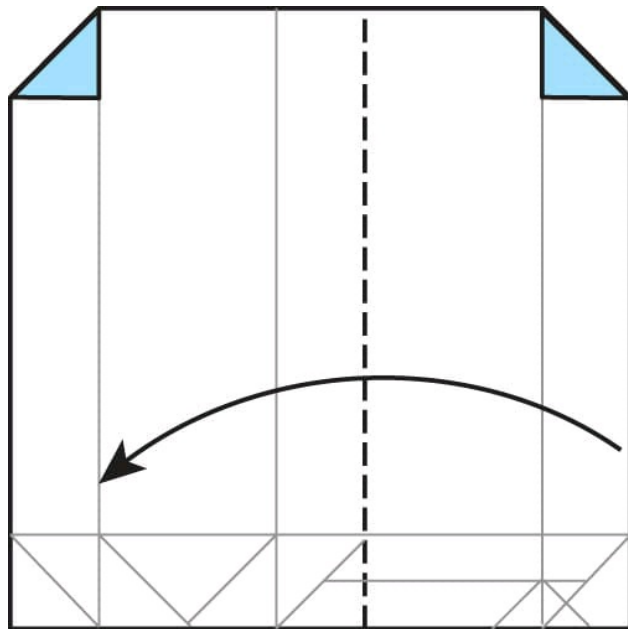
17. Make another small diagonal crease in the opposite direction as indicated.



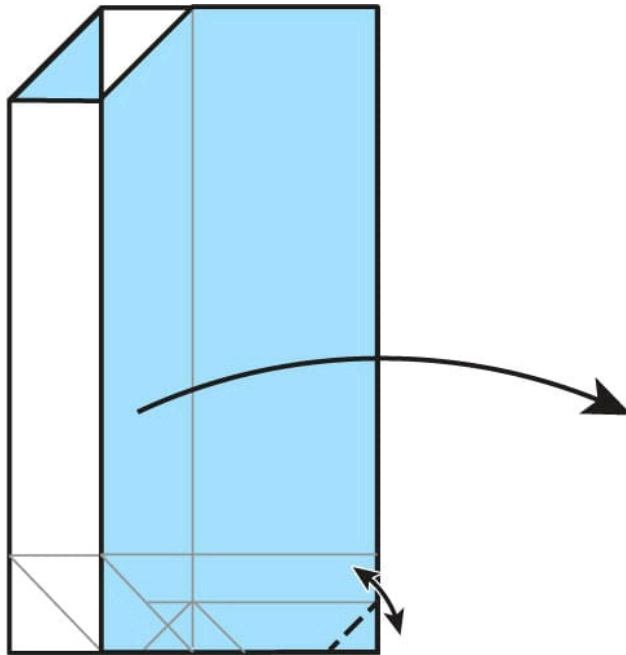
18. Refold the right edge along the rightmost crease.



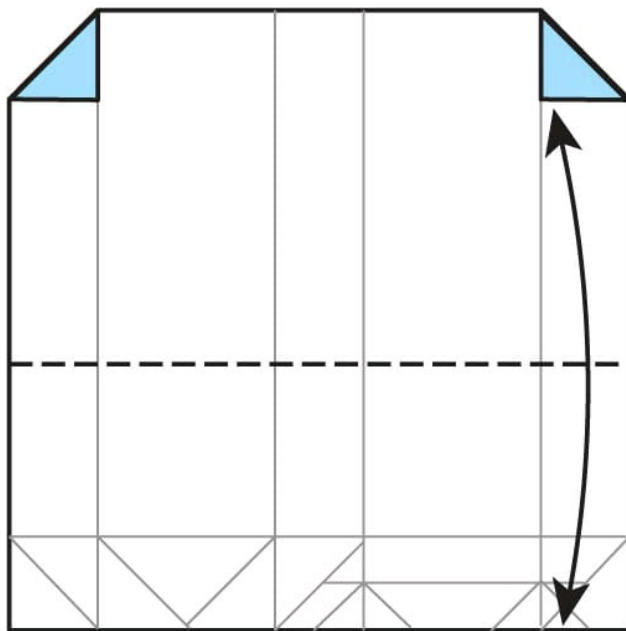
- 19.** Make a small diagonal crease on the bottom right corner. This crease should align with the crease you made in step 15. Unfold the flap to the right.



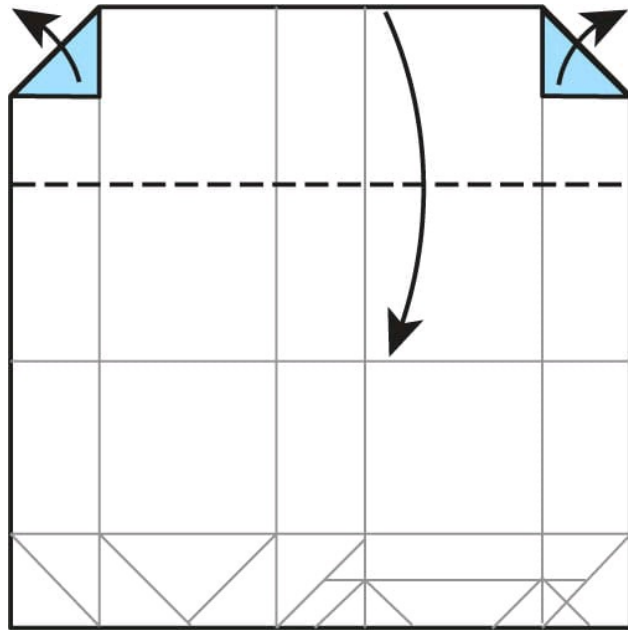
- 20.** Refold the right edge over to the left along the crease that is indicated.



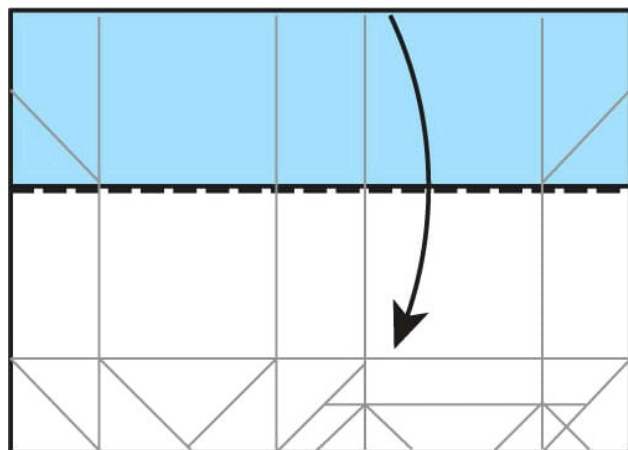
21. Make a little diagonal crease on the bottom right corner to match the one you made in step 19. Unfold the right section.



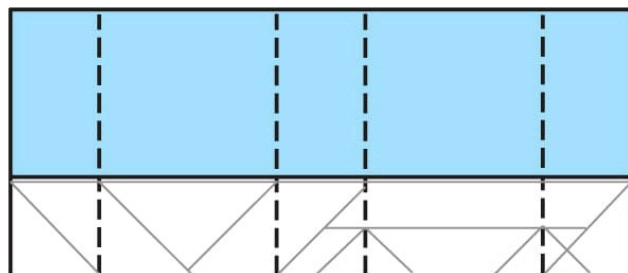
22. Take the bottom edge and fold it up to the horizontal edges of the top left and right diagonal flaps. Unfold.



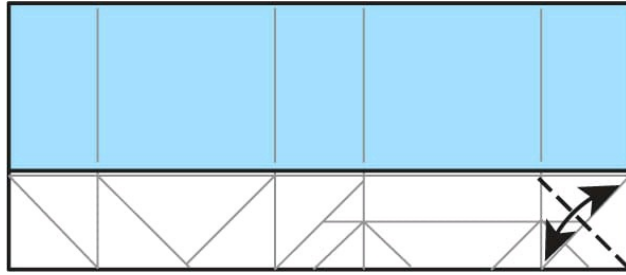
23. Unfold the top left and right diagonal flaps. Fold the top edge down to the crease you made in the previous step.



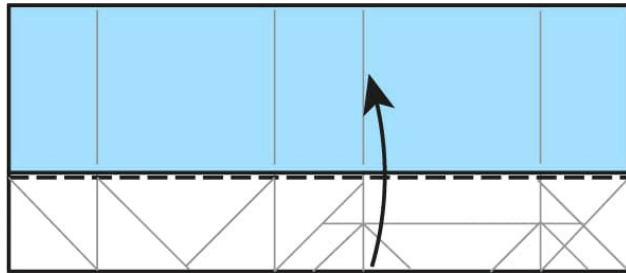
24. Fold the top edge down along the crease you made in step 22.



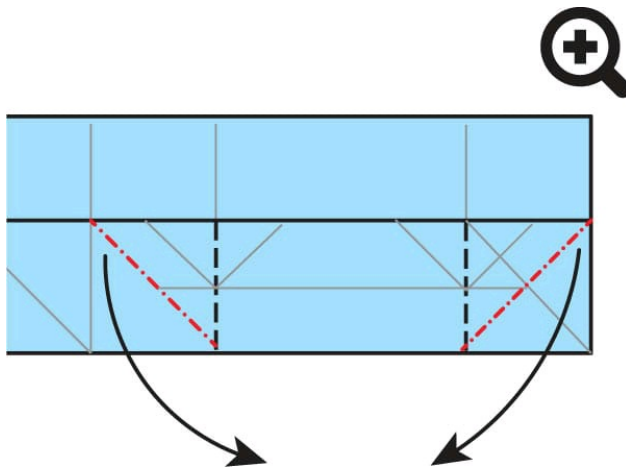
25. Refold and unfold all of the vertical creases so that they are all valley folds.



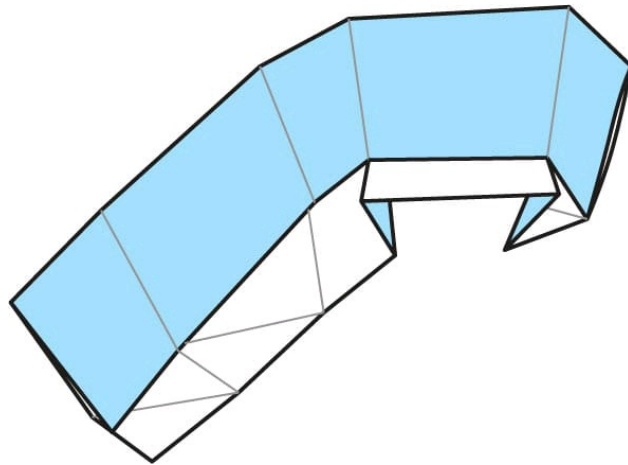
26. Make a diagonal crease on the bottom right section as indicated.



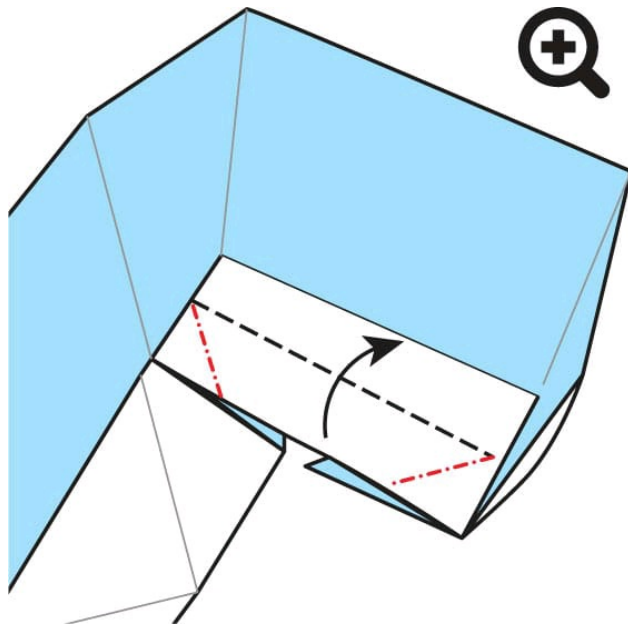
27. Refold the bottom section upward.



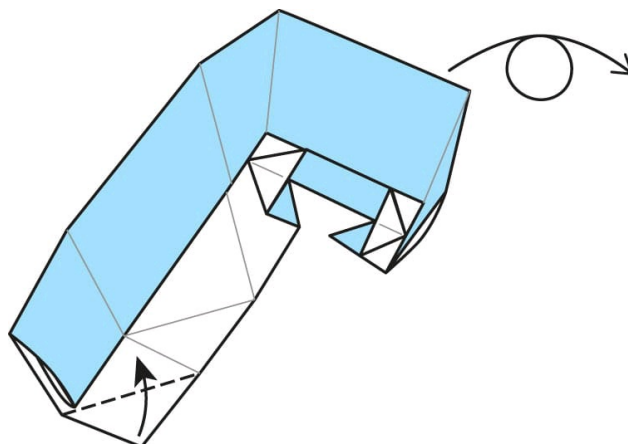
28. Pull the right section of the bottom flap down using the diagonal creases indicated.



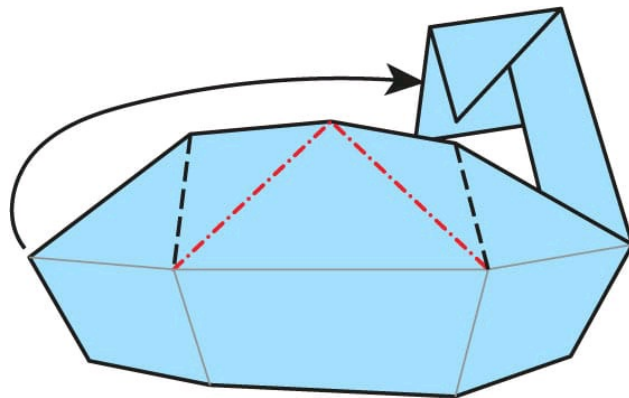
29. The box should now start to become three-dimensional.



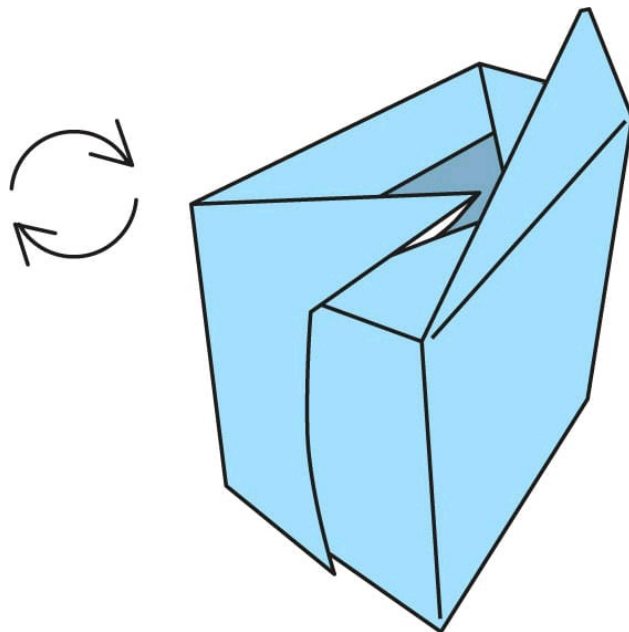
30. Fold the bottom flap of the box up, at the same time squash the two ends using the diagonal creases.



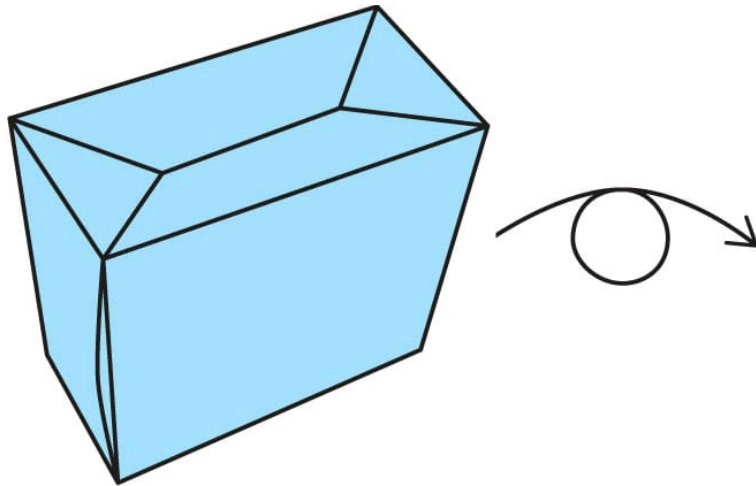
31. Refold the diagonal flap at the left end of the box.



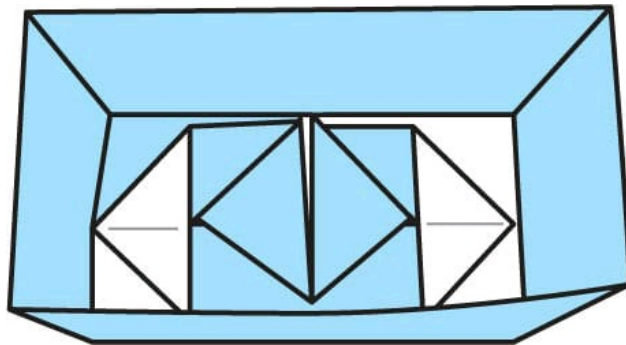
32. Flip the box over so that you are looking at its base. Continue to close the box.



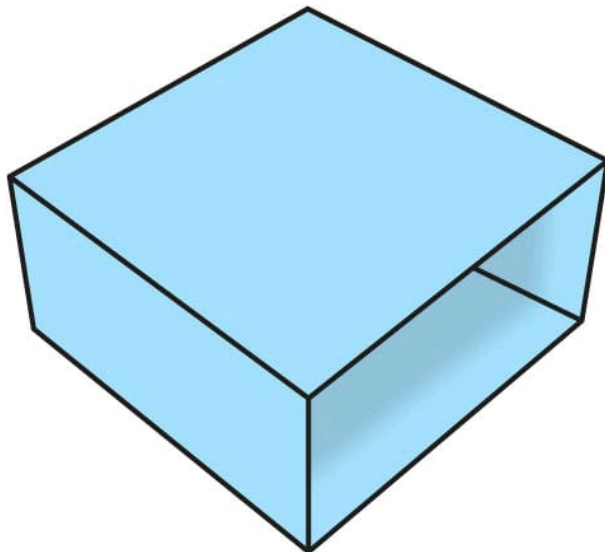
33. Slot the flap inside the open end of the box.



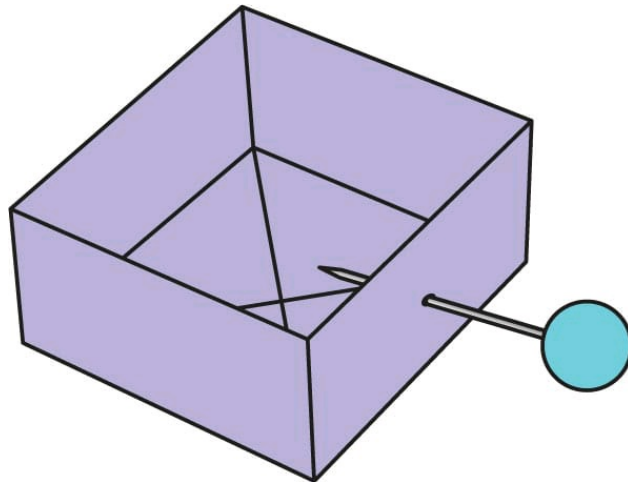
34. Fold the top triangular flap over and inside the gap.



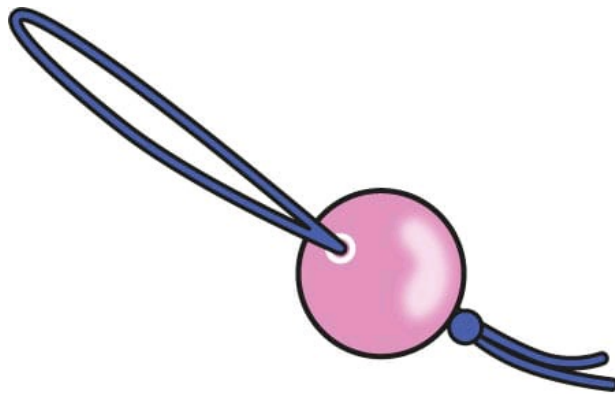
35. Flip the box over so that you can press the flaps down inside the box.



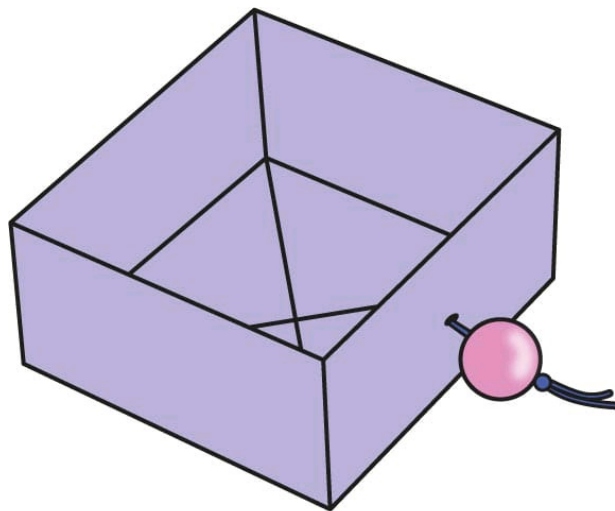
36. Here is the outer box of your drawer.



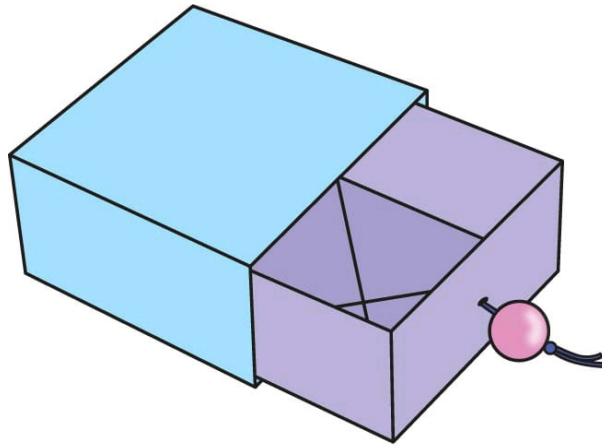
37. Take the masu box and make a small hole in one of the sides using a pin.



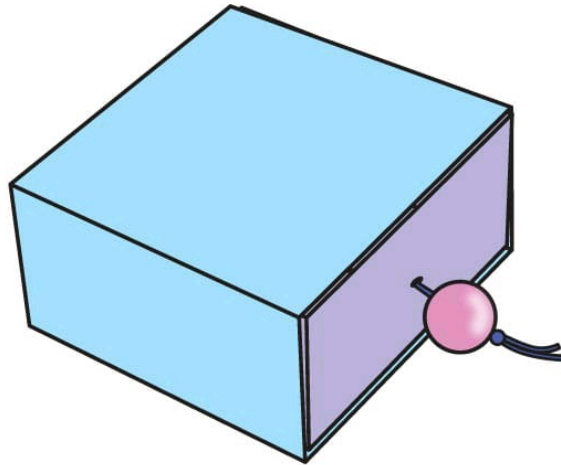
38. Using some thread or twine, make a small loop. You can thread it through a bead, knotting the end, if you want to add some extra cute.



39. Thread the closed end of the loop through the small hole in the masu box and then make a final knot.



40. Slide the masu box into the outer box, and your drawer is complete!



41. Put whatever you like inside and close the drawer for safekeeping.



Stationery Boxes

Organize your envelopes and papers with these stationery boxes! There are many ways to arrange these boxes together to create your own customized stationery organizer. Sturdy paper is recommended. In addition to experimenting with square and rectangular paper for different heights, try using bold colors to make the drawers stand out, or similar colors for a subtle desktop décor.



PAPER SIZE: 7 × 7 inches (17.5 × 17.5 cm), cut in half

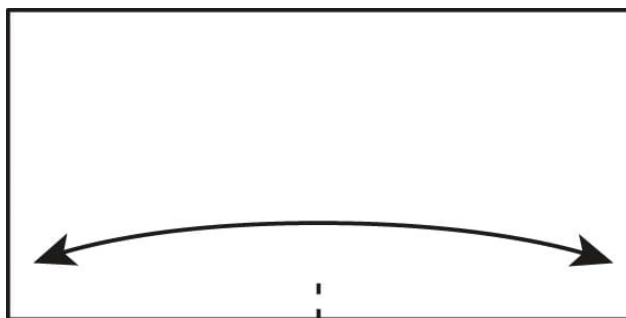
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TIP

For best results, use thick paper or card stock for these stationery boxes.

BASIC FORM



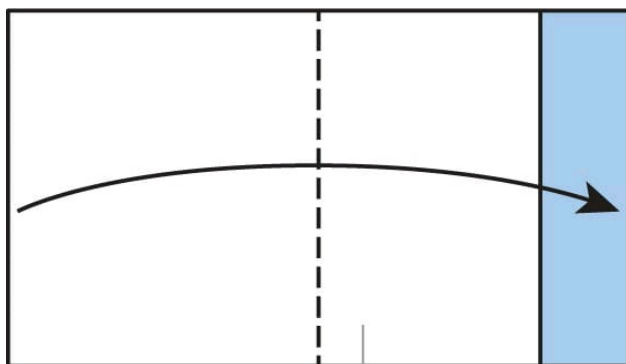
1. Bring the left edge to the right edge and make a small crease on the bottom edge. Unfold.



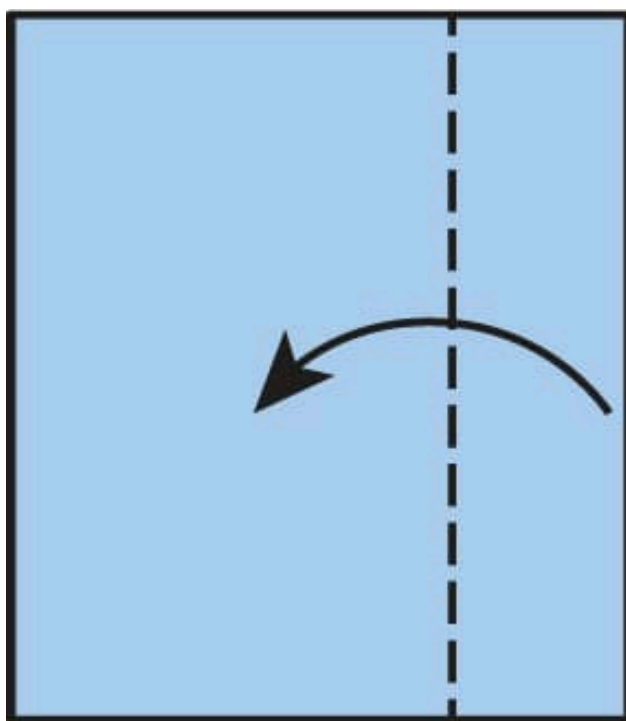
2. Fold the right edge to the crease you created in the previous step and make a small crease along the bottom. Unfold



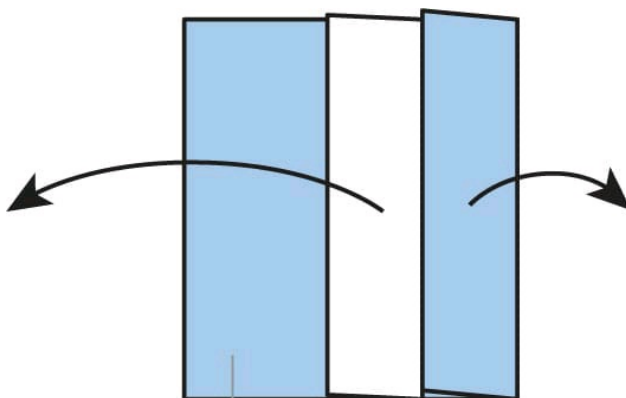
3. Fold the right edge of the paper to the crease you created in the previous step.



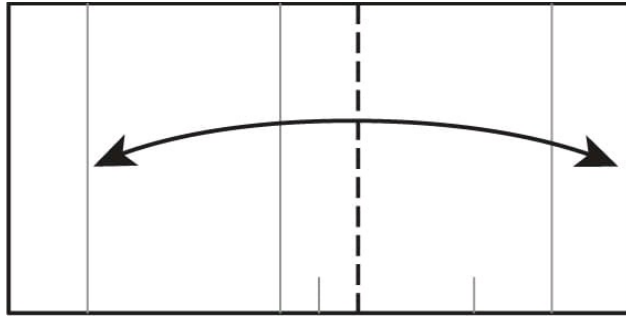
4. Next fold the left edge to the right edge.



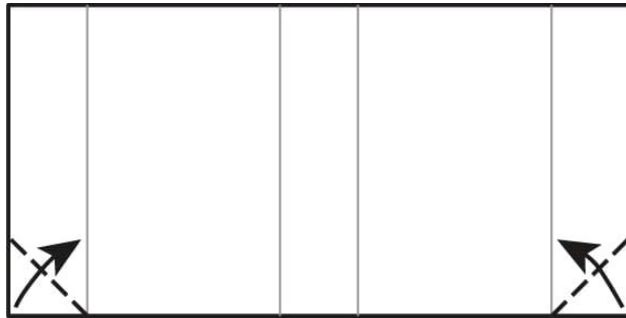
5. Using the layer underneath as a guide, fold the right edge to the left.



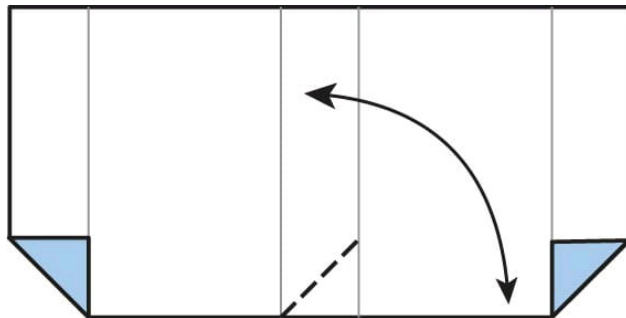
6. Open up the paper completely.



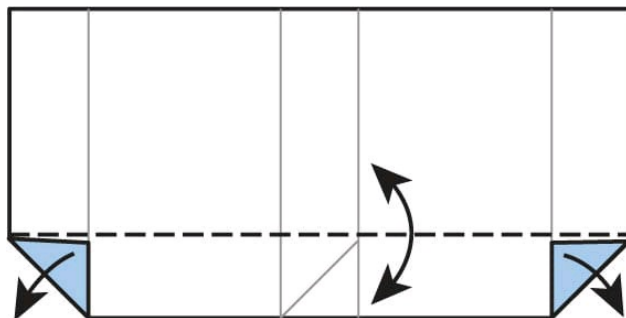
7. Fold the right edge to the leftmost crease and unfold.



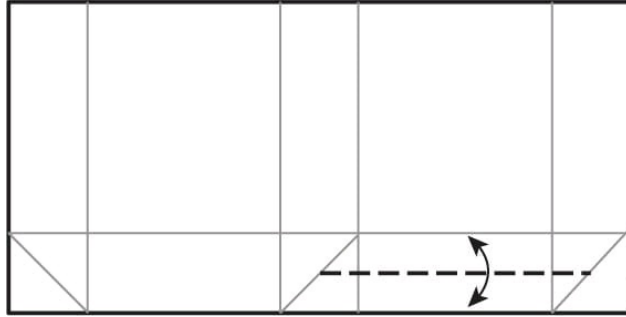
8. Fold the bottom left and right corners diagonally inward.



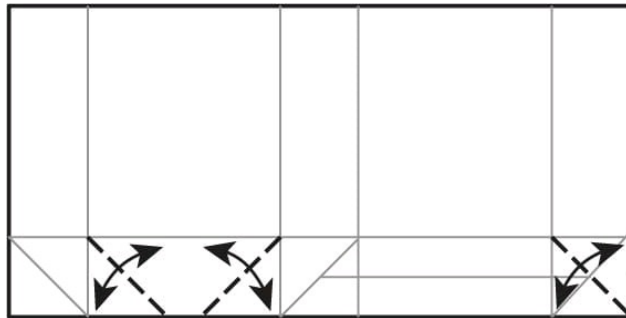
9. Create a small diagonal crease where indicated by folding the bottom right section up to the crease indicated and then unfolding.



10. Fold the bottom edge up along the horizontal edge of the triangular flaps and unfold. Then unfold the triangular flaps.

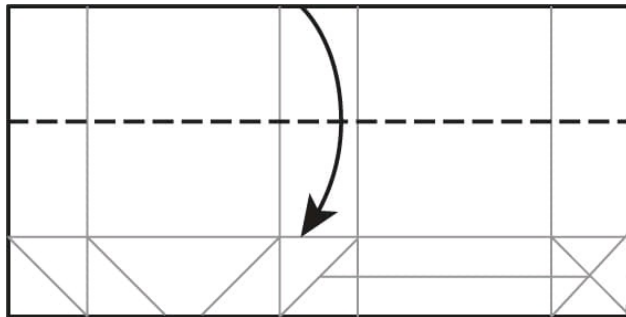


11. Create a small horizontal crease on the right side of the lower section as indicated.

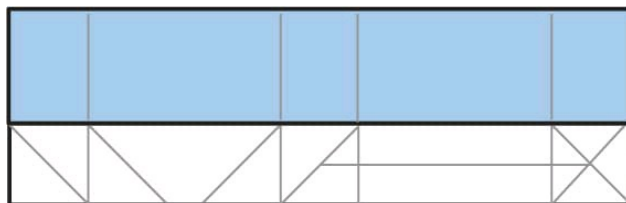


12. Create three more small diagonal folds where indicated. This is the basic form you need to create all the components of your stationery box. The following instructions will show you how to turn this into all the different components you will need.

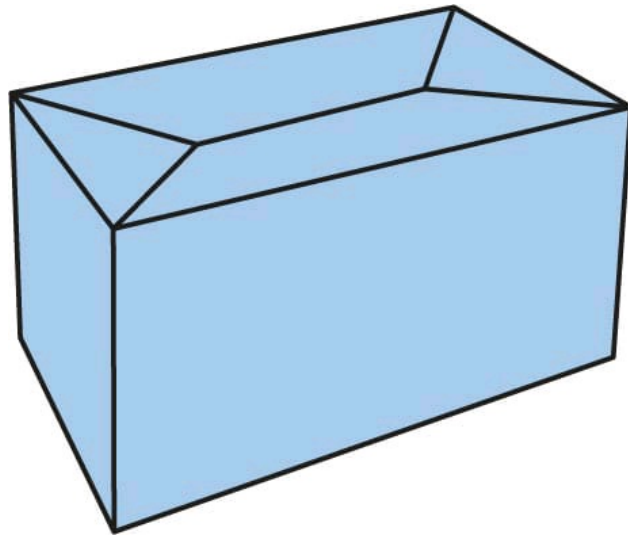
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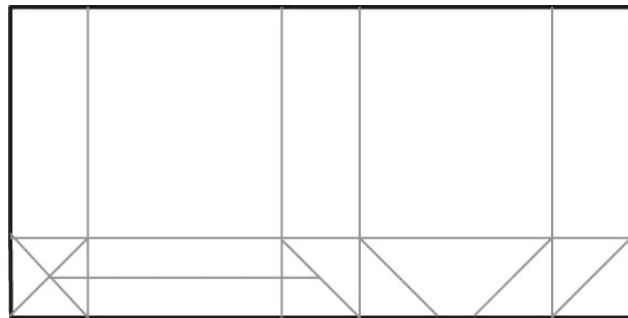
1. Fold the top edge down to the crease that is indicated.



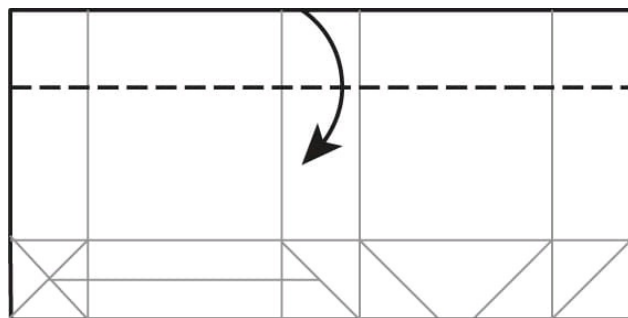
2. Close the box in the same manner as the mini origami drawer shown [here](#), starting on step 27.



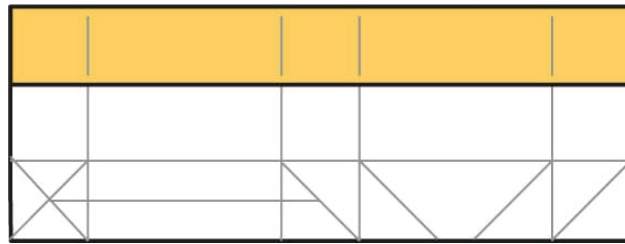
BOX



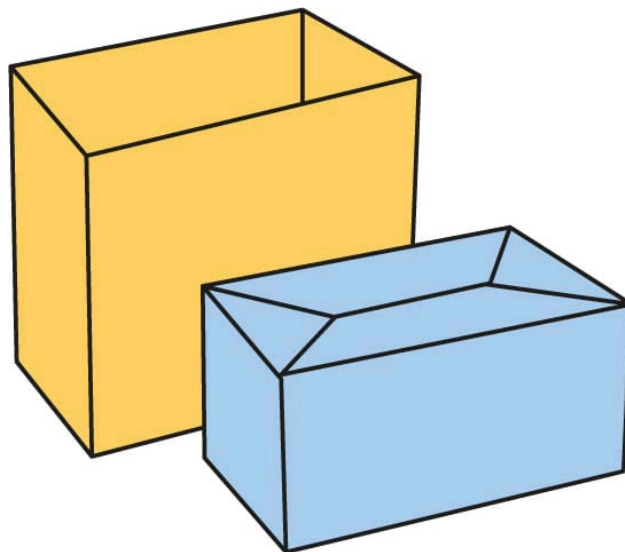
1. To create a matching box that is a bit taller than the lid, use paper that is a tiny bit smaller than what you used for the lid and fold the basic form of this project. If you would like a clean finish, all of the creases from steps 9 to 12 should be completed in the opposite manner, as if the creases are mirrored. The result of doing this is shown here. (This is optional.)



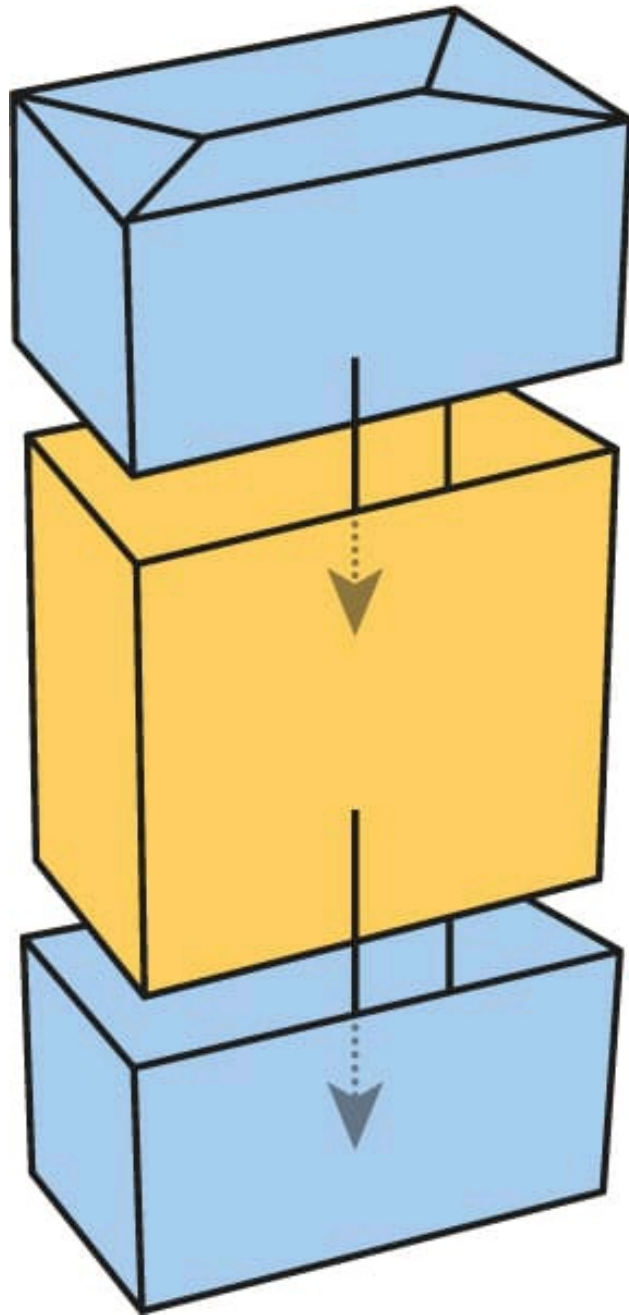
2. Fold the top edge down about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way.



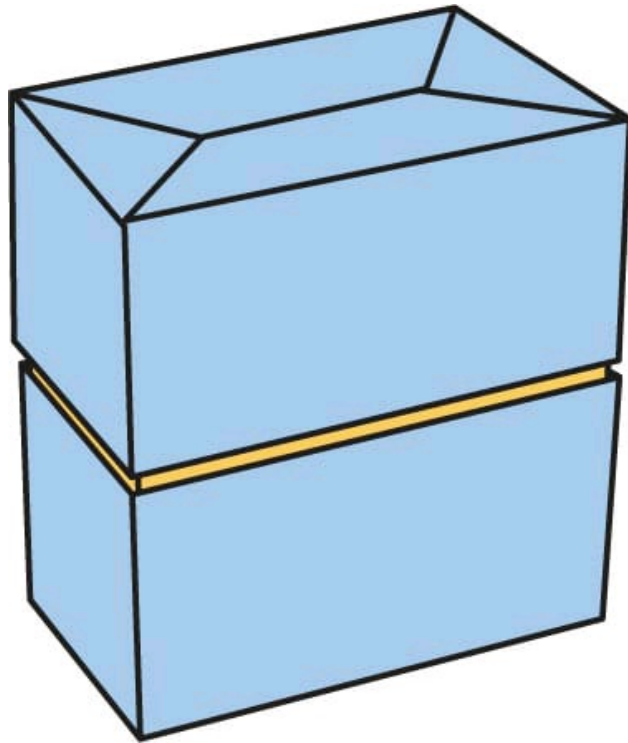
3. Continue closing the box in the same manner as the mini origami drawer shown [here](#), starting on step 27.



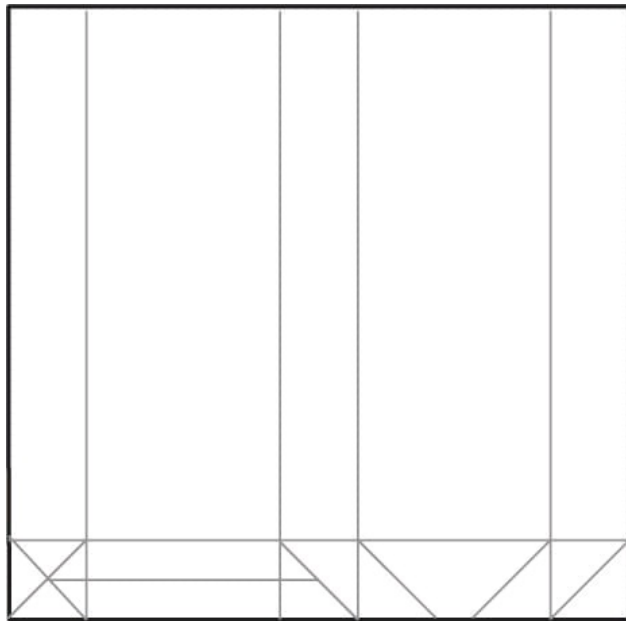
4. Here is a completed lid and box.



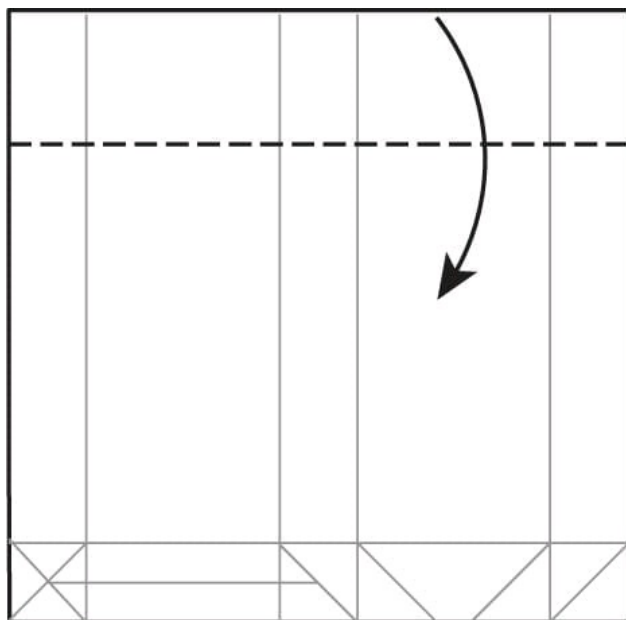
If you make two lids using the same size paper and make one box using paper that is a tiny bit shorter, you can slot the bottom of the box into the lids, creating a unique origami gift box.



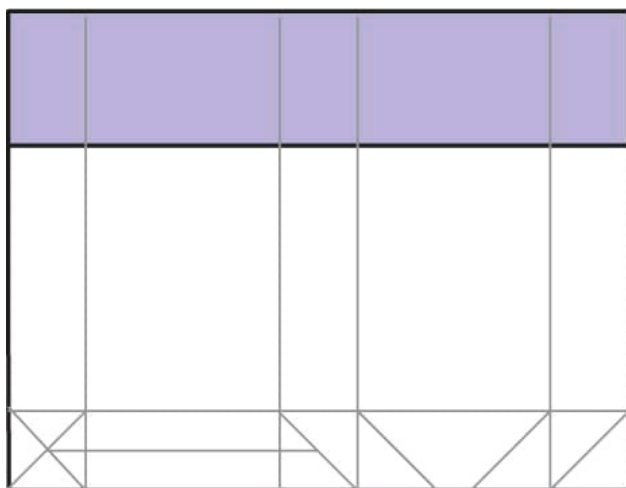
MAKING A TALLER BOX



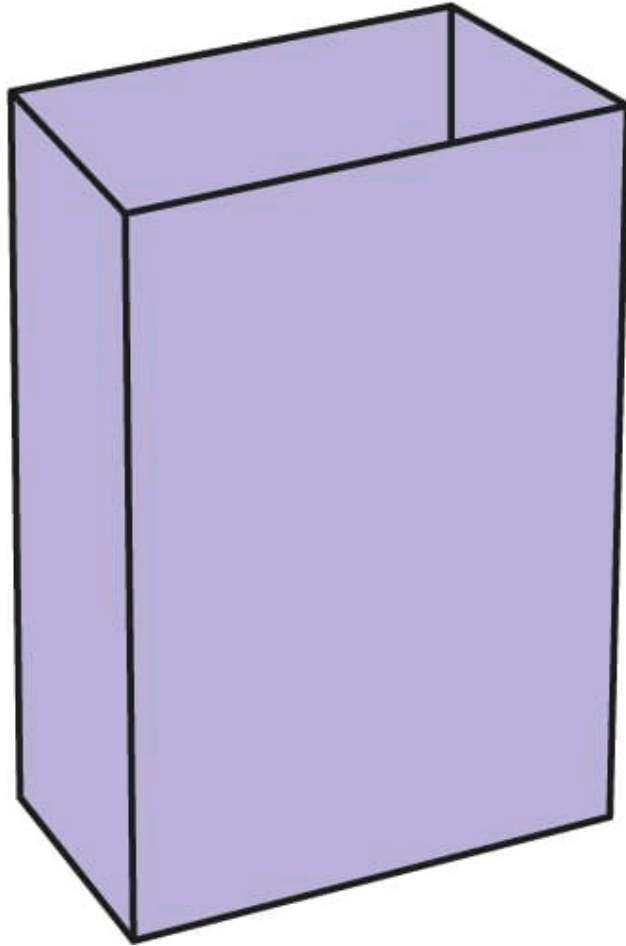
1. Start with square paper, instead of rectangular paper, and fold the box in the same manner as the basic form and box.



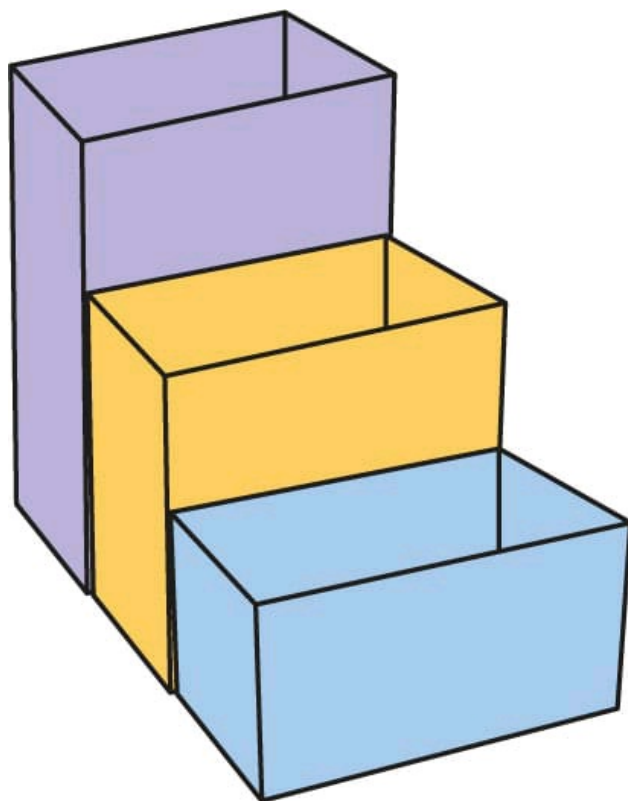
2. You can fold the top edge down as much or as little as you like.



3. Close the box in the manner described for the mini origami drawer shown [here](#), starting on step 27.



4. You can create boxes of different heights and secure them together using glue, ribbon, or washi tape!

**TIP**

These boxes can be made with square or rectangular paper for different results.

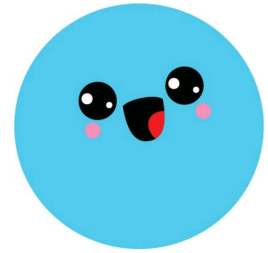
Ice Cream

This pretty, three-dimensional origami ice-cream cone almost looks like the real thing! You can use one or two colors of paper for the ice cream, depending on if you want one “flavor” or two.

ICE CREAM PAPER: 3 to 4 sheets of 6 × 6 inches (15 × 15 cm)

OPTIONAL ICE CREAM STAND PAPER SIZE: 2 × 2 inches (5 × 5 cm)

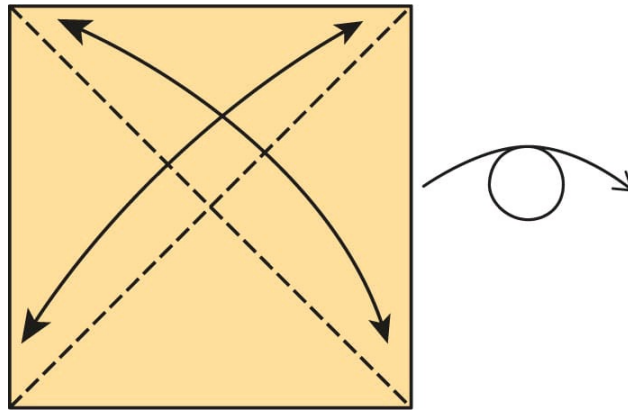
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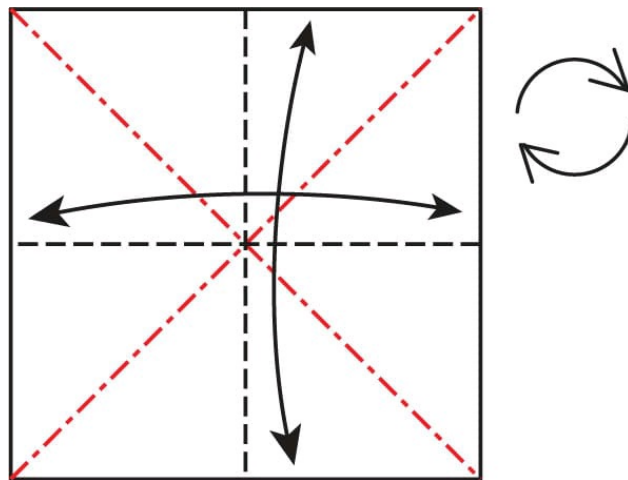




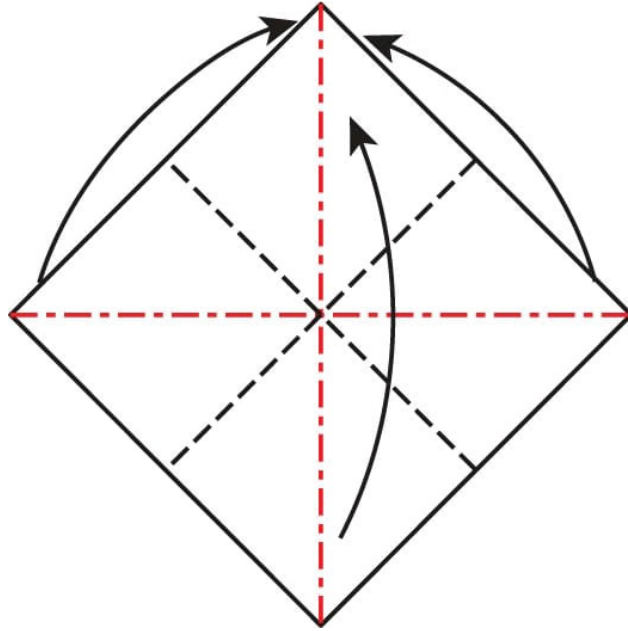
OUTER CONE



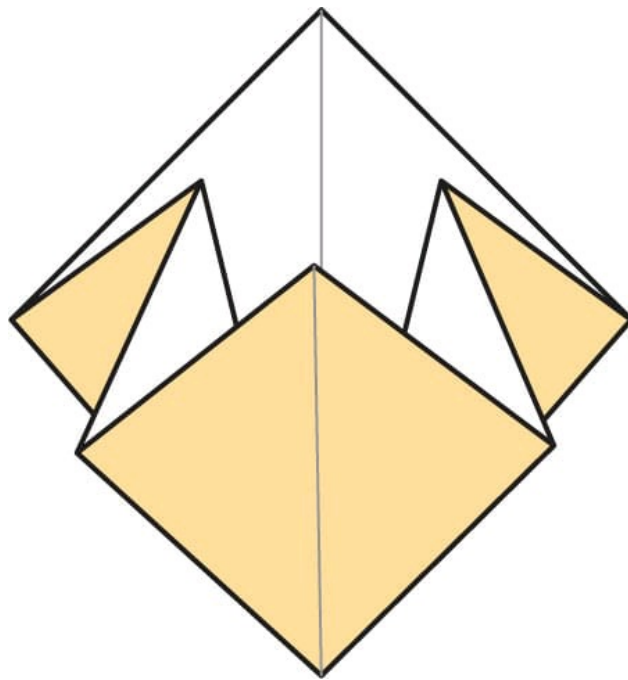
1. With the color side up, fold and unfold the paper in half diagonally in both directions.



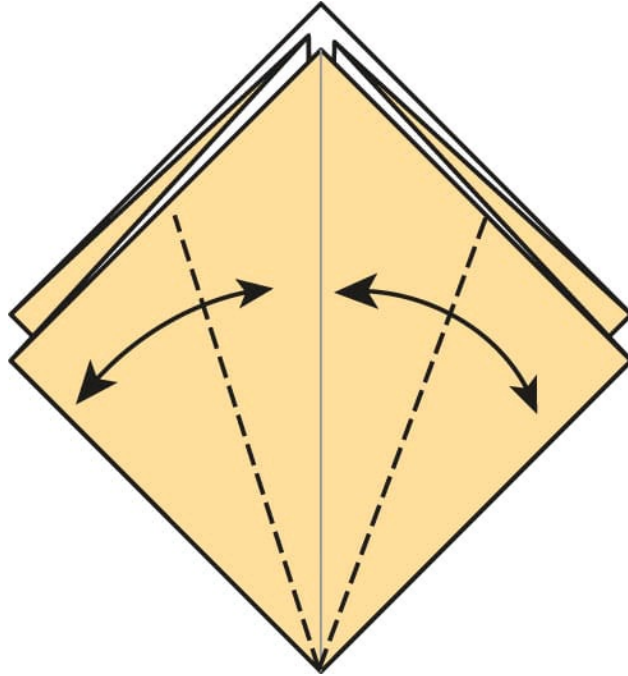
2. Flip the paper over and fold and unfold the paper in half top to bottom and left to right.



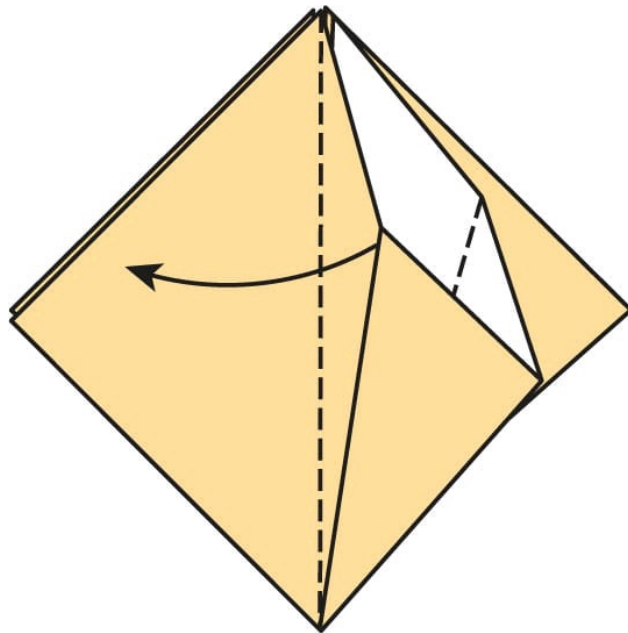
3. Rotate the paper. Bring the left, right, and bottom points up using the creases made in the previous steps.



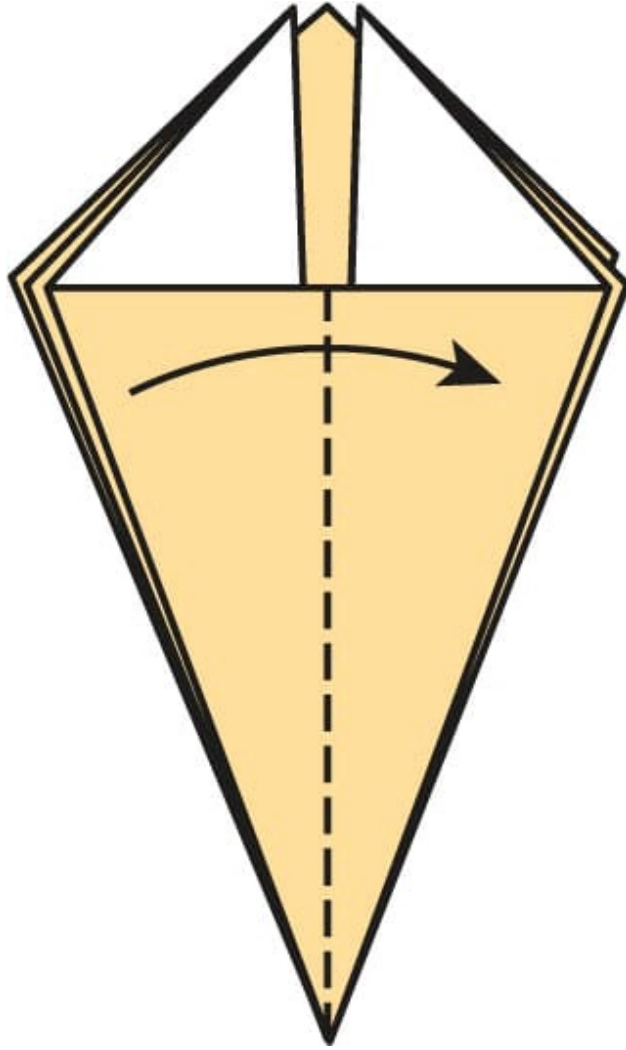
4. Flatten the paper into an origami square base with the open end at the top.



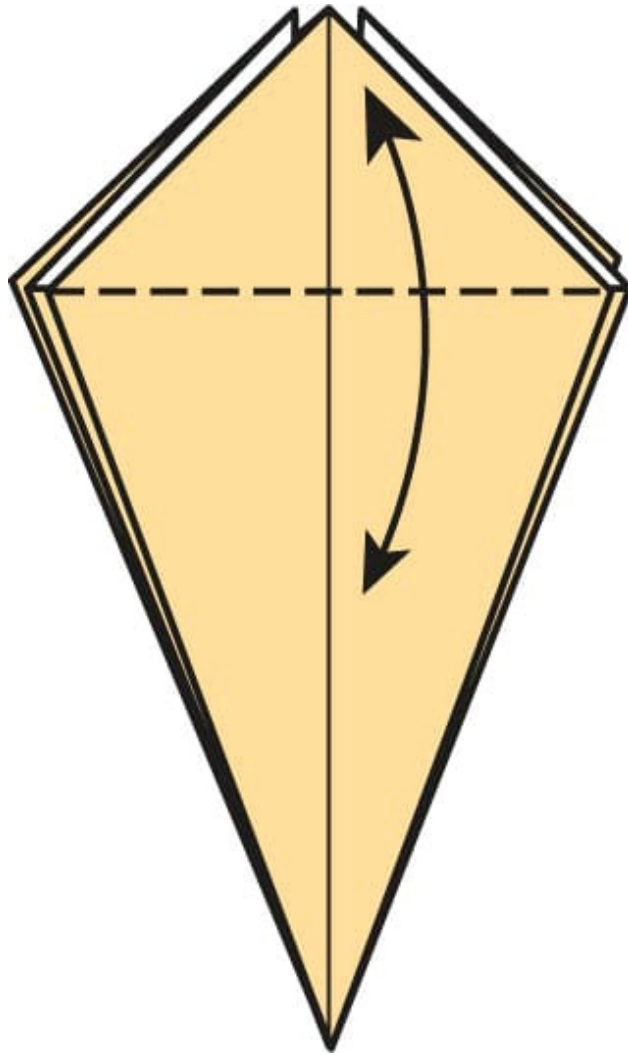
5. Fold the left and right diagonal edges to the central vertical crease and unfold. Repeat on the back.



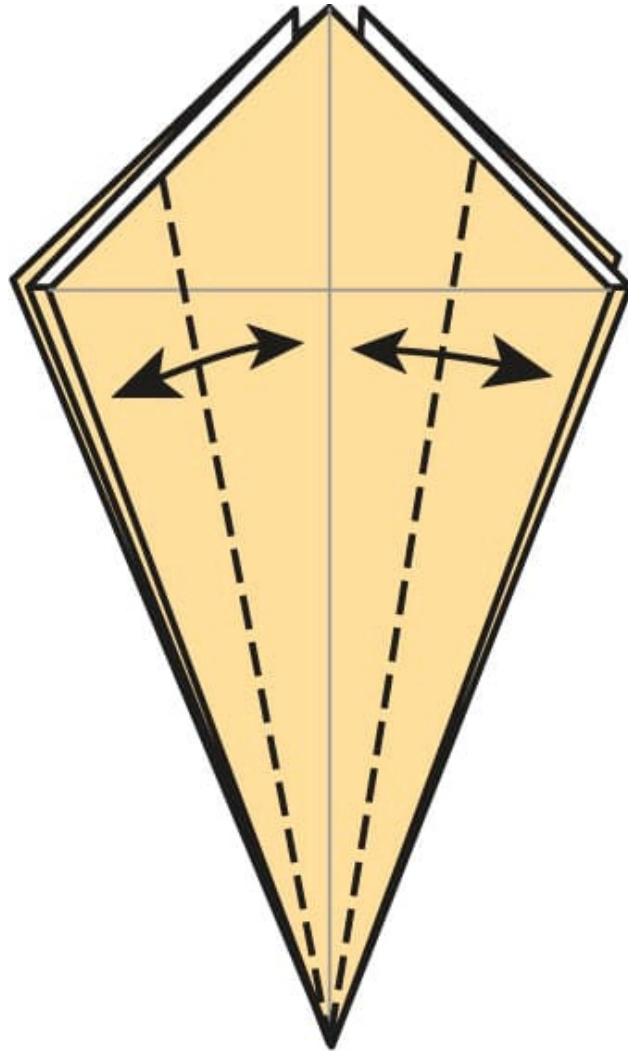
6. Open one of the flaps to the left, squashing the center. Repeat on all of the other sides.



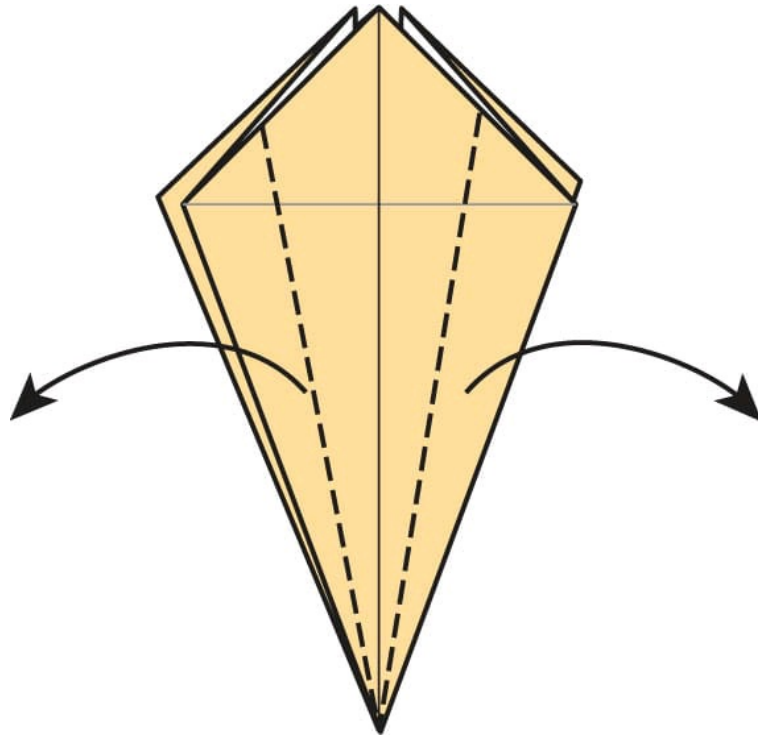
7. Fold one of the flaps to the right so that you are looking at a kite shape.



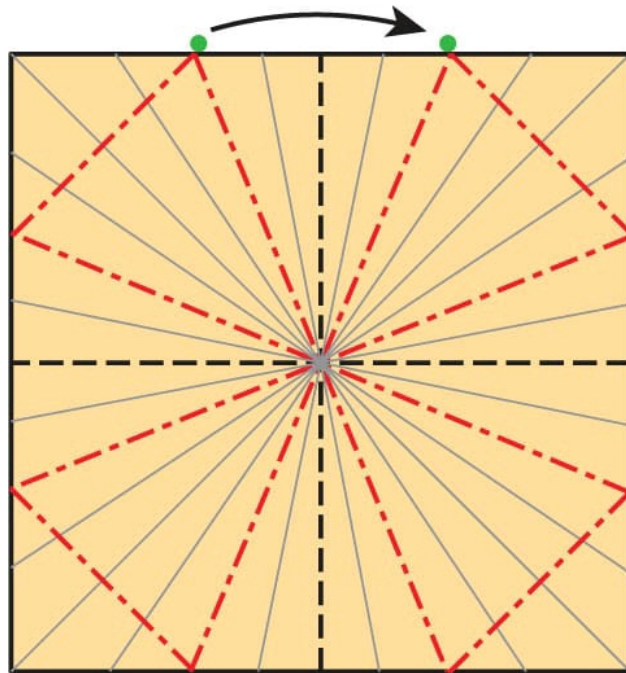
8. Fold the top point down and back up again. Repeat this step on all of the other sides.



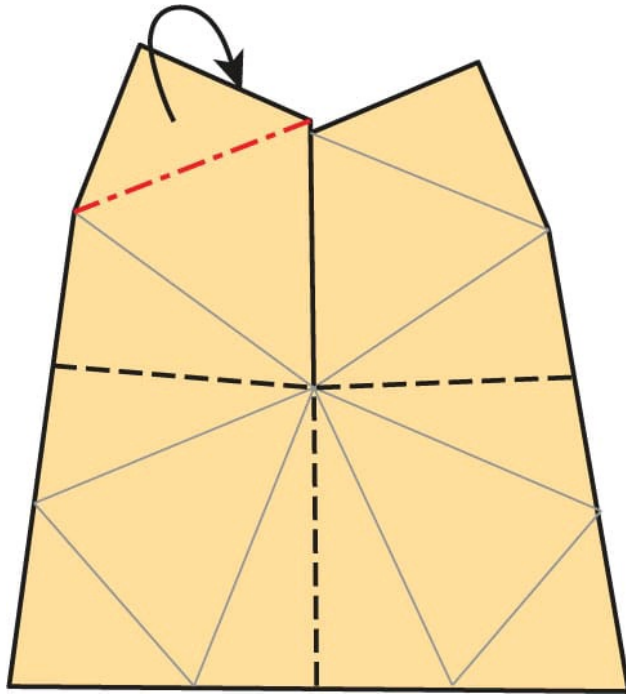
- 9.** Fold the left and right sides to the central vertical crease and unfold. Repeat on all sides.



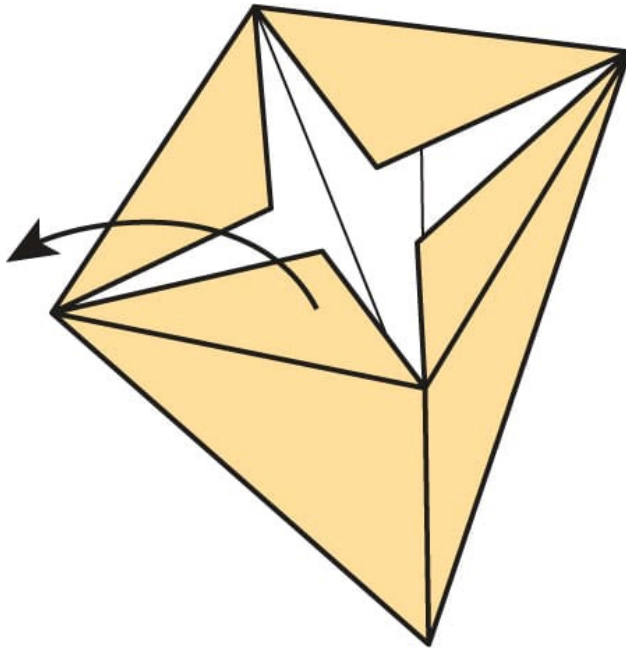
10. Unfold the paper completely, laying it down with the colored side up.



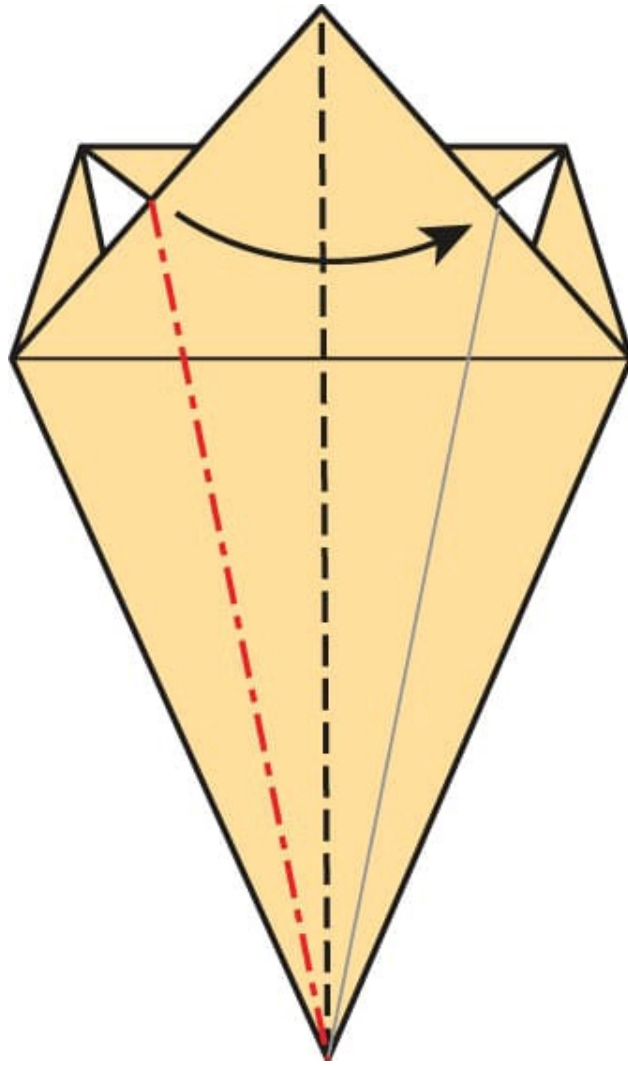
11. Reinforce all of the creases using mountain and valley folds as indicated. Pick up the paper and bring the left point indicated over to the right point indicated.



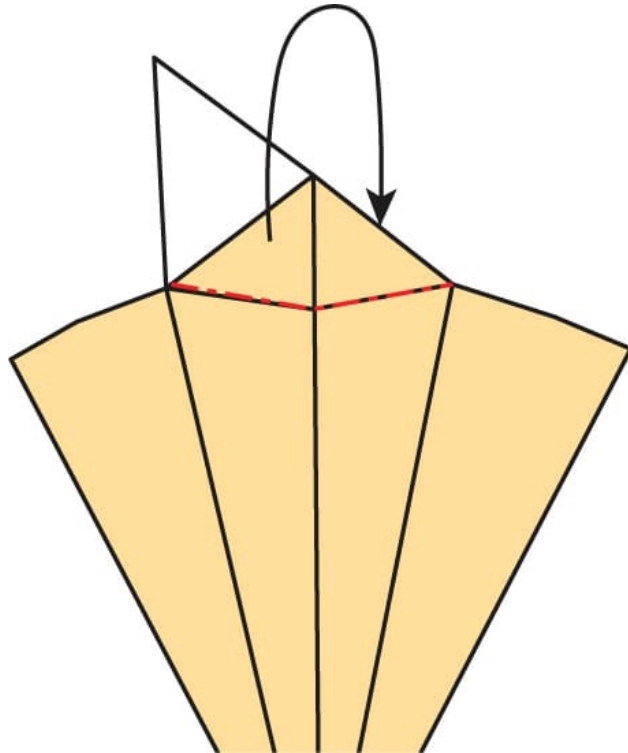
12. Fold the top left point over and behind. Repeat steps 11 and 12 on the other points until you have a closed cone.



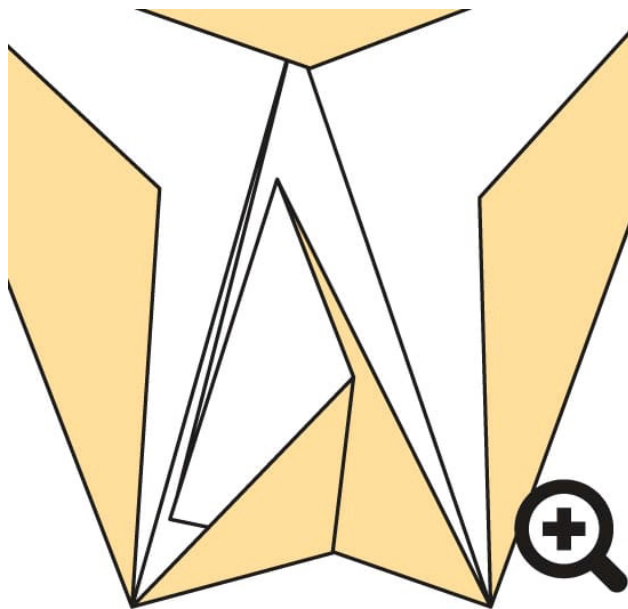
13. Holding the cone, open one of the flaps.



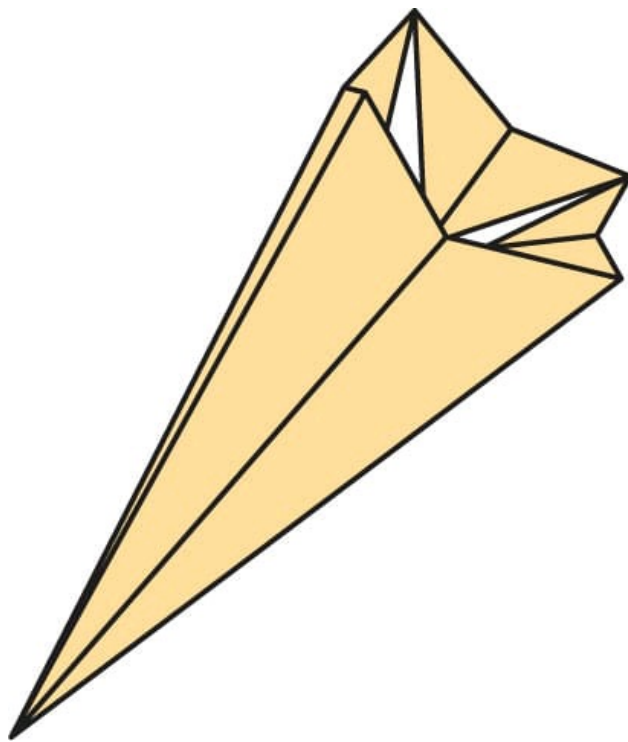
- 14.** Using the existing crease on the left as a mountain fold, bring it over to the right crease that is indicated.



15. Fold the top flap over and down inside the cone along the indicated crease.

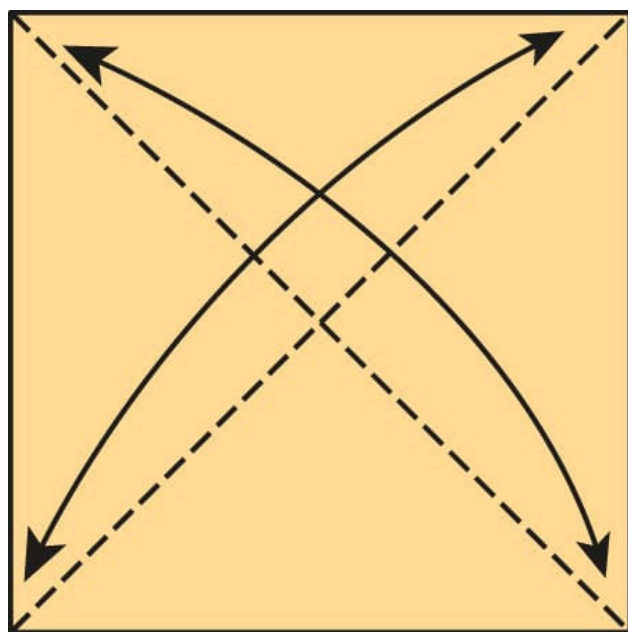


16. If you look inside the cone, this is what you should have.

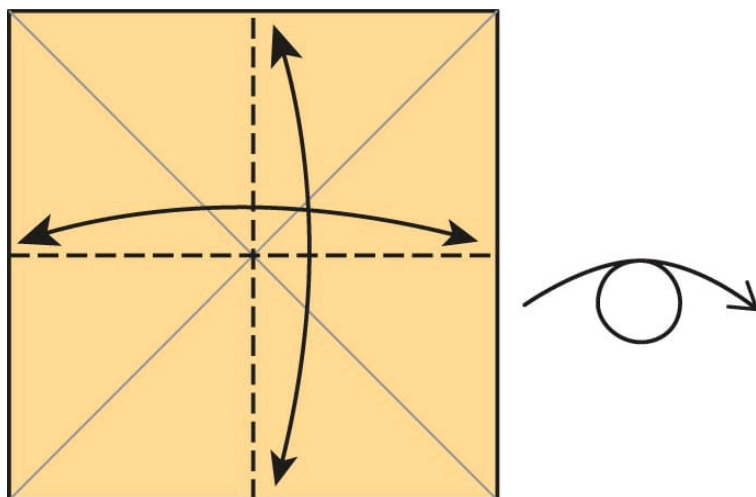


17. Here's your yummy cone!

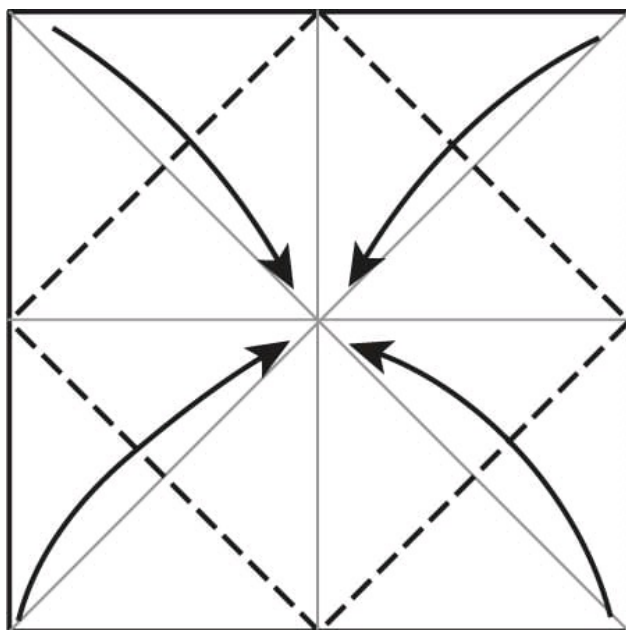
INNER CONE



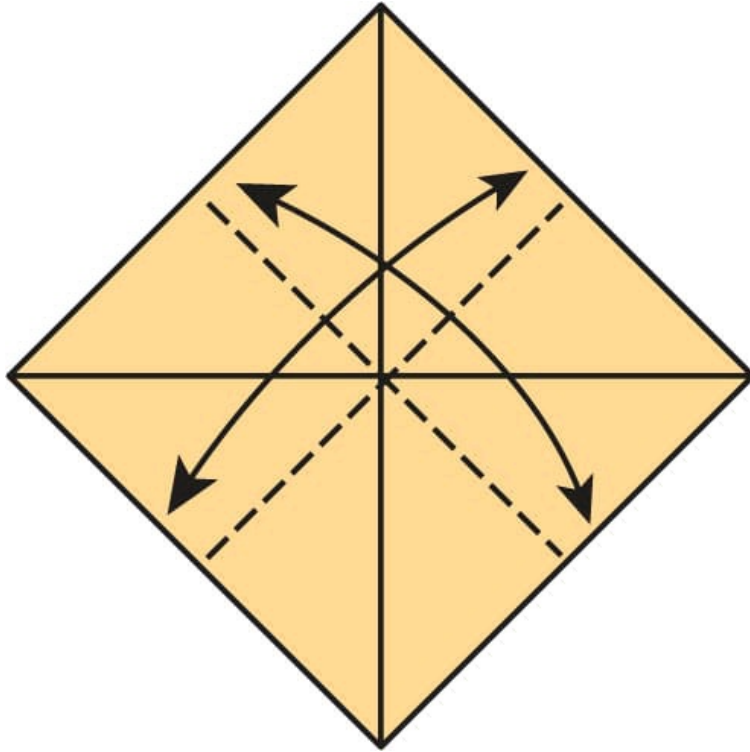
1. With the color side facing up, fold and unfold the paper diagonally in both directions.



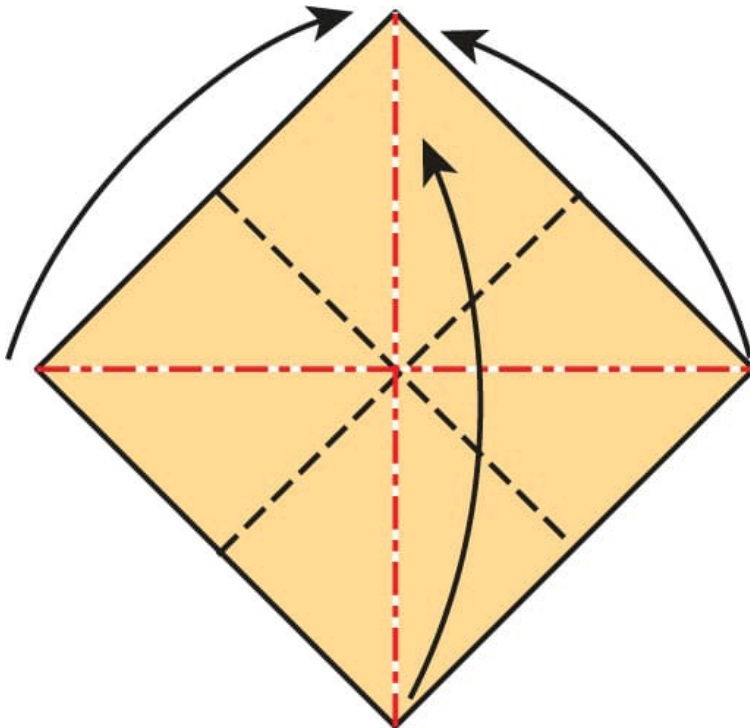
2. Fold and unfold the paper in half top to bottom and left to right.



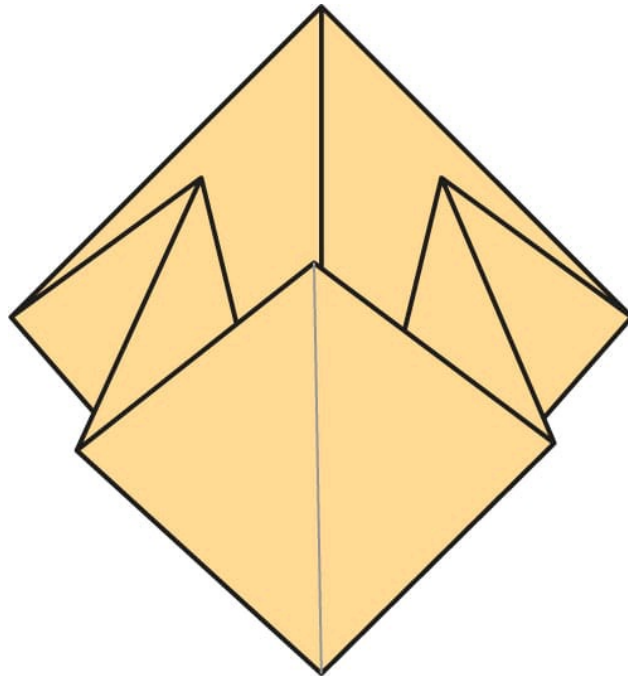
3. Flip the paper over and fold all four corners to the center.



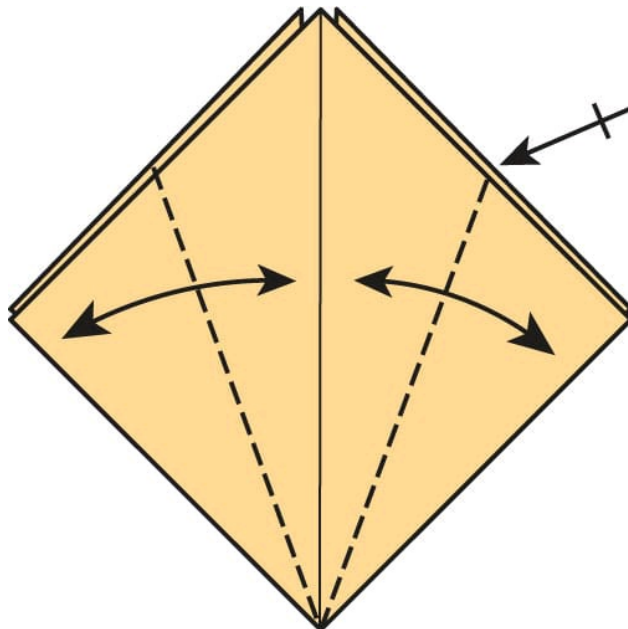
4. Fold and unfold the paper diagonally in half in both directions.



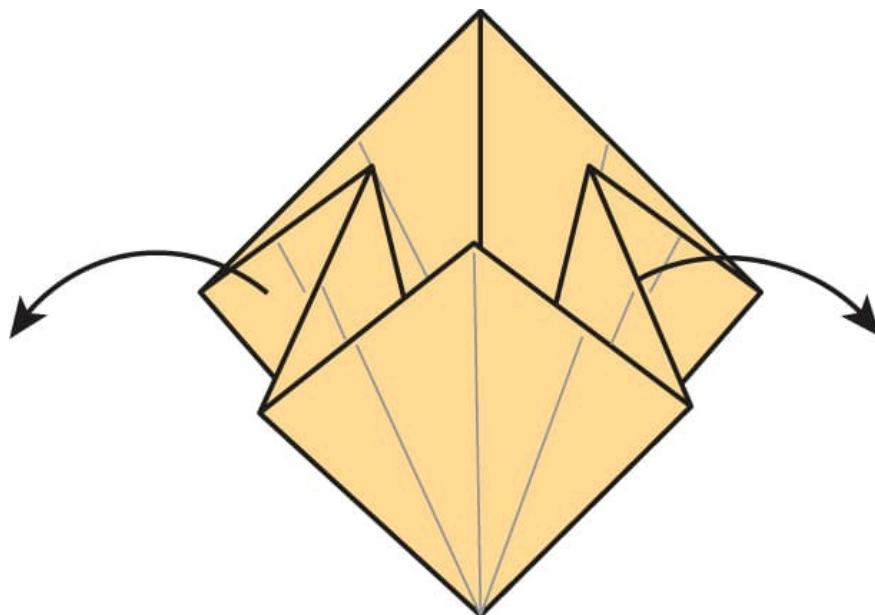
5. Bring the left, right, and bottom points up to the top.



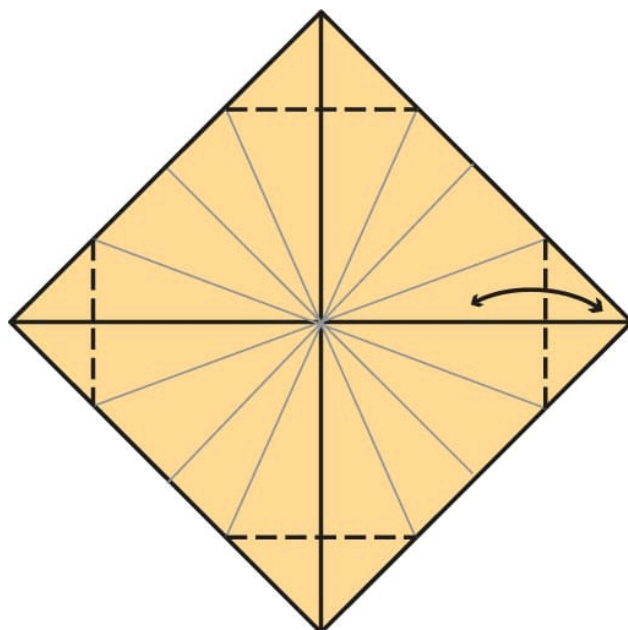
6. Flatten the paper into an origami square base with the open end at the top.



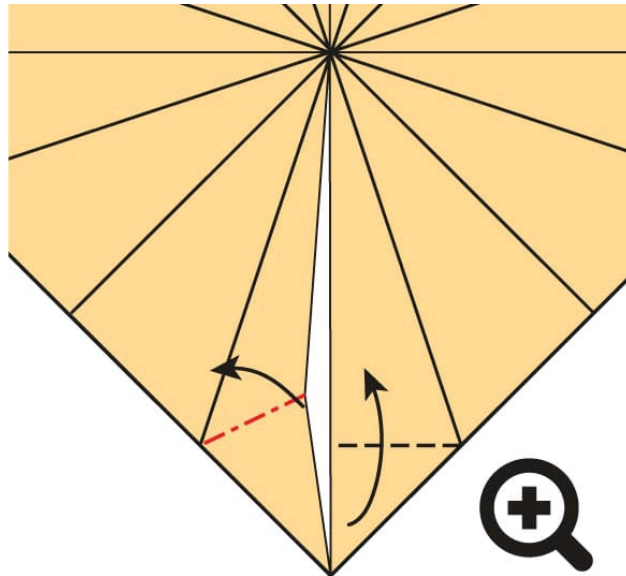
7. Fold the lower left and right diagonal edges to the central vertical crease and unfold. Repeat on the back.



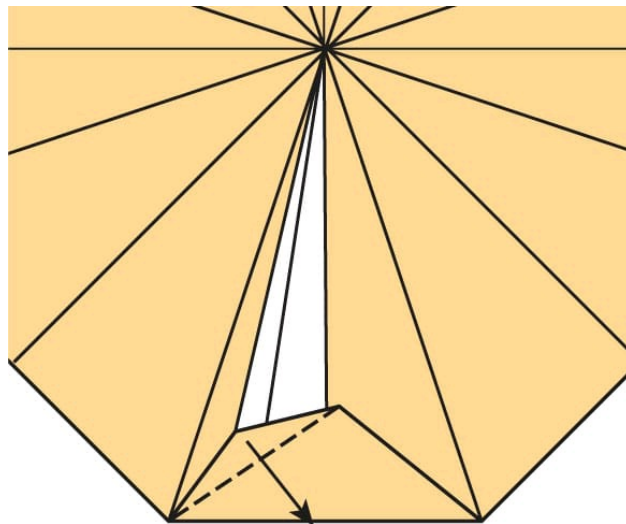
8. Open the paper back up to step 4.



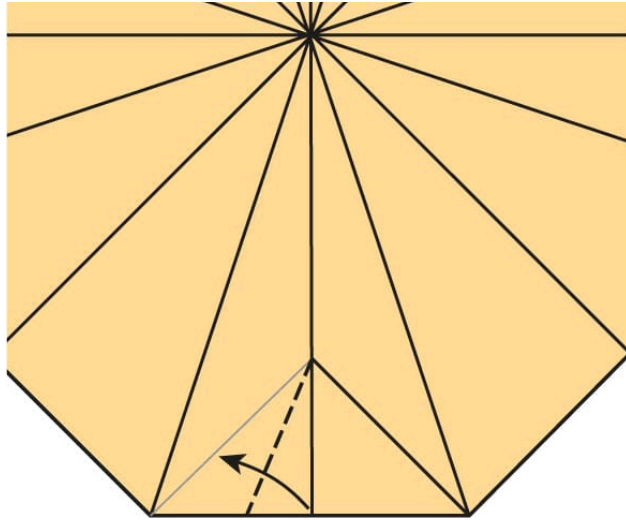
9. Using the existing creases as a guide, fold all four corners inward and unfold.



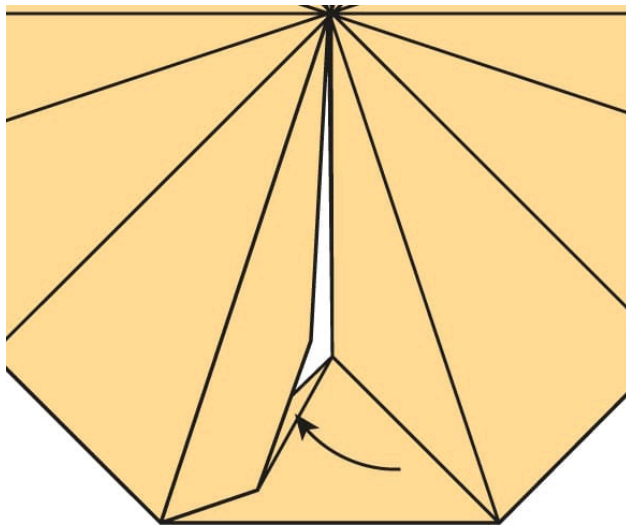
- 10.** Focus on the bottom point of the paper. Using the existing fold, open the left side of the corner while pushing the right side of the corner up.



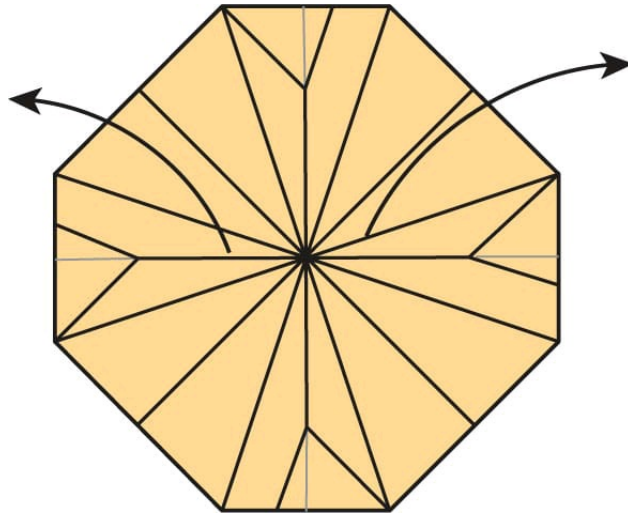
- 11.** Push the left side of the flap back down on top.



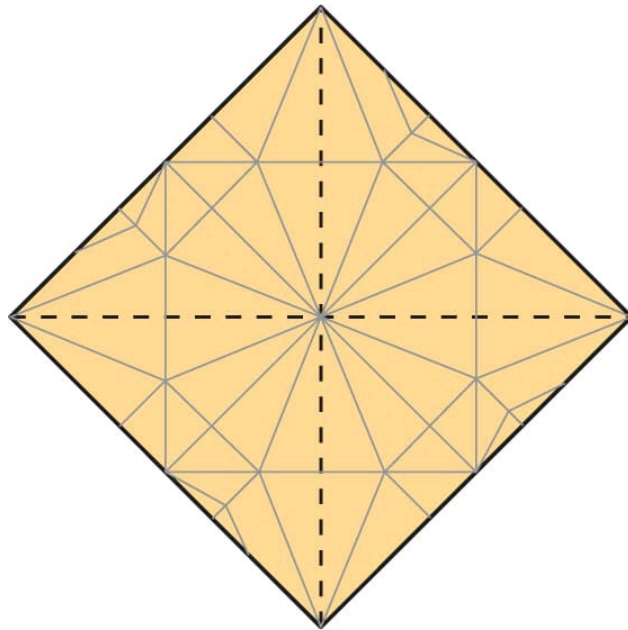
12. Make the indicated diagonal crease on the left section.



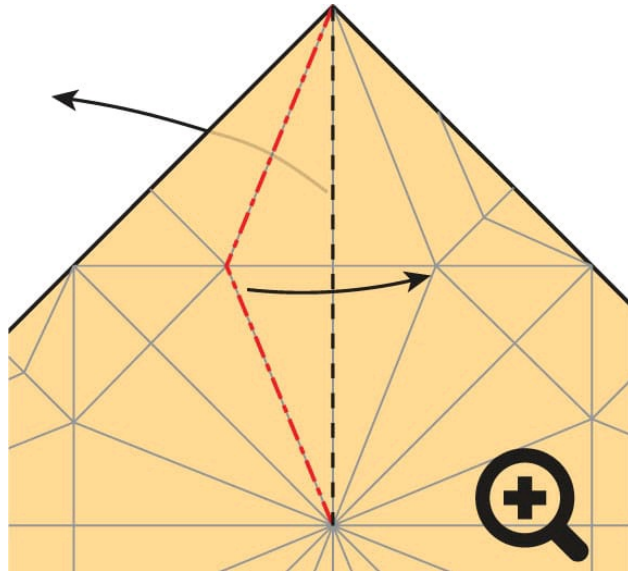
13. Reverse the fold you created in the previous step so it sits inside. Repeat steps 10 to 13 on all the other corners.



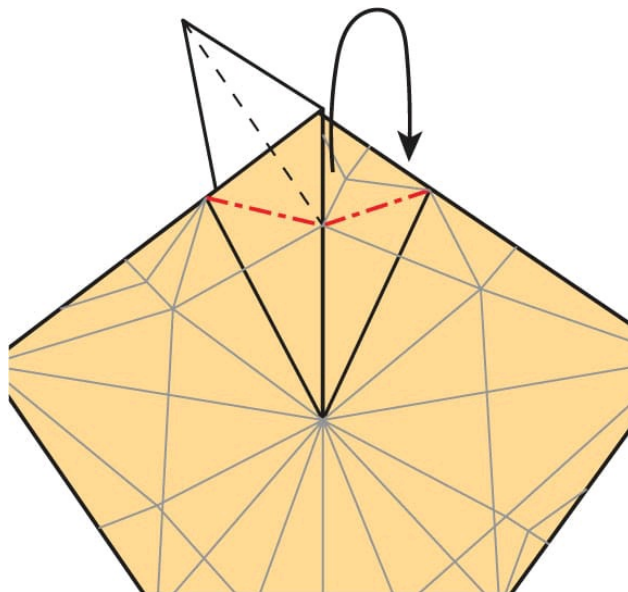
14. Open the paper up completely with the colored side facing up.



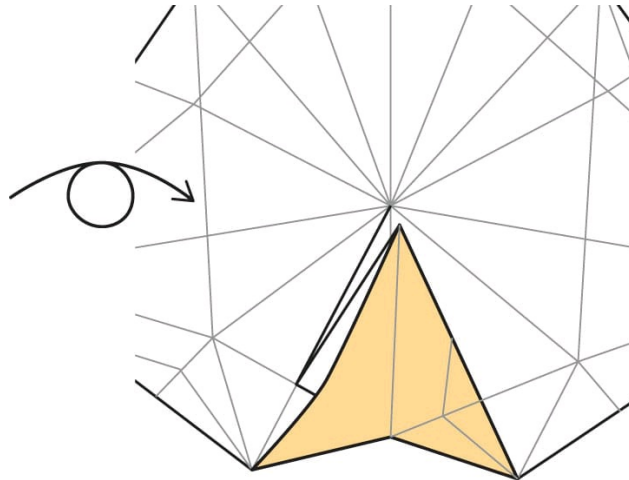
15. Refold the indicated creases.



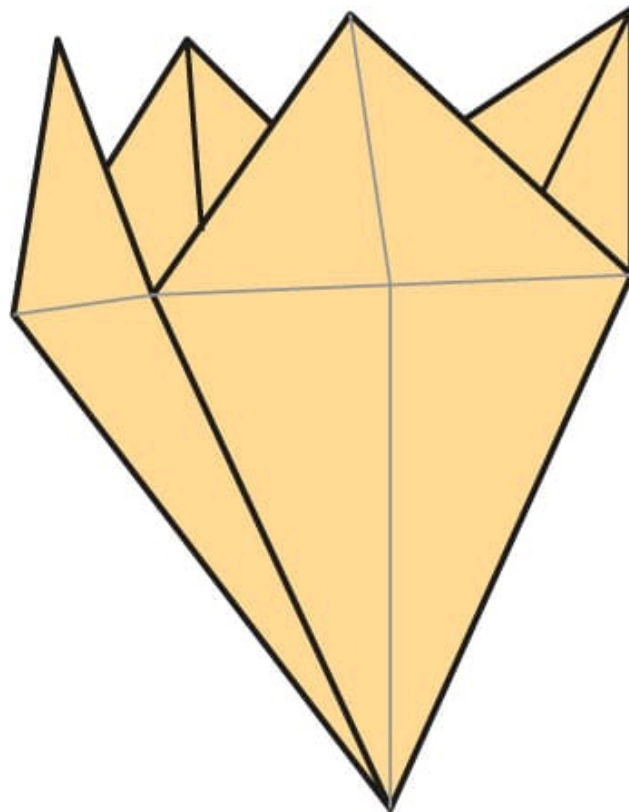
- 16.** Focusing on the top corner, bring the indicated mountain folds over to the right in a similar manner to the outer cone.



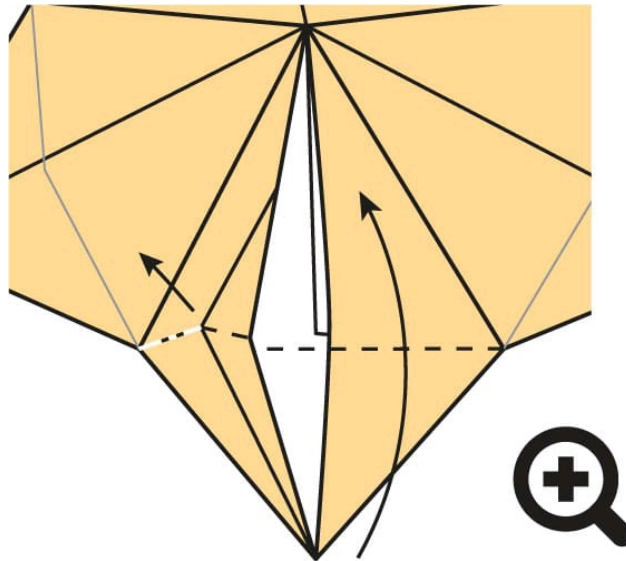
- 17.** Fold the top section down and behind along the indicated creases.



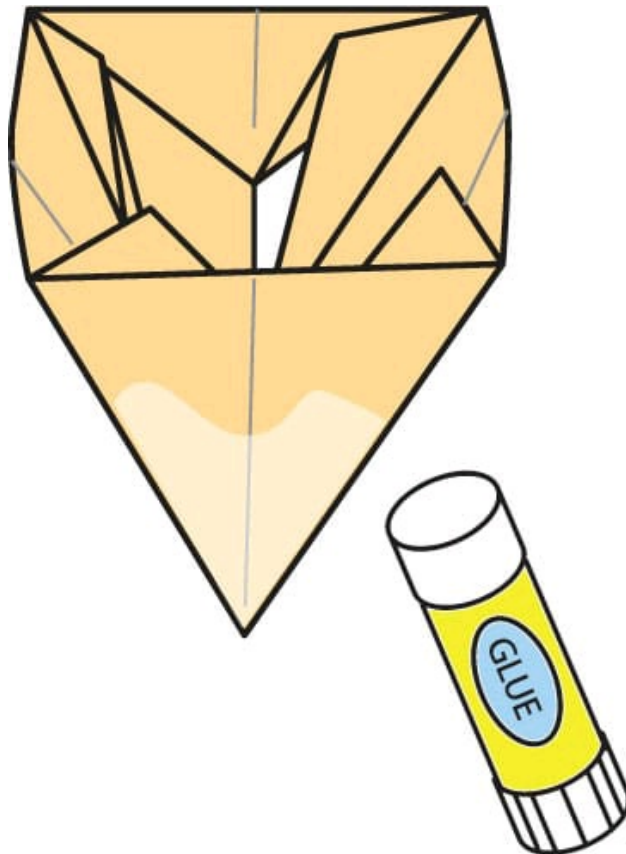
- 18.** Flip the paper over to make sure that it is folded correctly (it should look like this).



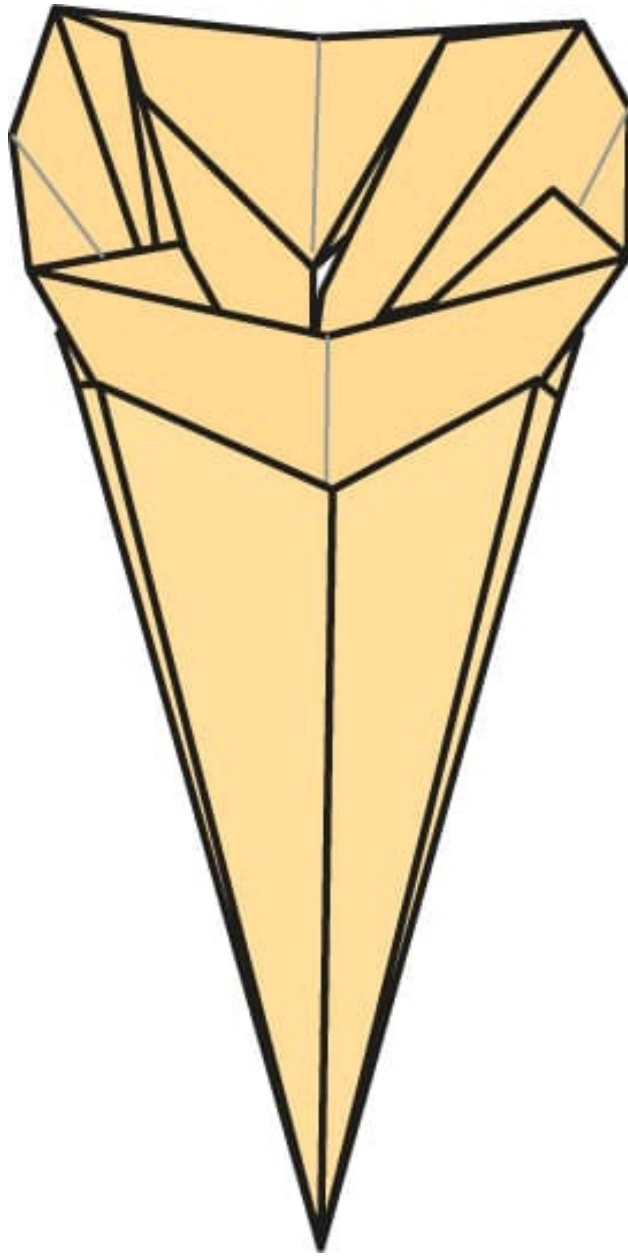
- 19.** Repeat steps 16–18 on the other three corners. Here is how your inner cone should now look.



20. Refold steps 10 to 13 on each point of the cone.

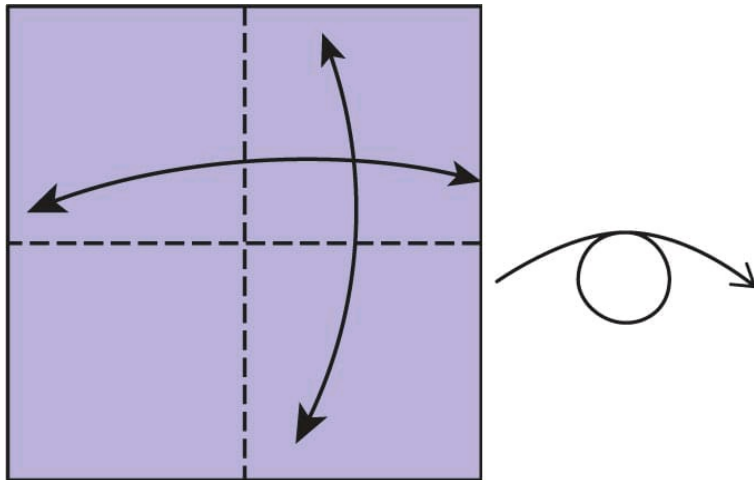


21. Apply a dab of glue on the lower part of the inner cone.

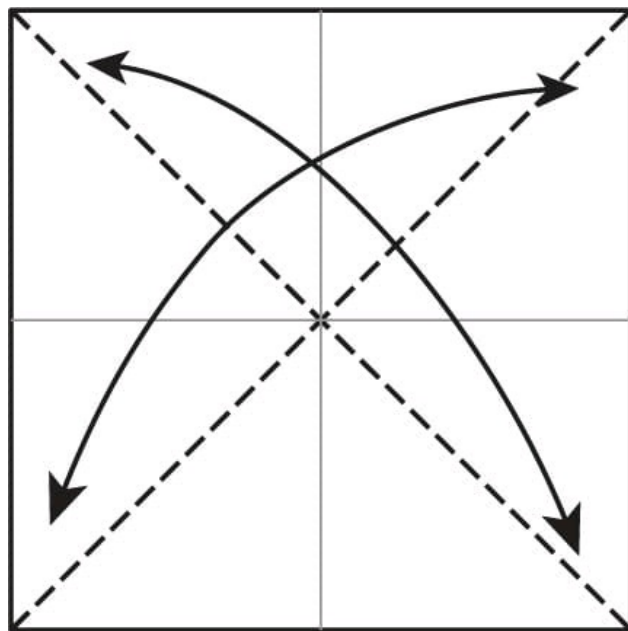


22. Slot the inner cone into the outer cone. Allow the glue time to dry.

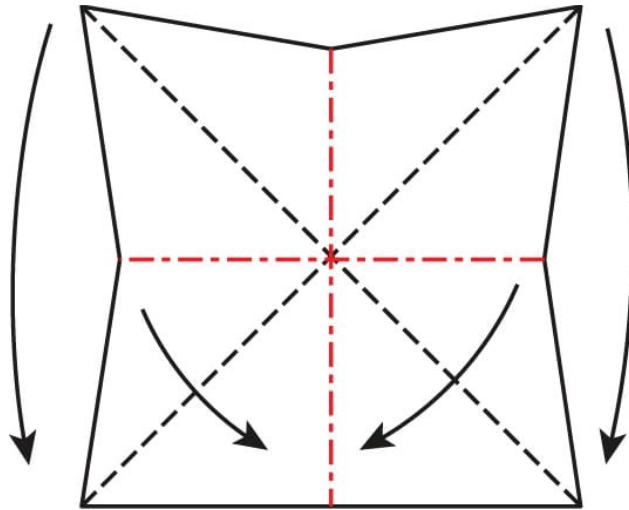
ICE CREAM



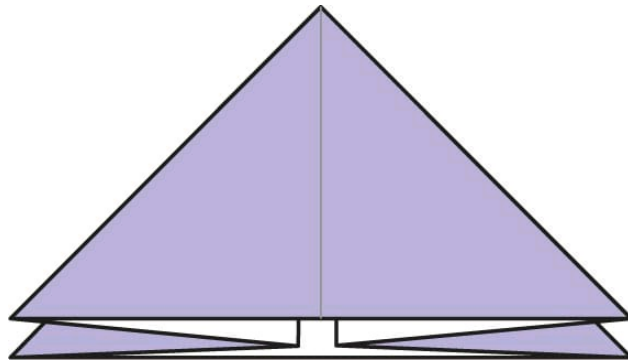
1. With the color side up, fold and unfold the paper in half top to bottom and left to right.



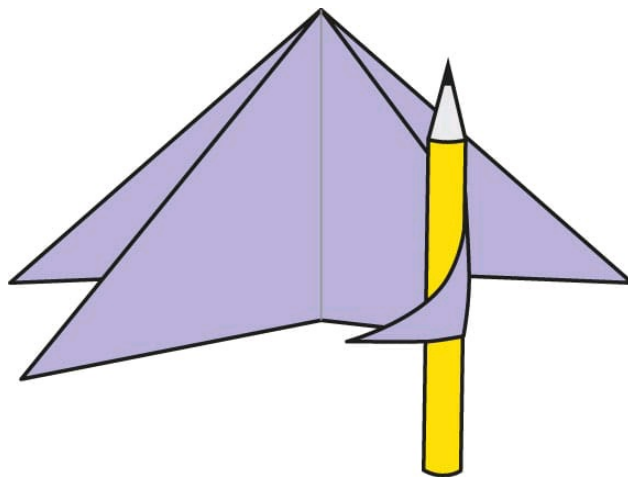
2. Flip the paper over and fold and unfold it in half diagonally in both directions.



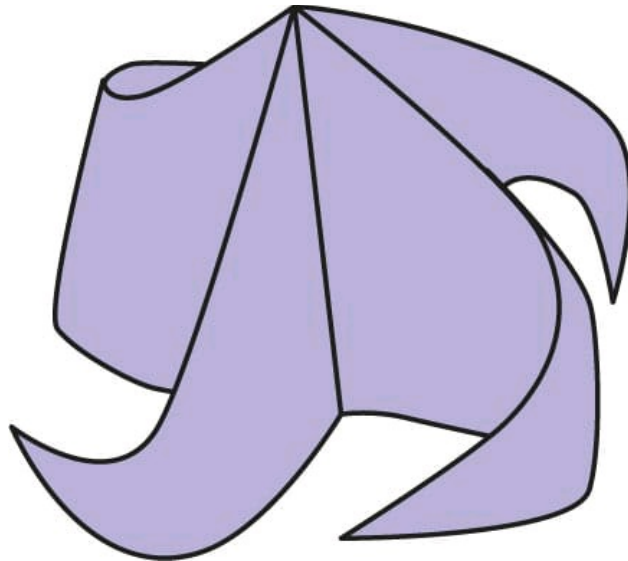
3. Bring the top left and right points down while pushing the left and right central points inward.



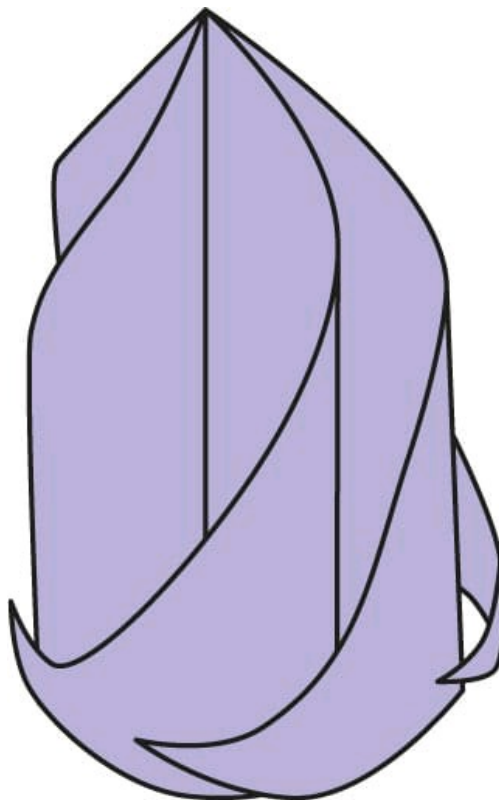
4. Now you have an origami water bomb base.



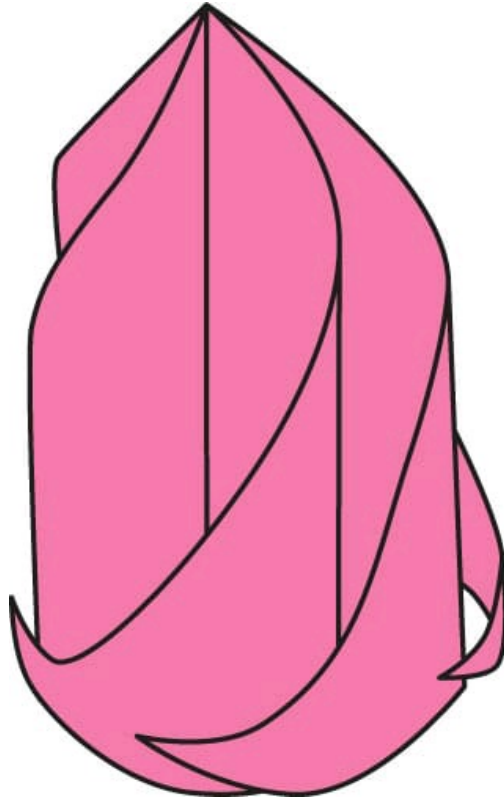
5. Use something cylindrical, such as a pencil, to curl a flap in a clockwise direction.



6. Continue to curl each of the flaps clockwise.



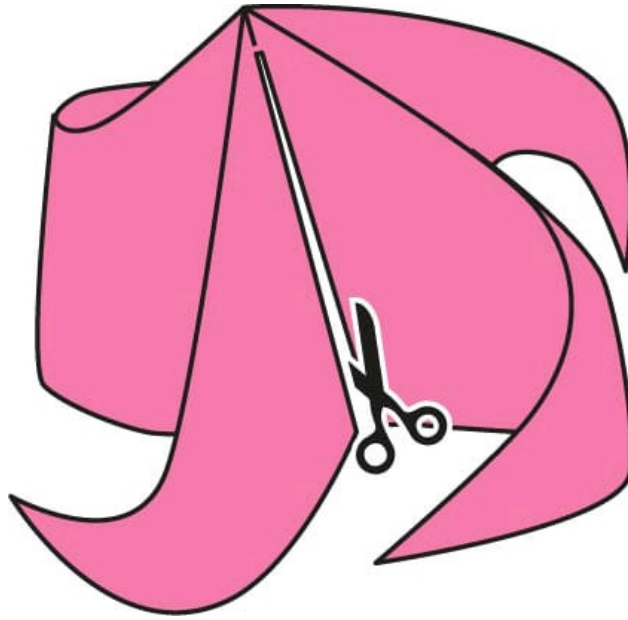
7. You've got some great ice cream! You can slot this into the inner flaps of the cone (see step 10) and enjoy it just as it is, or ...



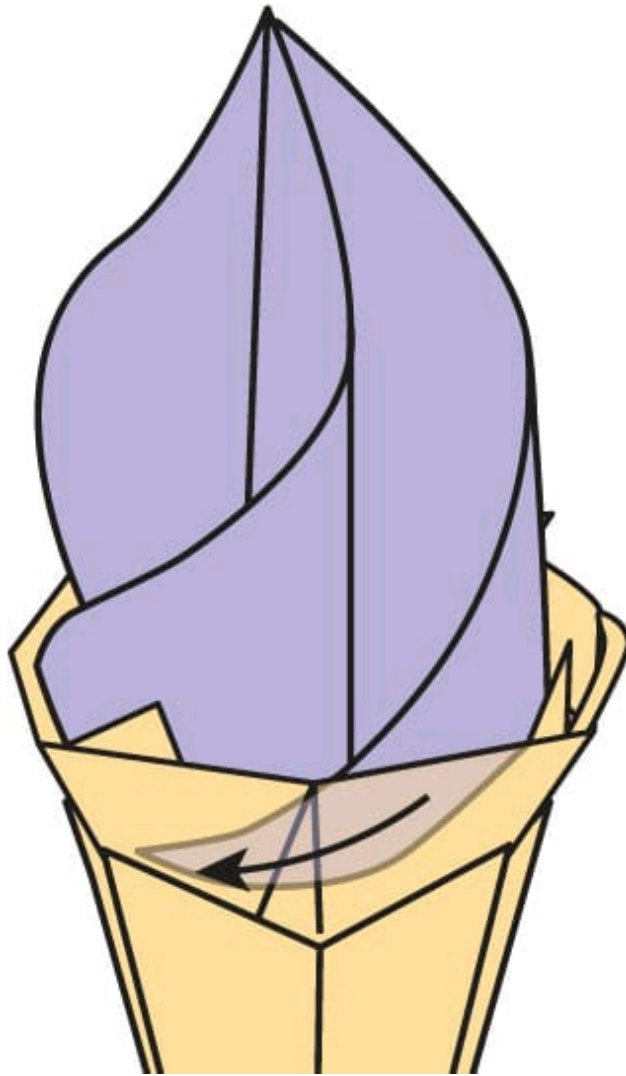
8. ... if you are having two “flavors,” repeat steps 1 to 6 using your second sheet of paper.

FLAVOR TIP

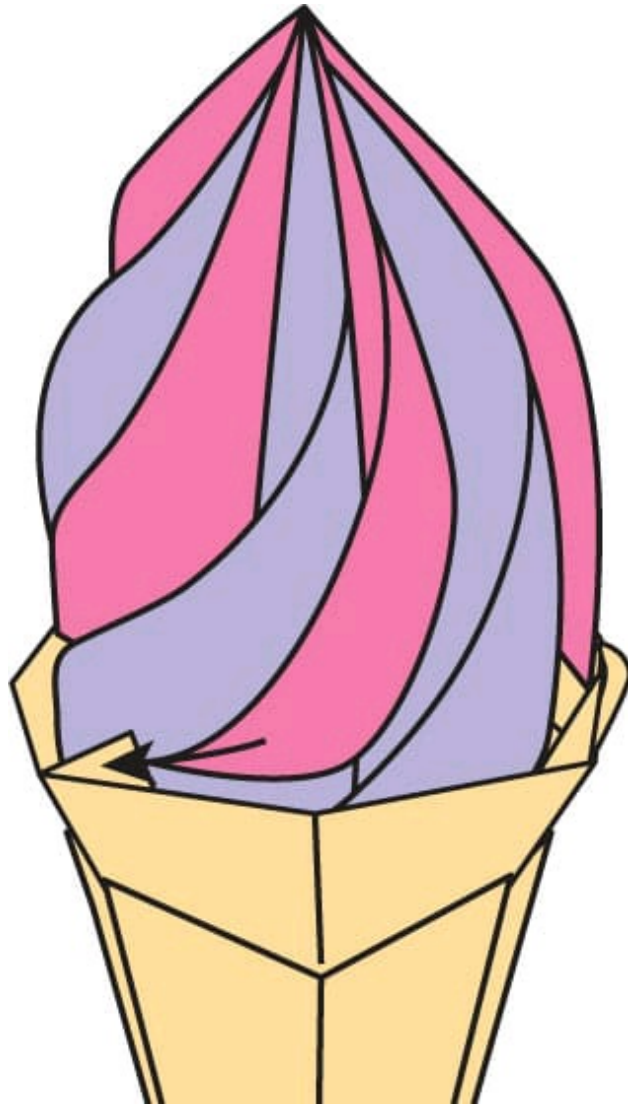
For a fuller-looking ice cream, use another sheet of paper that is the same color. Or for ice cream that is two “flavors,” use another sheet of a different color.



9. Open the second ice cream up a bit and cut slots as indicated on each side without cutting all the way to the top.

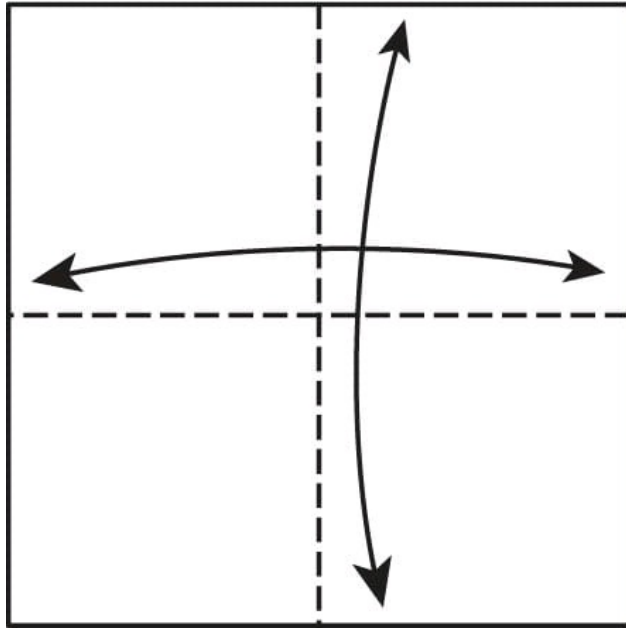


10. Slot the first ice cream flavor into the inner flaps of the cone.

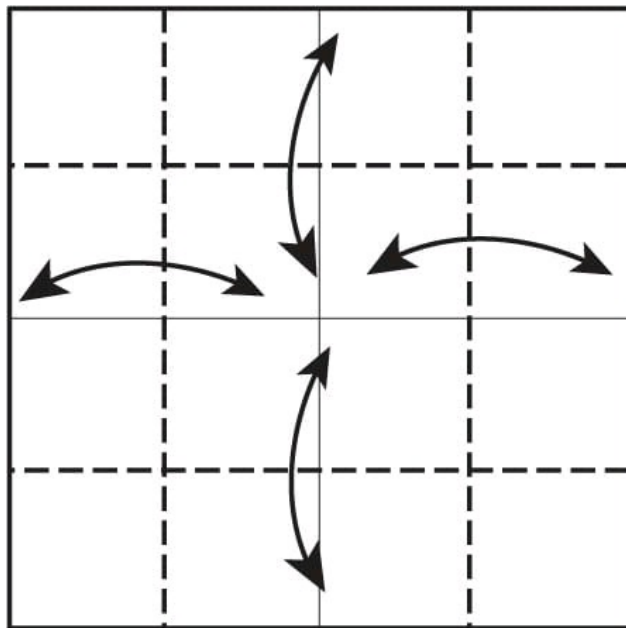


11. Slot the second flavor (if using) over the top, in between each section of the first flavor, and into the small flaps you created in step 20 of the inner cone.

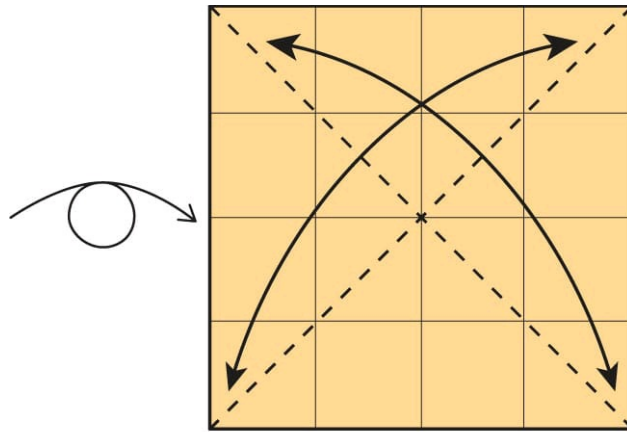
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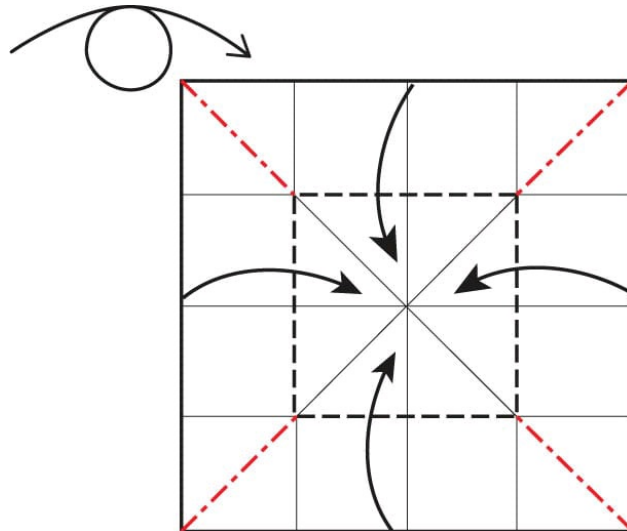
1. Fold and unfold your paper in half top to bottom and left to right.



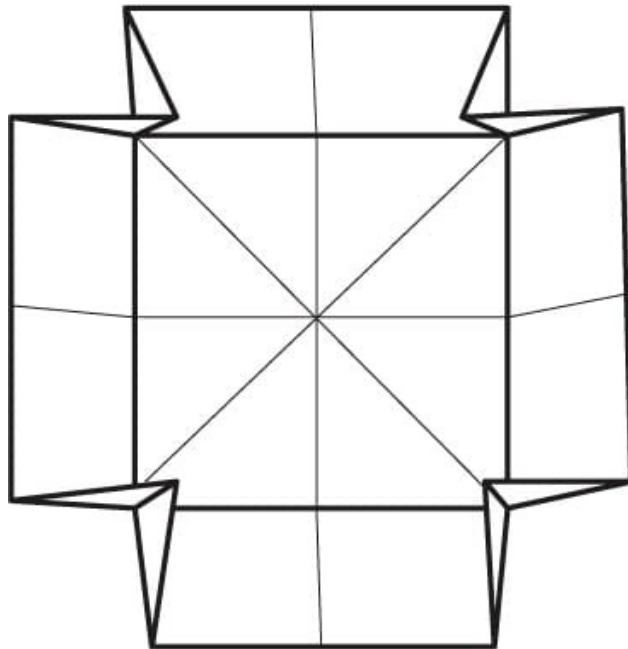
2. Fold each edge of the paper to the middle and unfold.



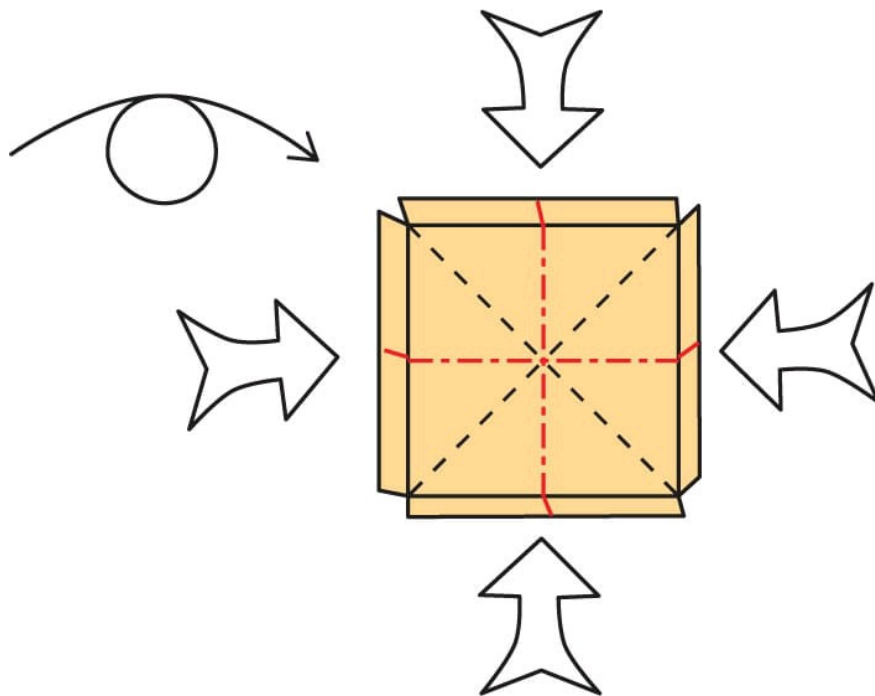
3. Flip the paper over and fold and unfold the paper in half diagonally in both directions.



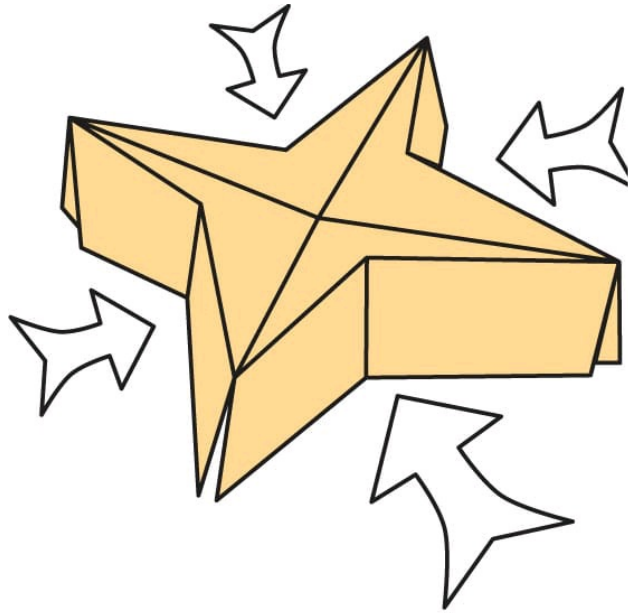
4. Flip the paper back over and bring the left, right, top, and bottom edges inward while also bringing each corner to the center.



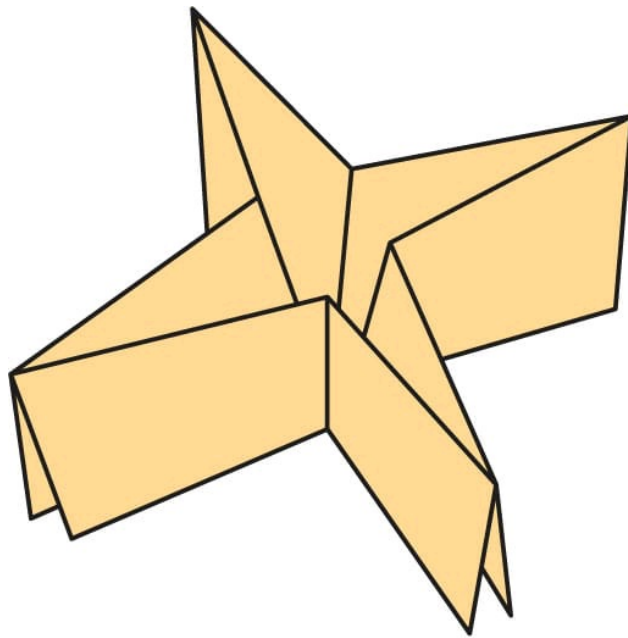
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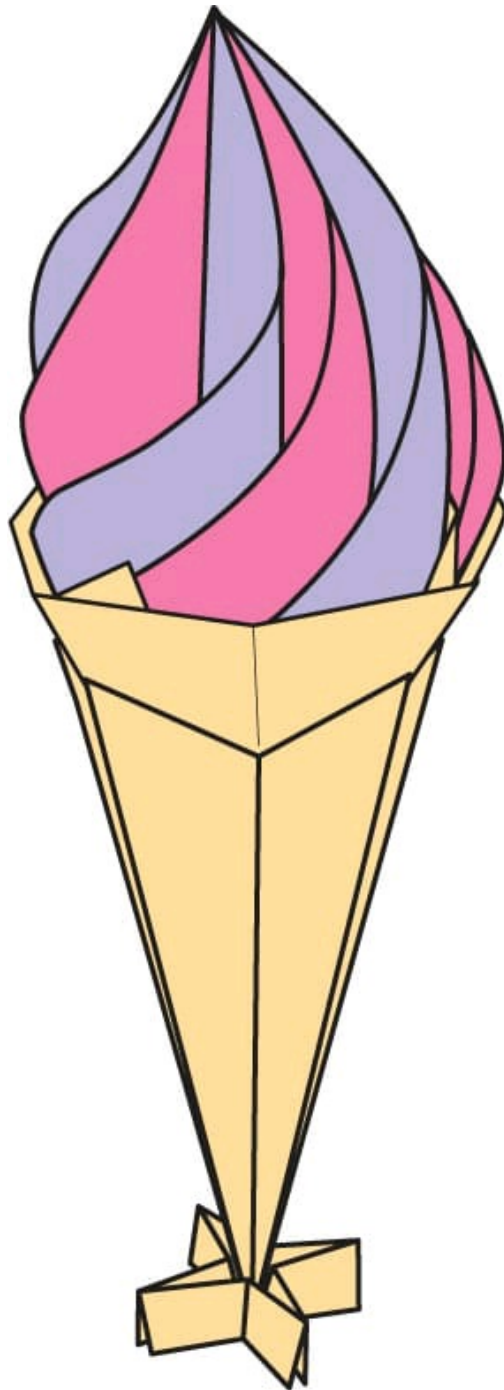
6. Flip the paper over and push all of the sides inward.



7. Continue pushing the sides until you have an X shape.



8. Here is the stand for your delicious ice-cream cone!



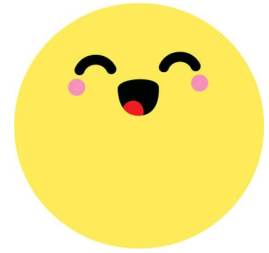
Sushi Roll Boxes

These cute little boxes look like sliced sushi rolls! You can make a few of them and line them up in a row for a fun Japanese snack display, or they can be added to your bento box shown [here](#).

SUSHI ROLL BOX PAPER SIZE: 6 × 6 inches (15 × 15 cm)

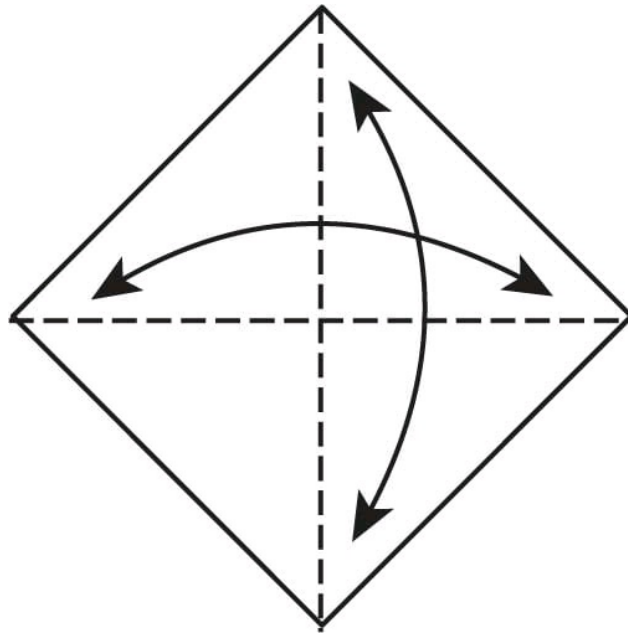
OUTER MASU BOX PAPER SIZE: 4 × 4 inches (10 × 10 cm)

DIFFICULTY: ★★☆☆

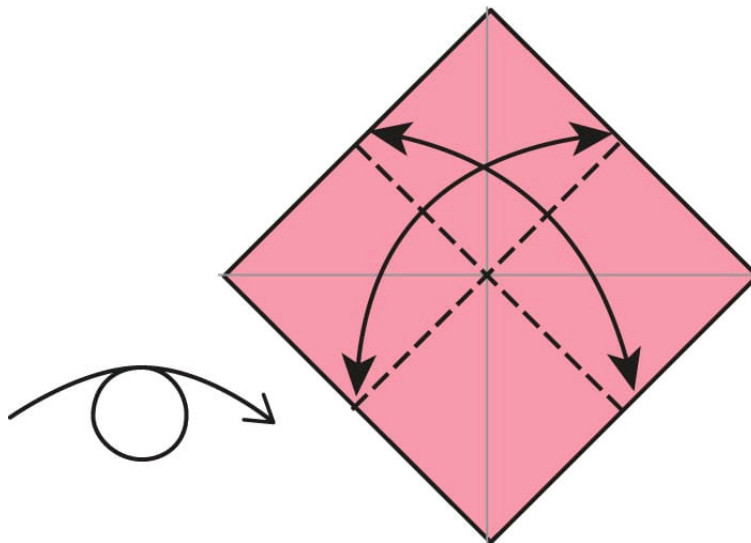




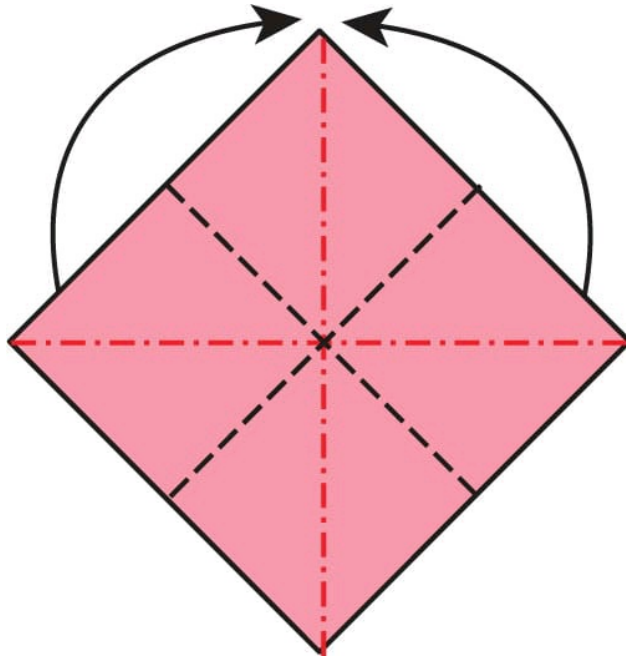
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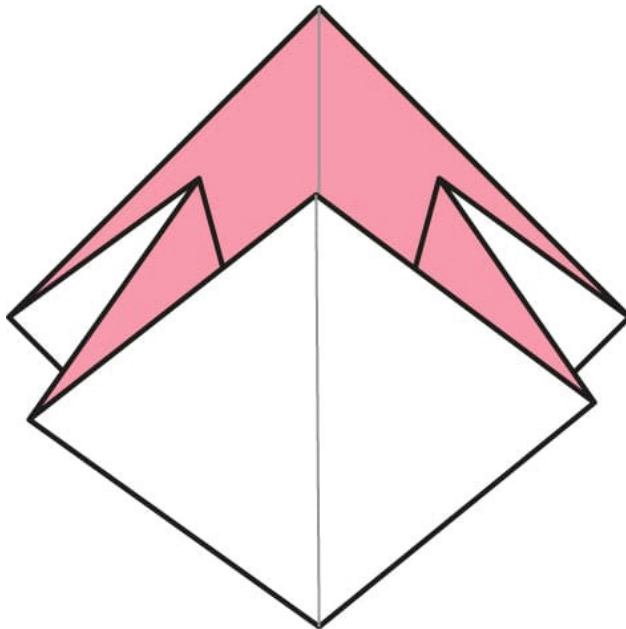
1. Starting with the white side up, fold the paper in half in both directions and unfold.



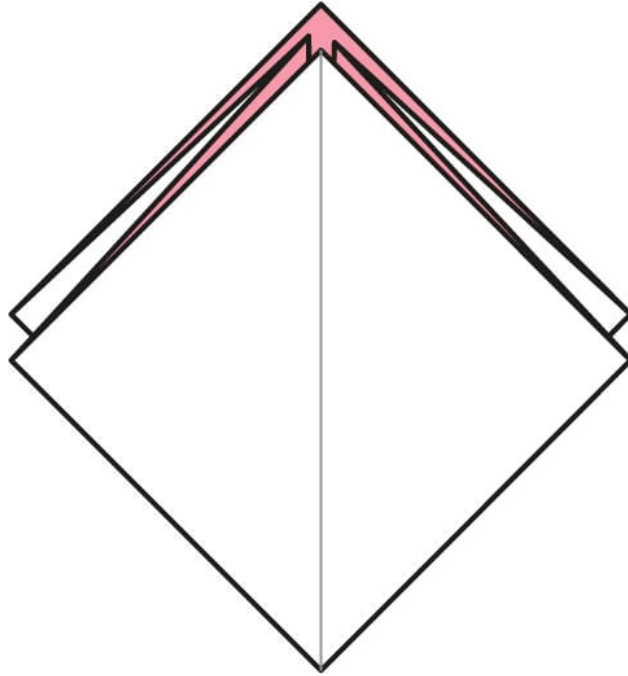
2. Flip the paper over to the other side. Fold the paper diagonally in half in both directions and unfold.



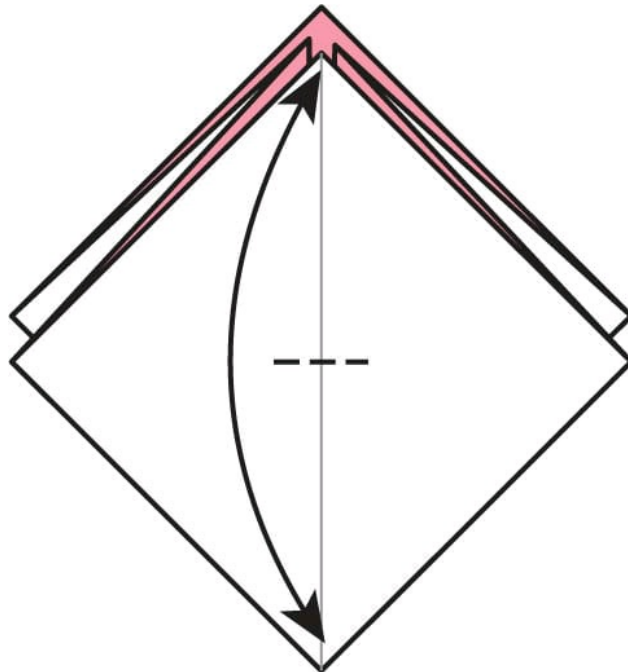
3. Bring the left, right, and bottom points up to the top.



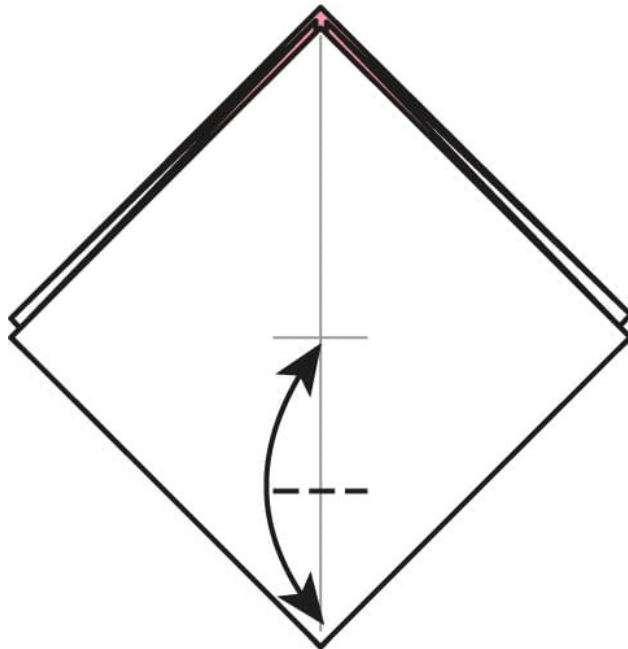
4. Flatten the paper to form an origami square base.



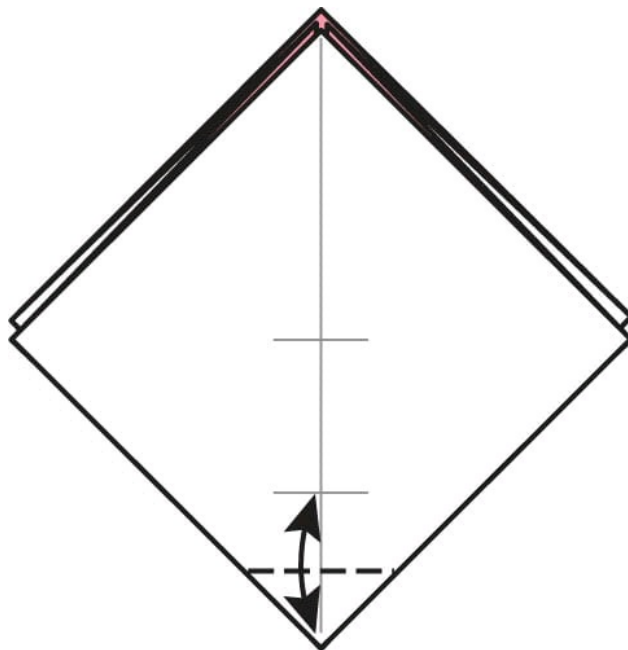
5. Make sure the open end is at the top.



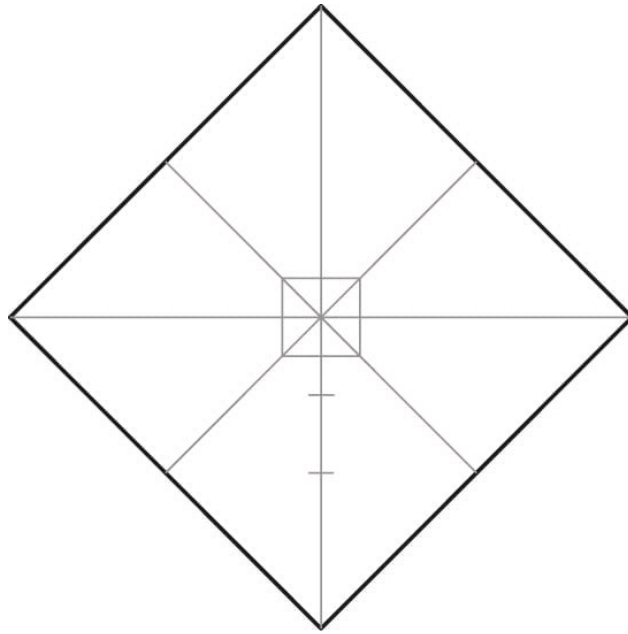
6. Create a small horizontal crease by folding the top point down to the bottom point and unfolding it.



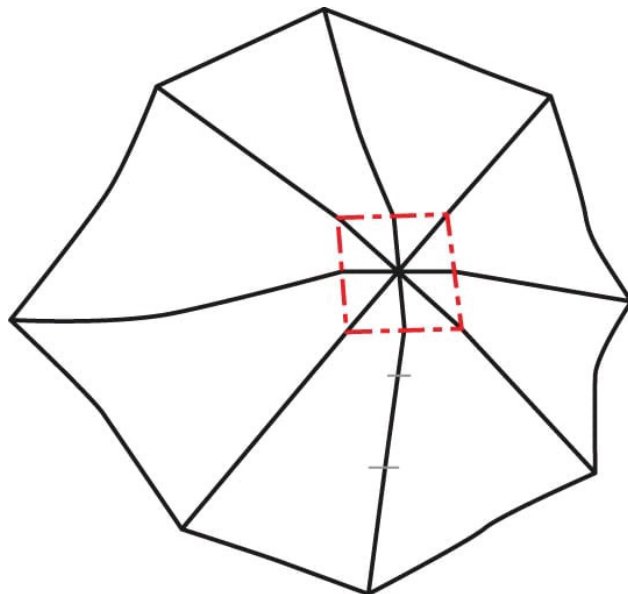
7. Fold the bottom point up to the crease you created in the previous step, make a small crease, and unfold.



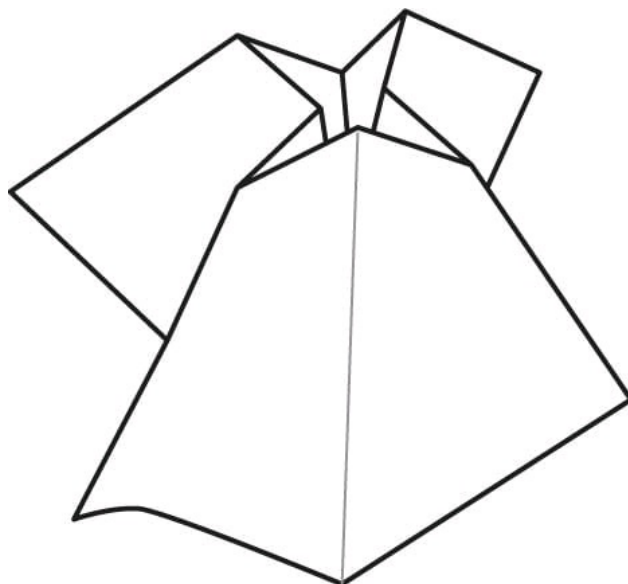
8. Fold the bottom point up to the crease you made in the previous step, crease well, and unfold.



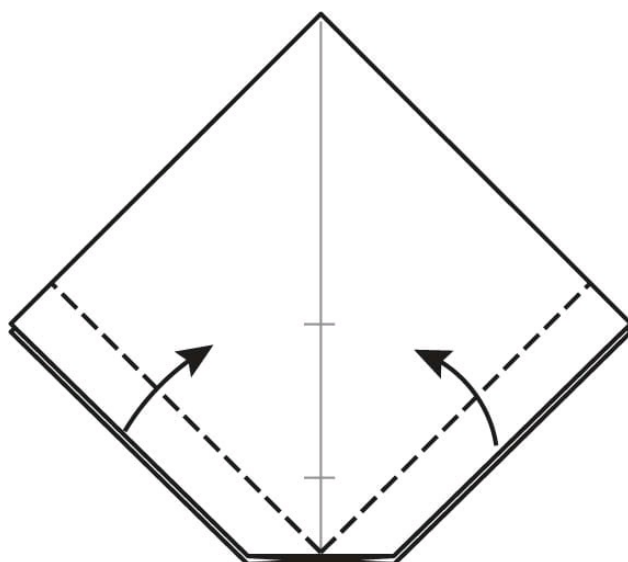
9. Open up the paper completely.



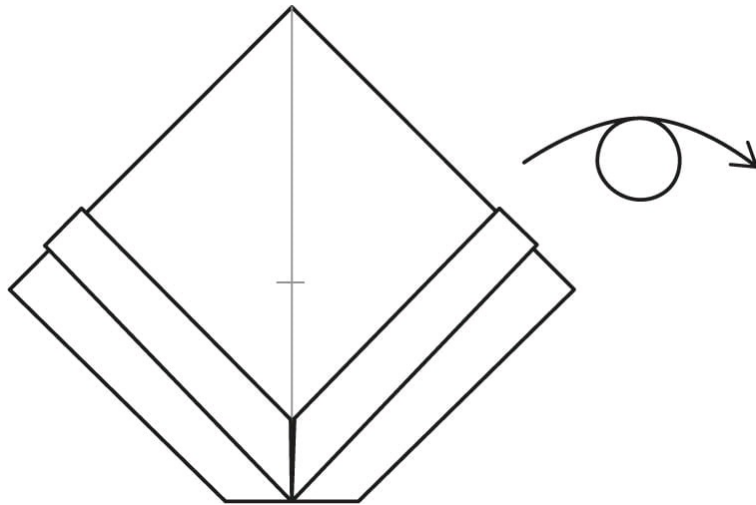
10. Pick up the paper and refold the small square shape in the middle as mountain folds.



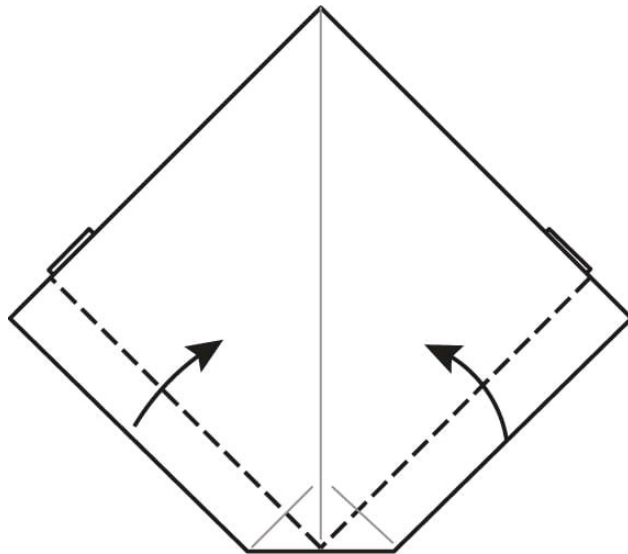
11. Sink fold the small square down inside while reforming the square base.



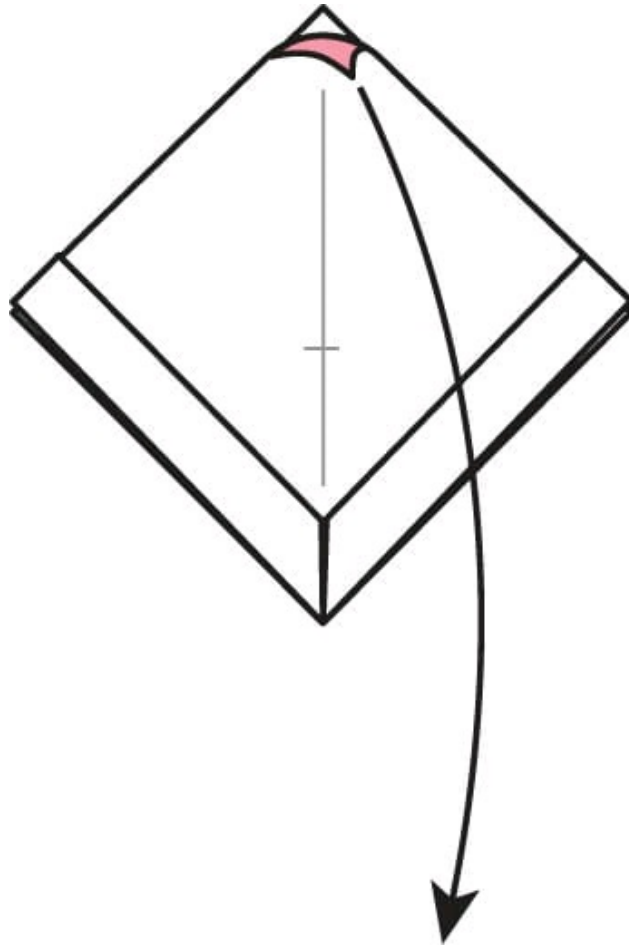
12. Flatten the paper and rotate. Fold the top layer of the lower left and right diagonal edges up as indicated.



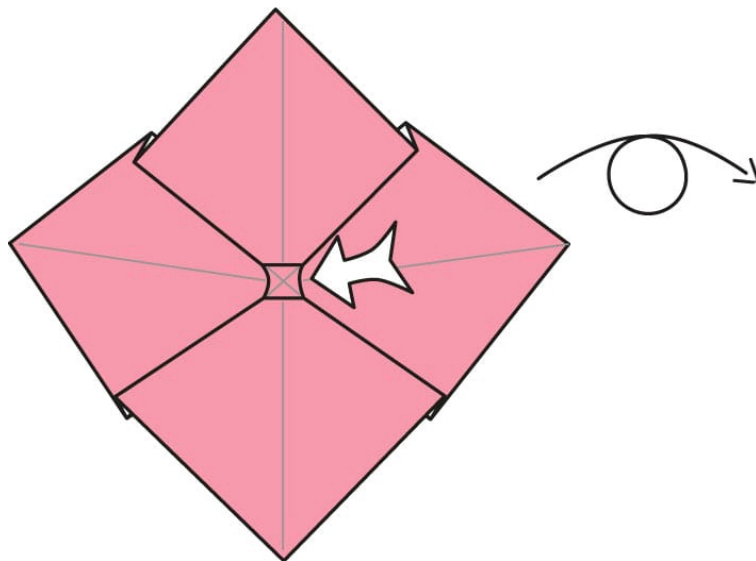
13. This is how your model should now look.



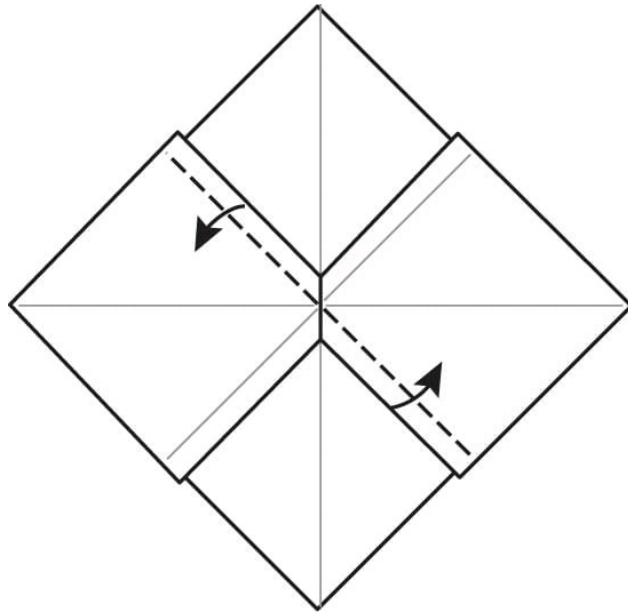
14. Flip the paper over and repeat step 12 on this side.



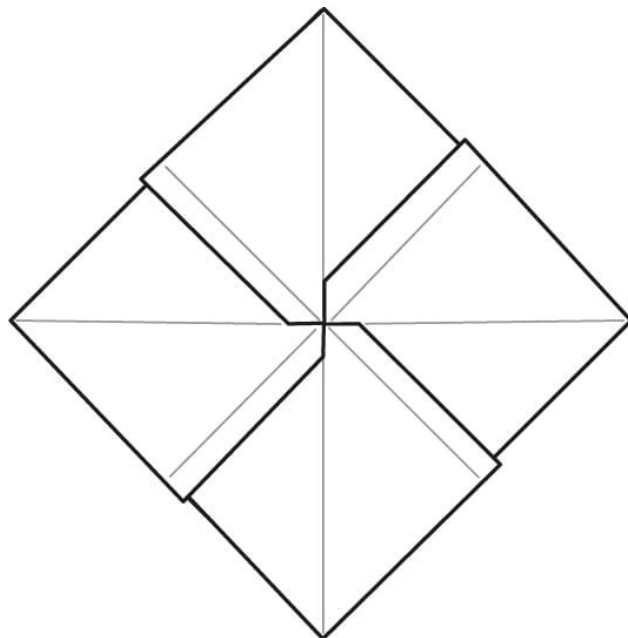
15. Carefully pull the topmost layer down while keeping the diagonal flaps folded.



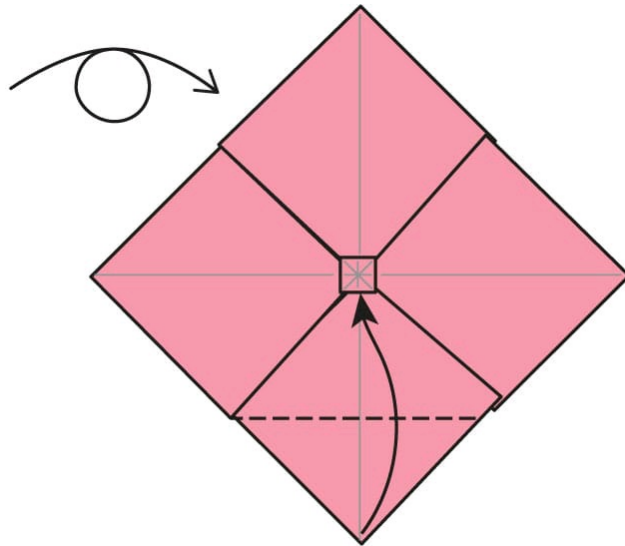
16. Fold out the paper carefully and flatten the central square shape.



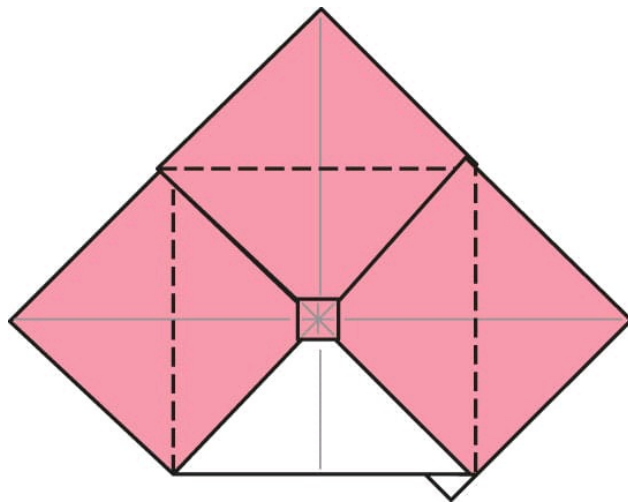
17. Flip the paper over from left to right. Fold the top left diagonal flap and bottom right diagonal flap as indicated.



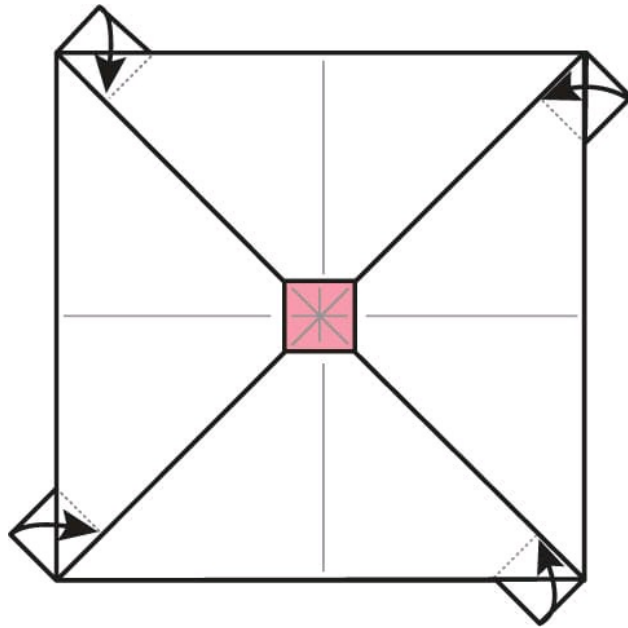
18. Here's what your model should now look like.



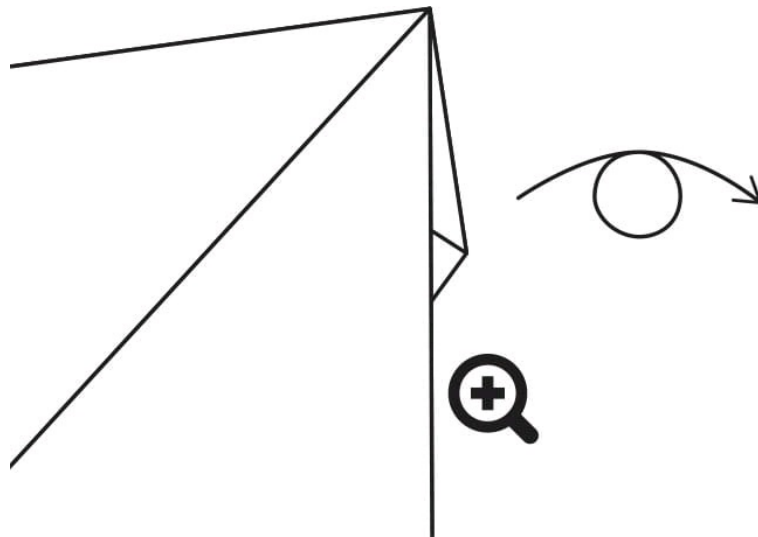
- 19.** Flip the model over from left to right and fold the bottom point up and underneath the square shape, making sure the edges are aligned.



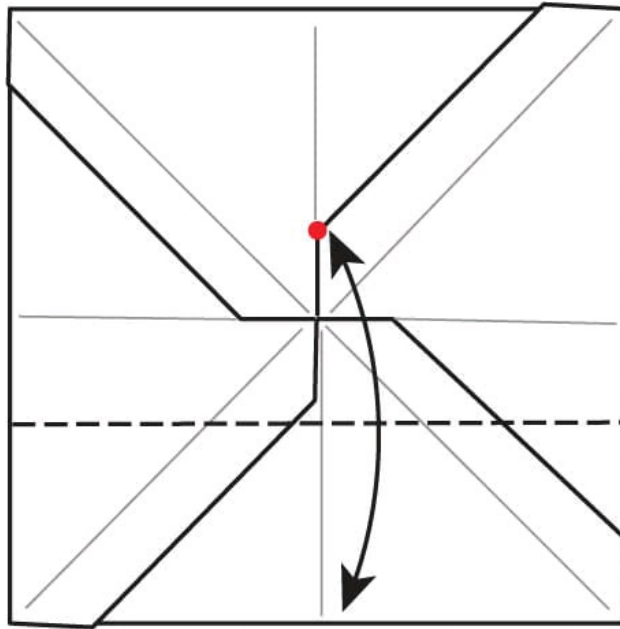
- 20.** Here's how your model should look. Rotate the paper and repeat the previous step on all the sides. You can glue these flaps down if you like.



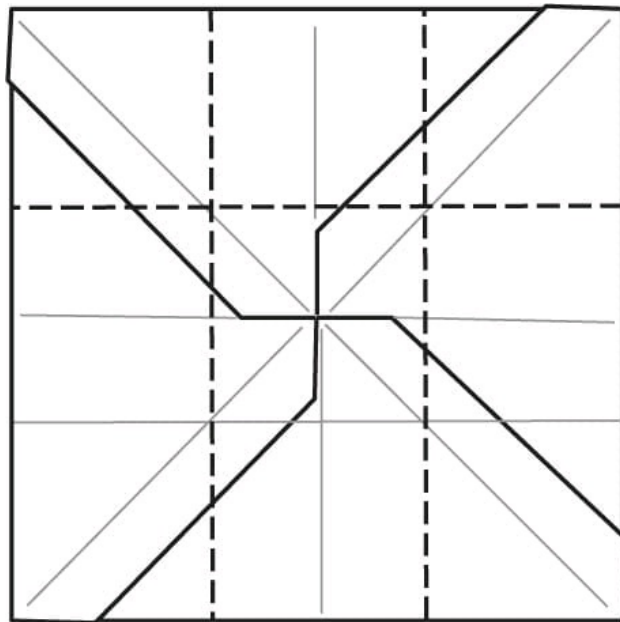
21. Tuck the small corners in and slot them underneath.



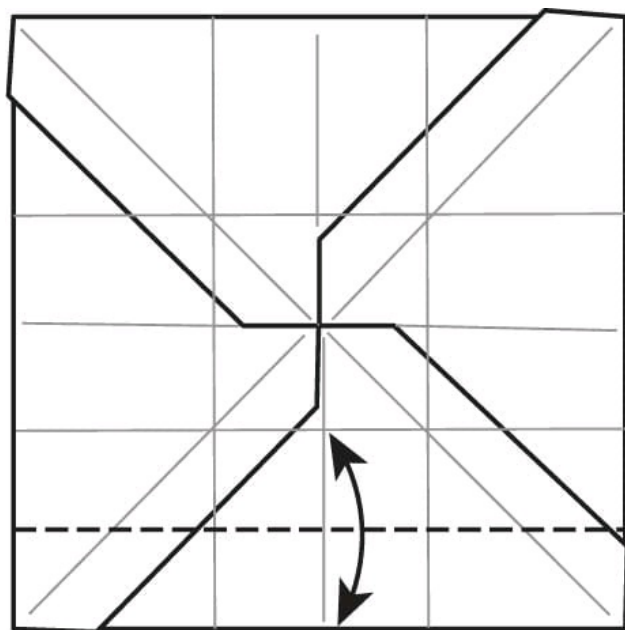
22. Here's a close-up of what the corners should look like.



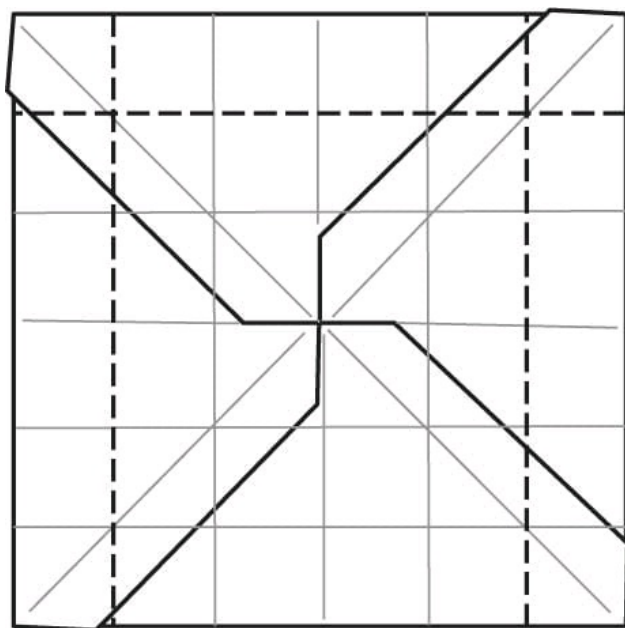
- 23.** Flip the paper over to the other side. Fold the bottom edge up to the point indicated and unfold.



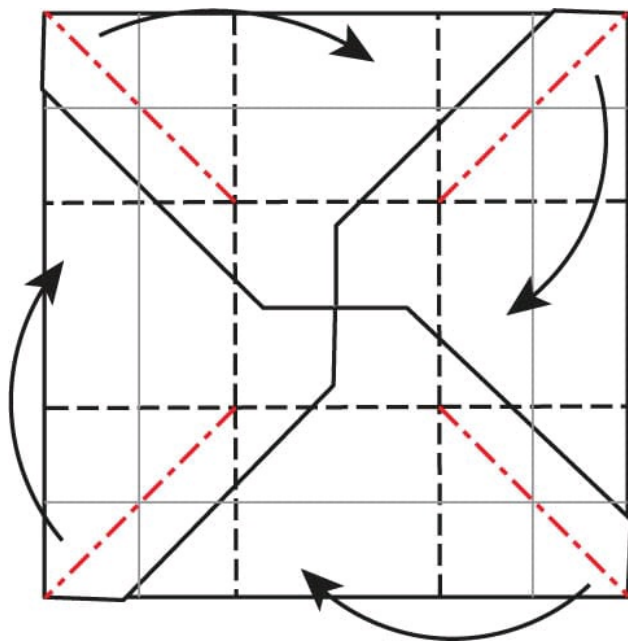
- 24.** Rotate the paper and repeat the previous step on the other three sides.



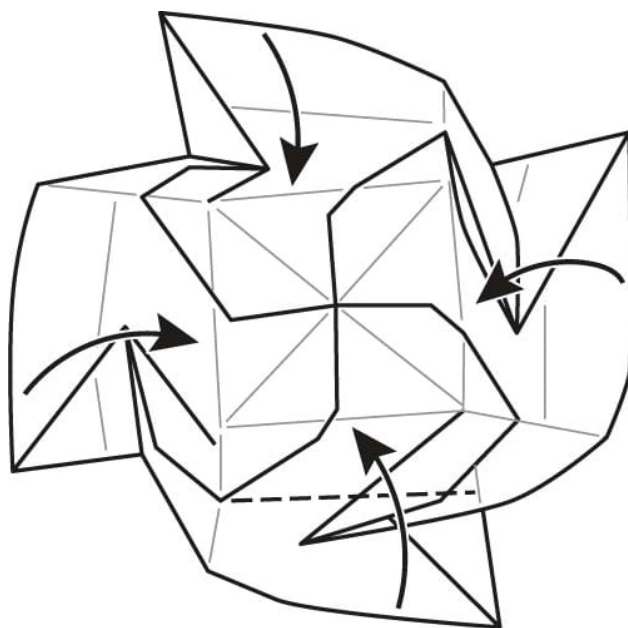
25. Fold the bottom edge up to the horizontal crease that is indicated and unfold.



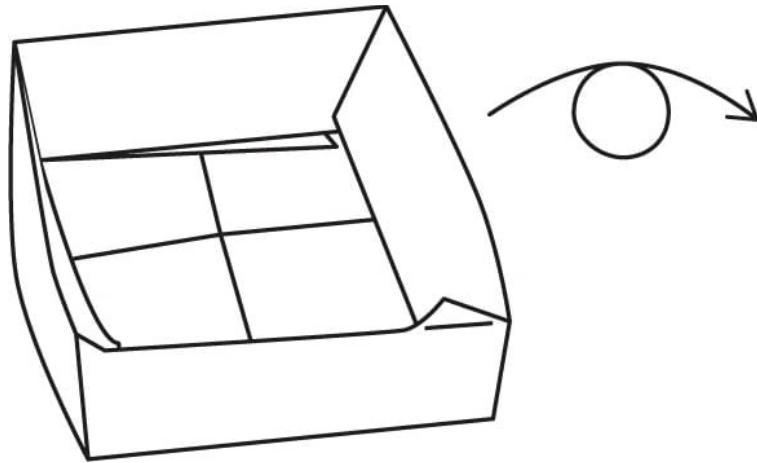
26. Repeat the previous step on the other three sides.



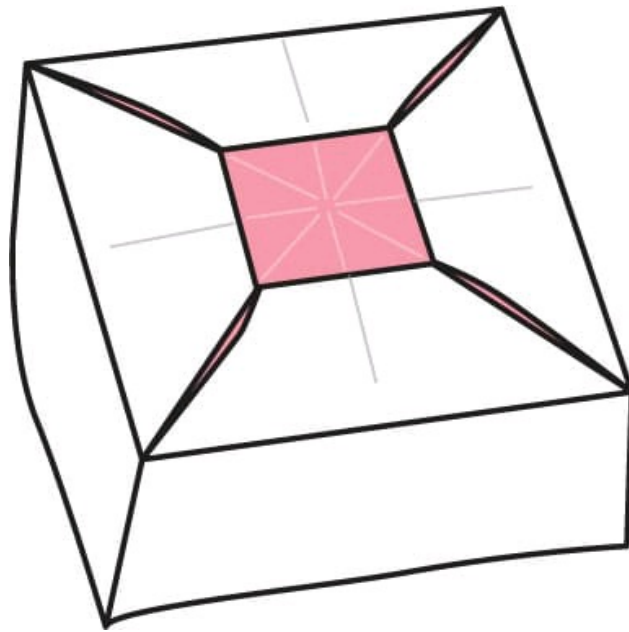
27. Lift all four points up and rotate them clockwise, making the box three-dimensional.



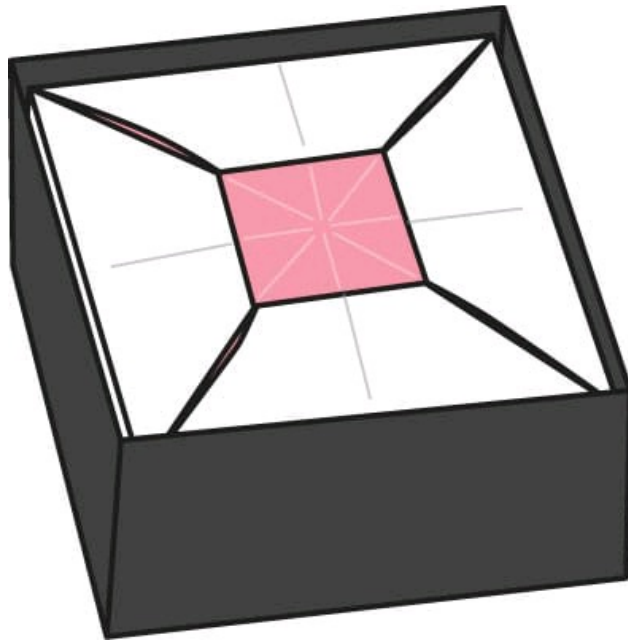
28. While holding the box in shape, fold the lower edges over and inside the box.



29. Here's how your box should look.



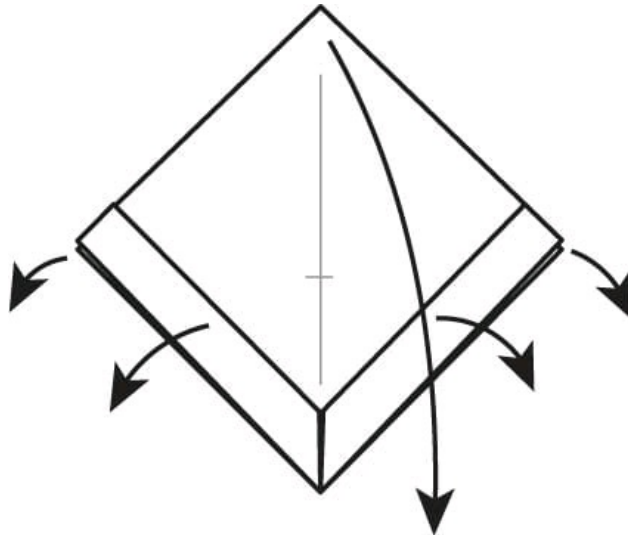
30. Flip the box over.



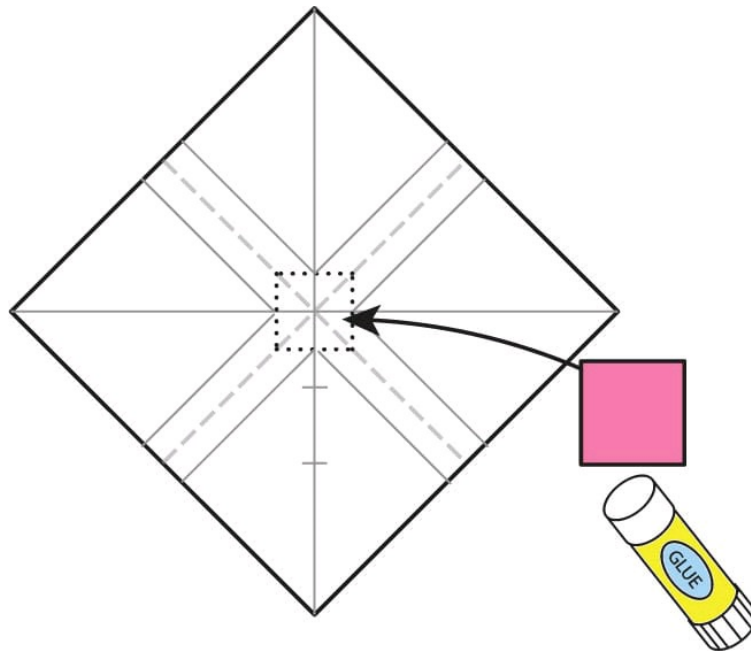
- 31.** Next make a masu box (shown [here](#)) using paper that is two-thirds the size of the paper you used for the sushi roll box lid. Put the sushi roll box lid inside the masu box and enjoy!

VARIATION

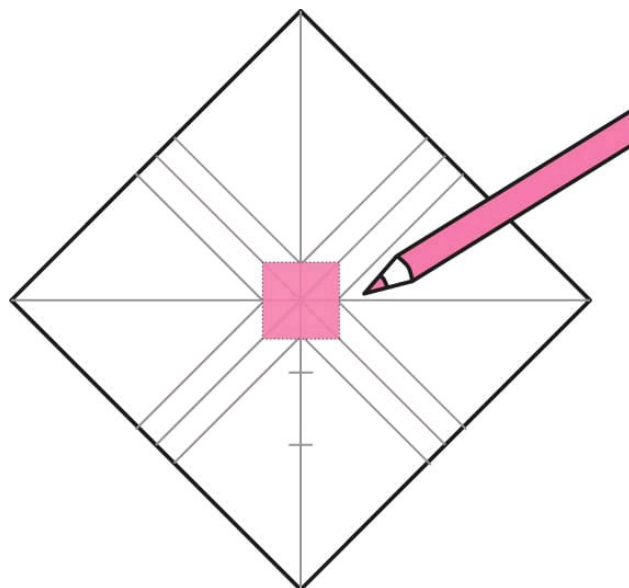
For a more advanced, cleaner version, use paper with white on both sides.



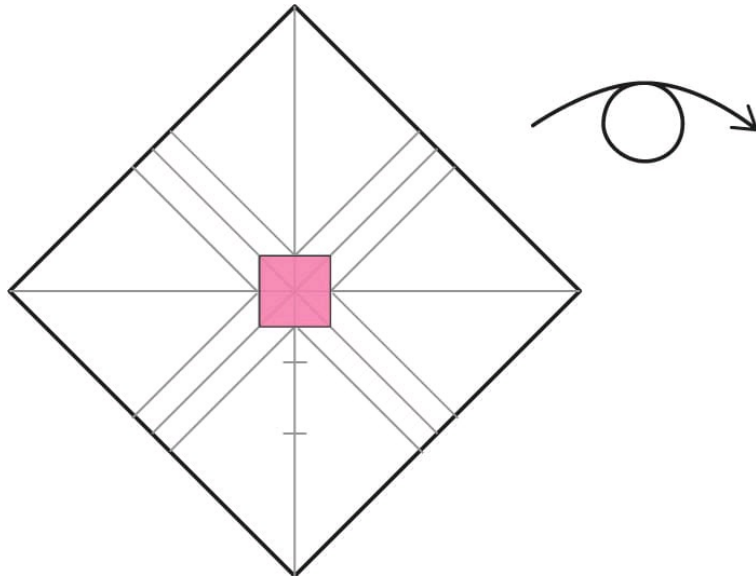
- 1.** Fold up to step 14 of the sushi roll box lid, except this time unfold the paper completely.



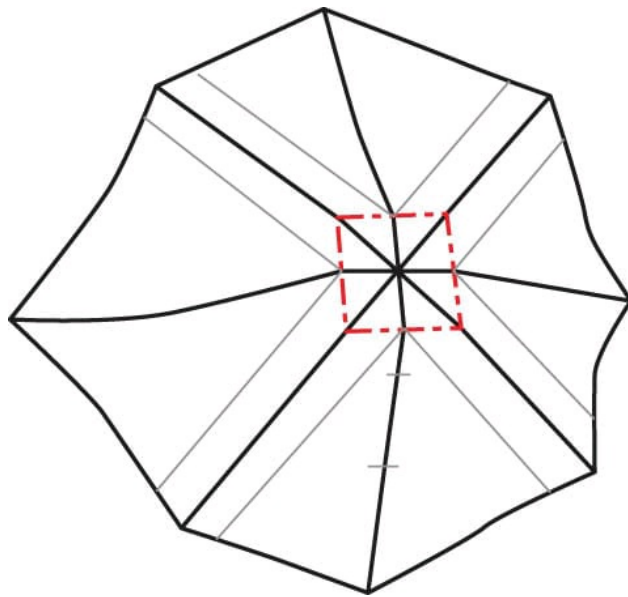
2. There is a small square shape in the center of the paper. Glue on a square of colored paper here ...



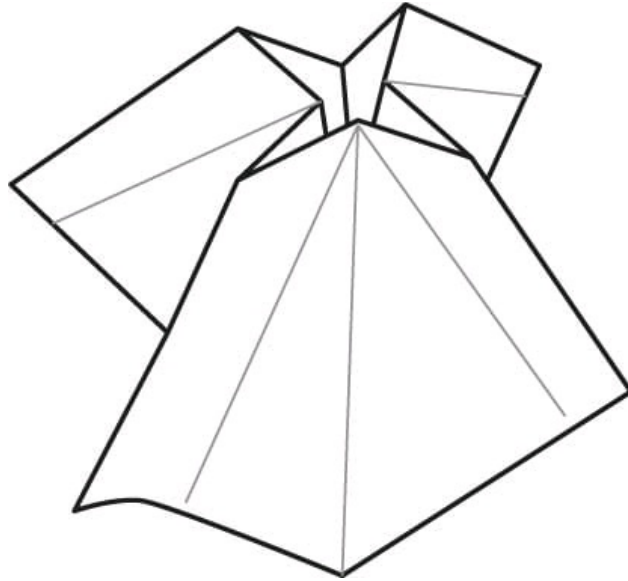
... or you could use a pencil to color the square in.



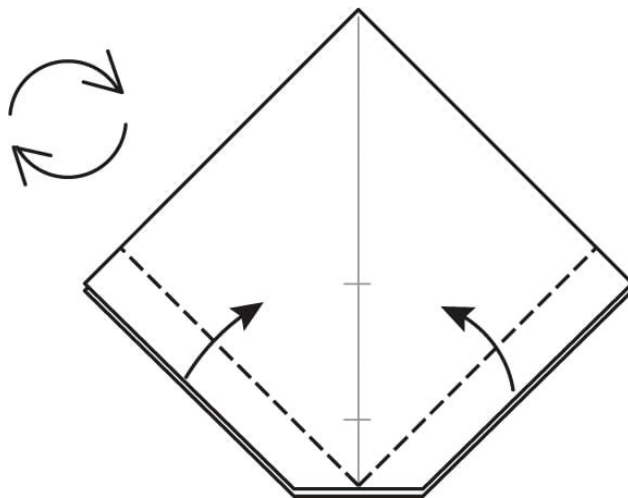
3. Here is your paper.



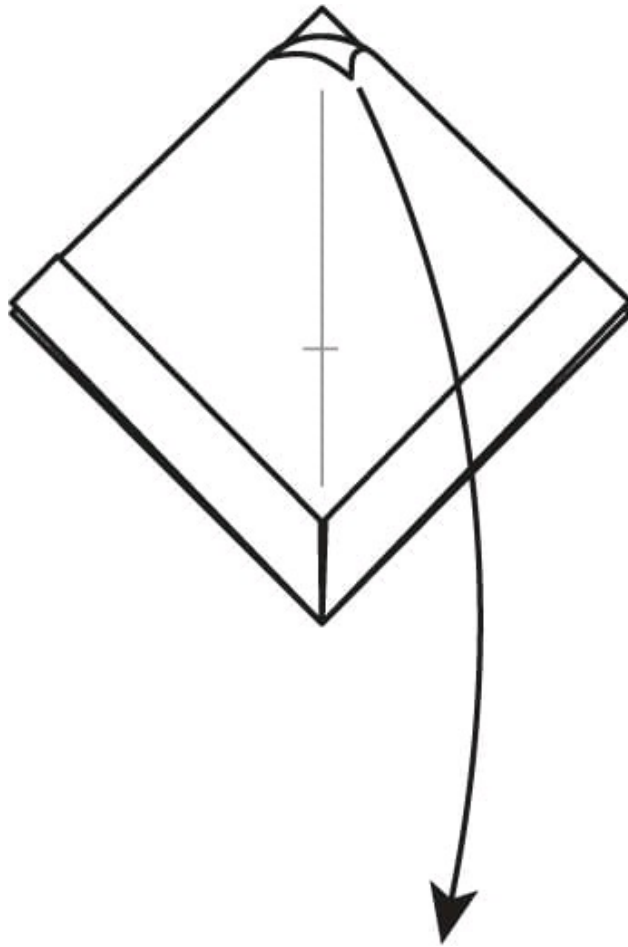
4. Flip the paper over to the other side and sink fold the small square.



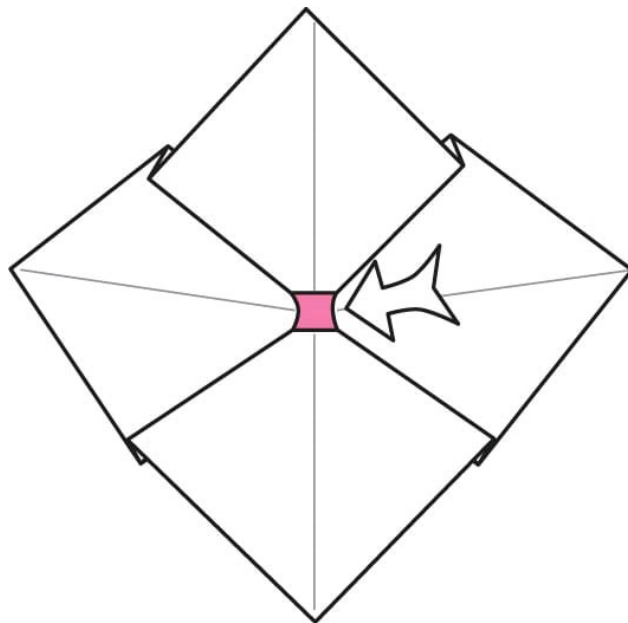
5. Here is what your model should now look like.



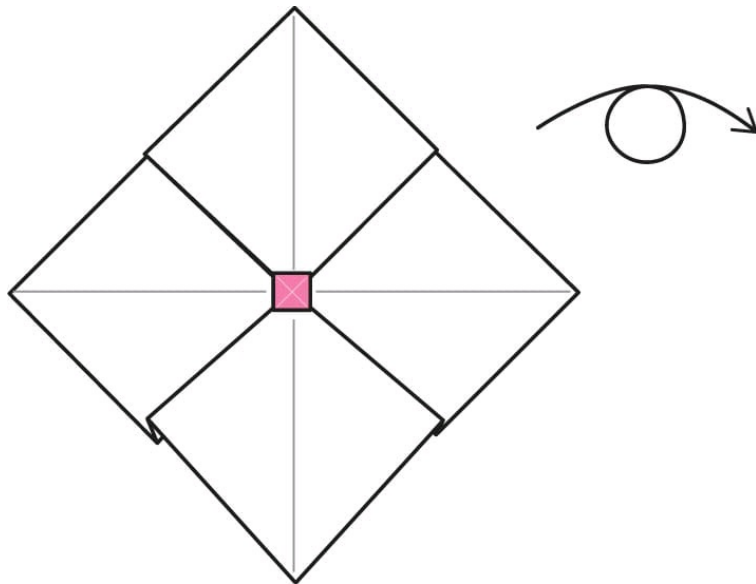
6. Flatten and rotate the paper so that the opening is at the top and refold the lower diagonal creases on the front and back.



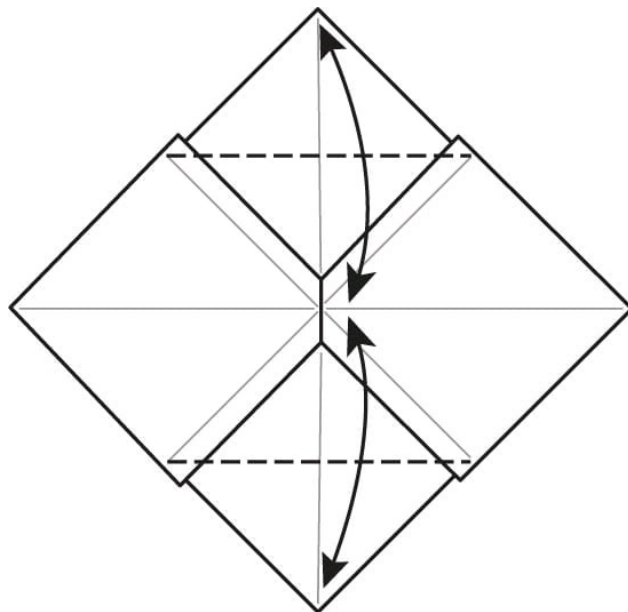
7. Carefully pull the top layer down while keeping the diagonal flaps in place.



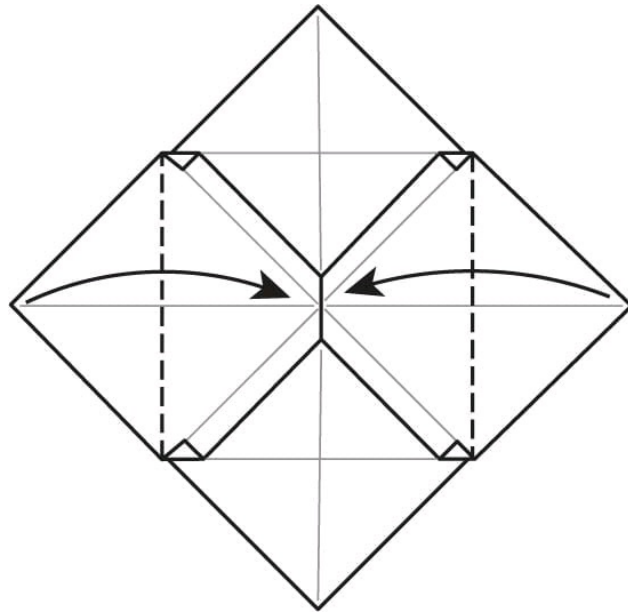
8. Carefully flatten the paper including the little square in the middle.



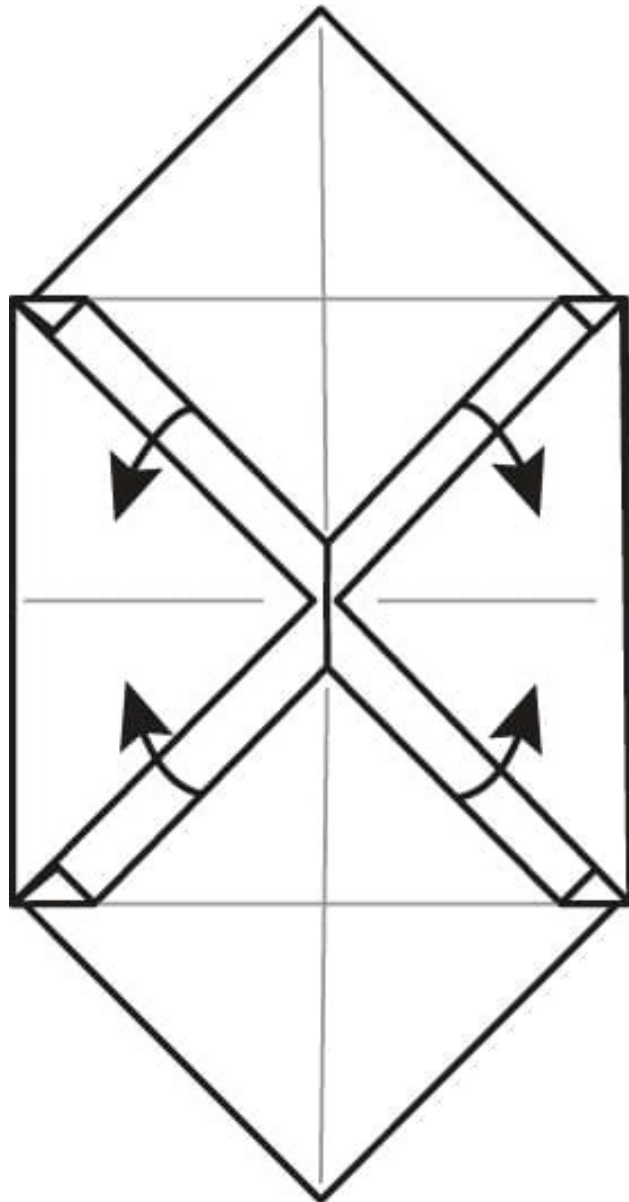
9. Here is what your model should now look like.



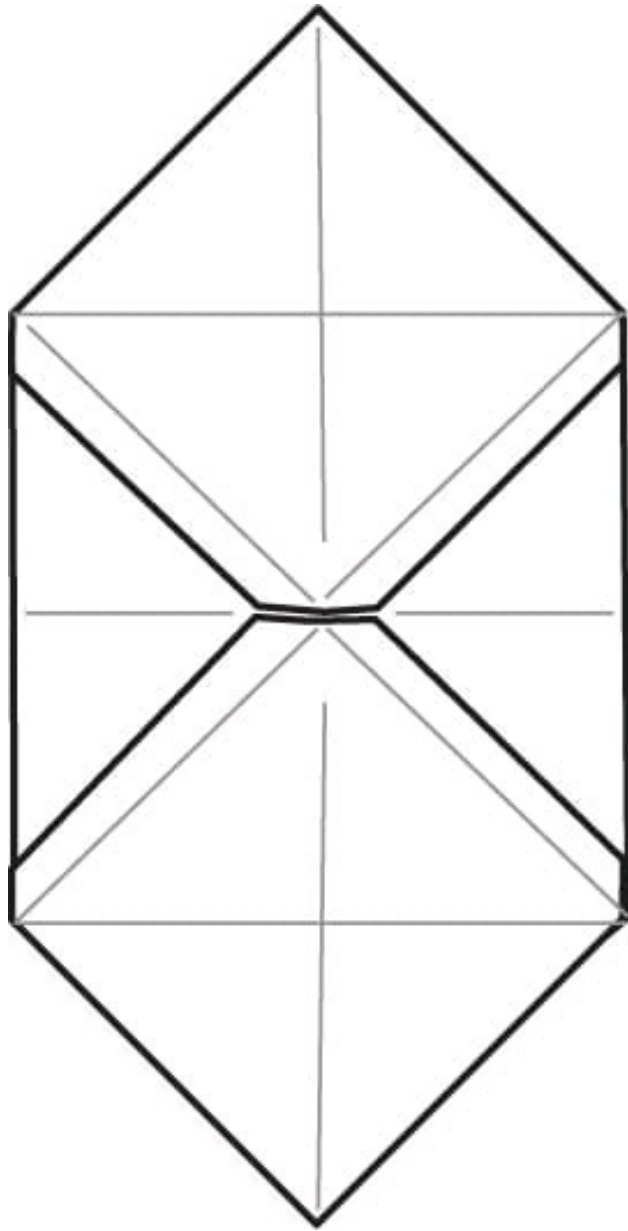
10. Flip the paper over and fold the top and bottom points to the middle and unfold.



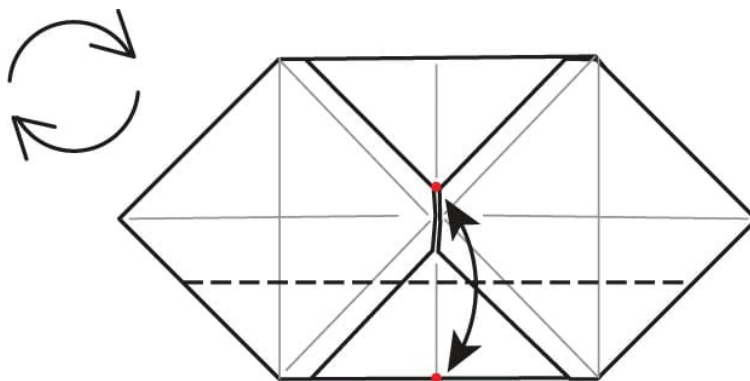
11. Fold the left and right points to the center.



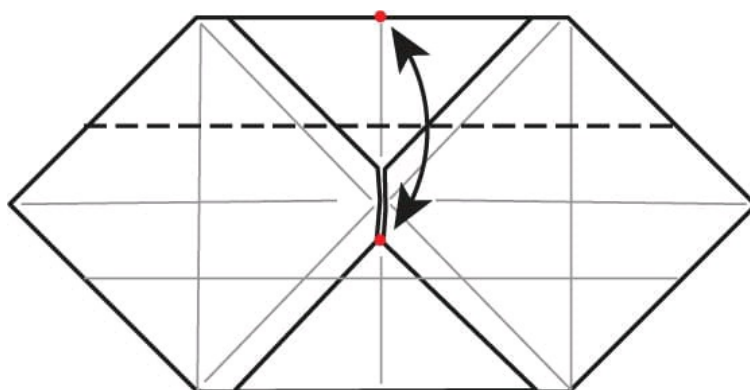
12. Fold the four inner diagonal flaps as indicated.



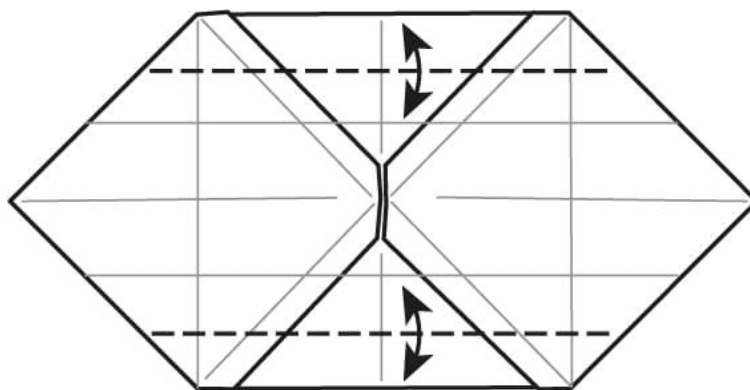
13. Here is what your model should now look like.



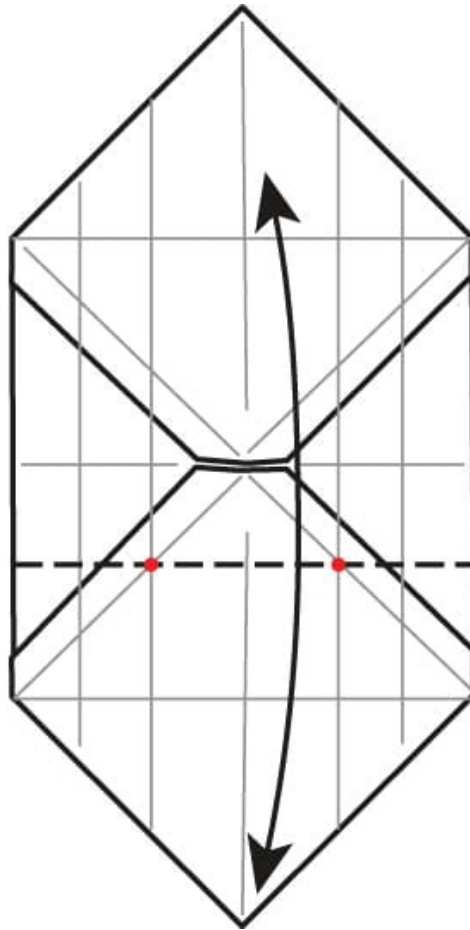
- 14.** Rotate the paper. Fold the bottom edge to the point indicated by the red dot and unfold.



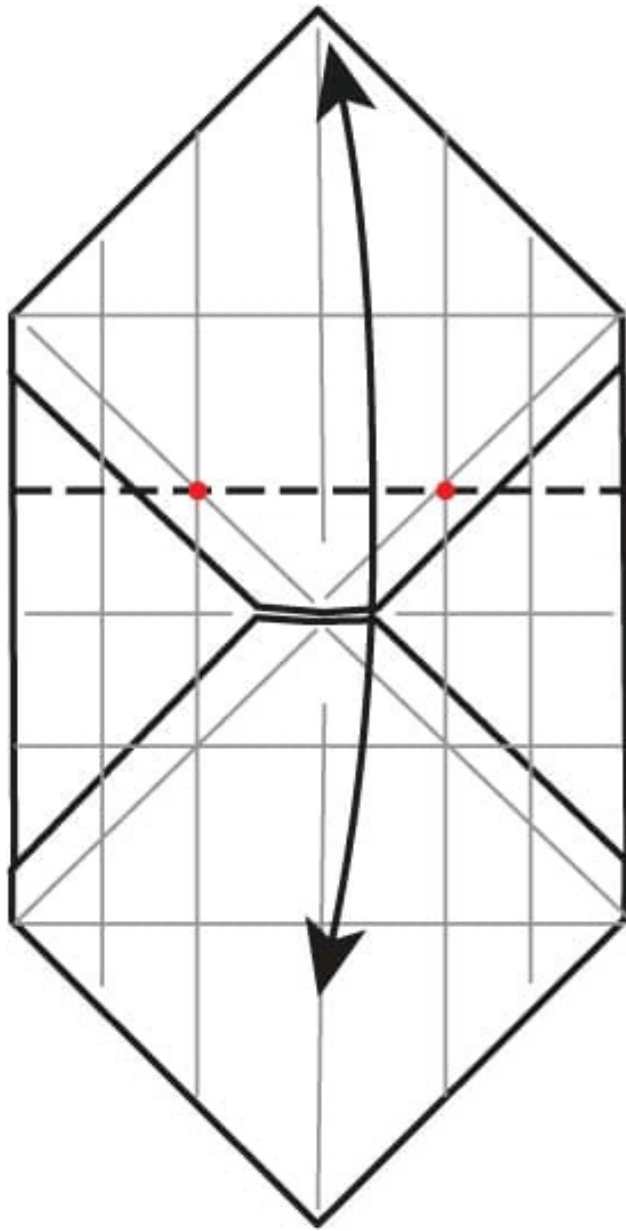
- 15.** Fold the top edge to the point indicated by the red dot and unfold.



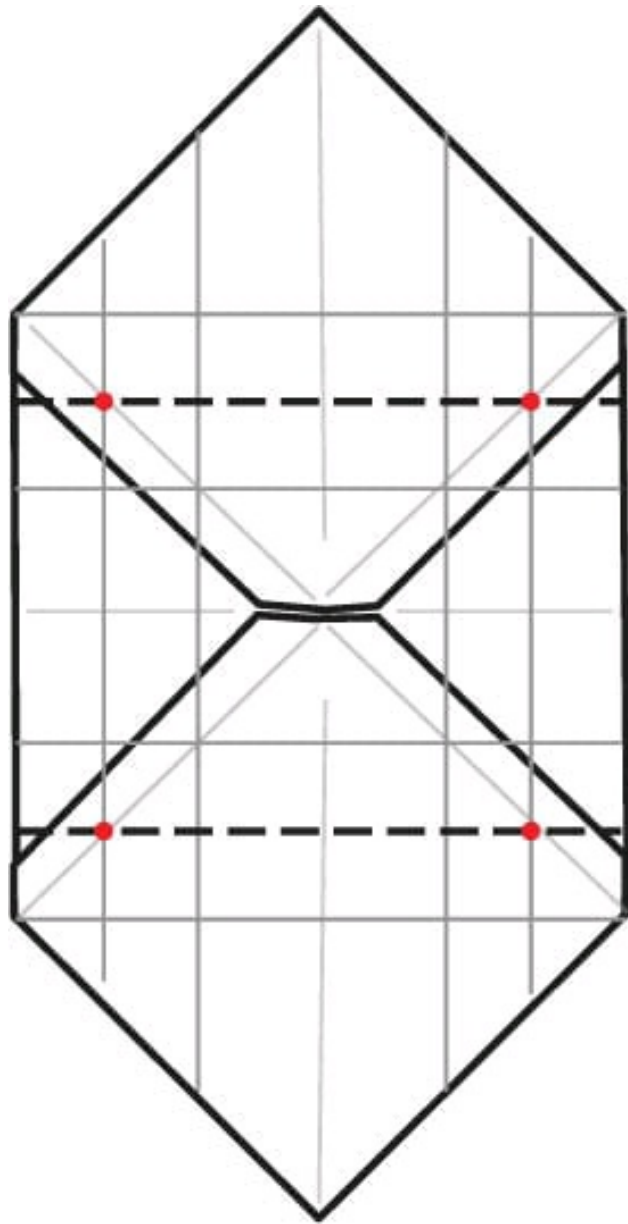
- 16.** Fold the top and bottom edges to the two creases you just made and unfold.



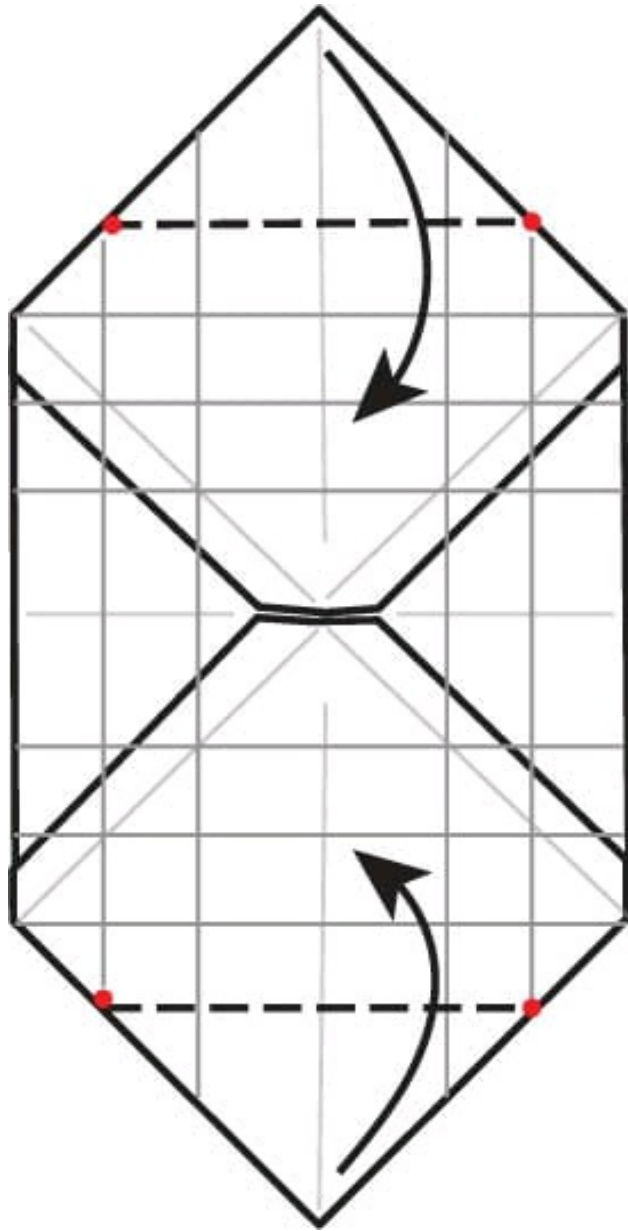
- 17.** Rotate the paper. Create a new horizontal crease that runs through the points indicated by the red dots.



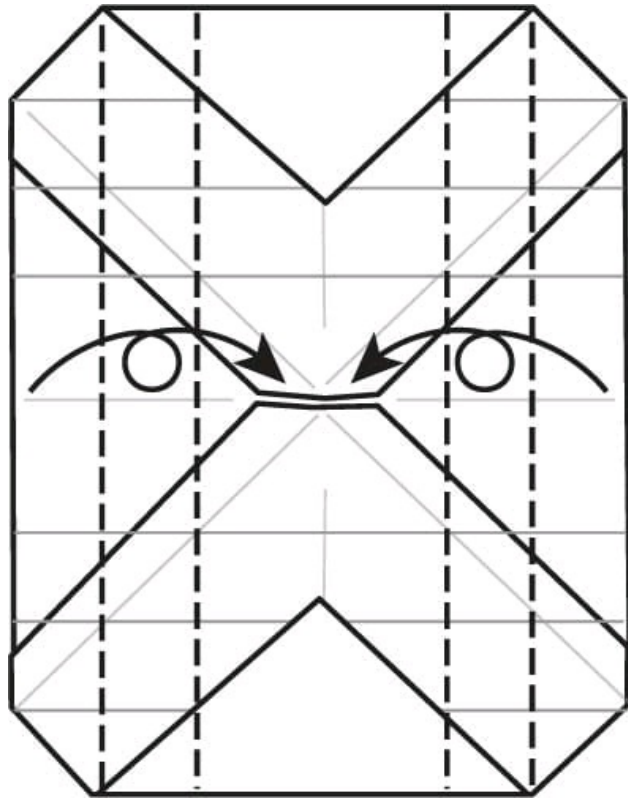
- 18.** Create another new horizontal crease that runs through the points indicated by the red dots.



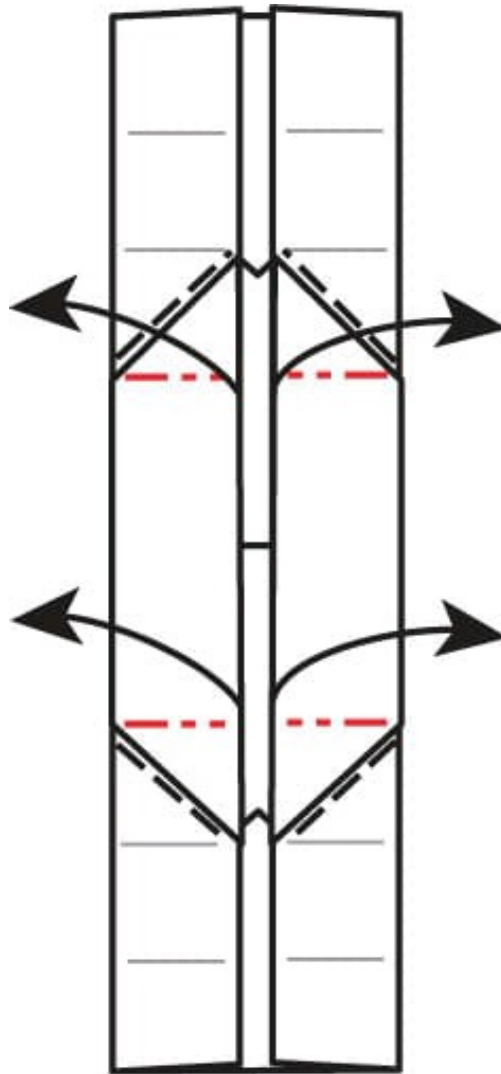
19. Create two more horizontal creases where indicated by the red dots.



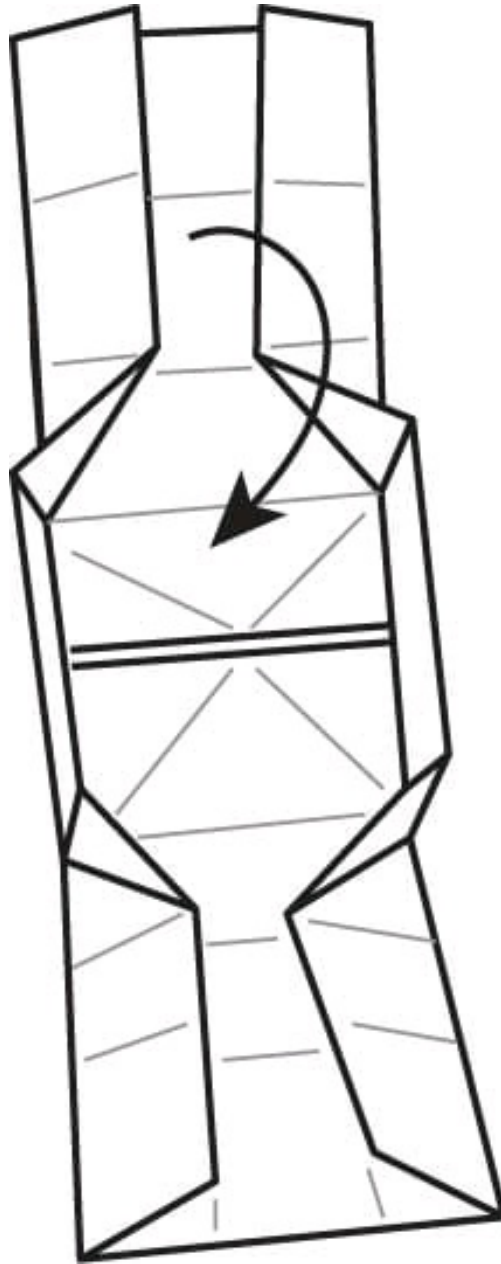
20. Using the two outermost vertical creases as a guide, fold the top and bottom points inward.



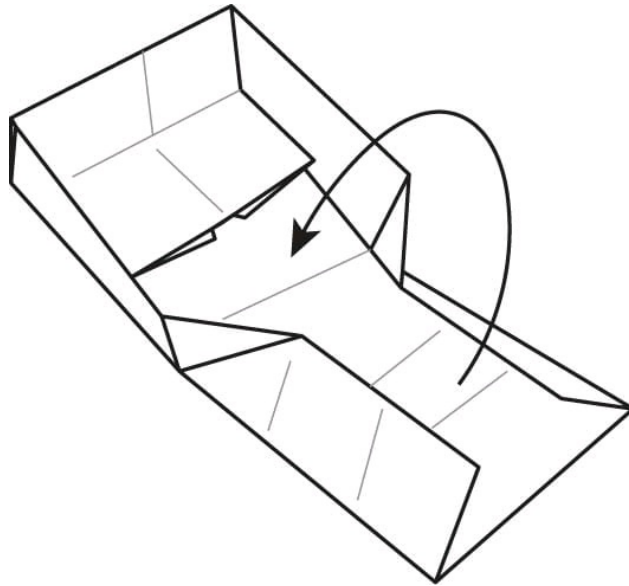
21. Using the existing creases, fold the left and right edges in twice to the middle.



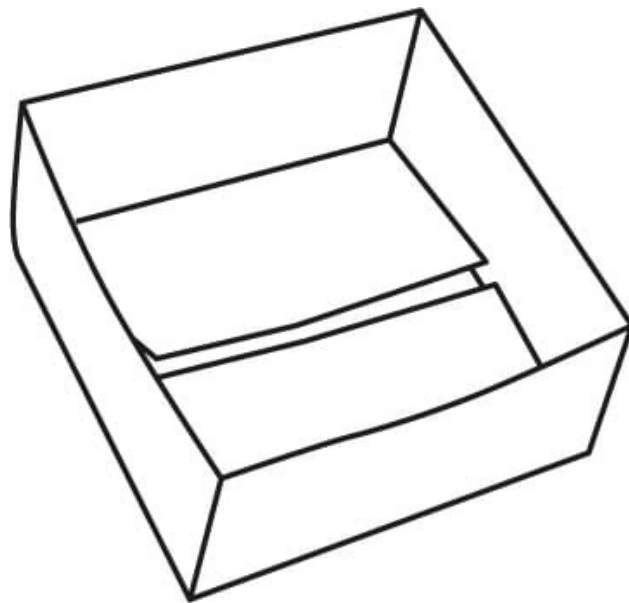
22. Create diagonal folds where indicated, with the same method used for closing the traditional masu box shown [here](#). Open up the left and right flaps in the center, making the box three-dimensional.



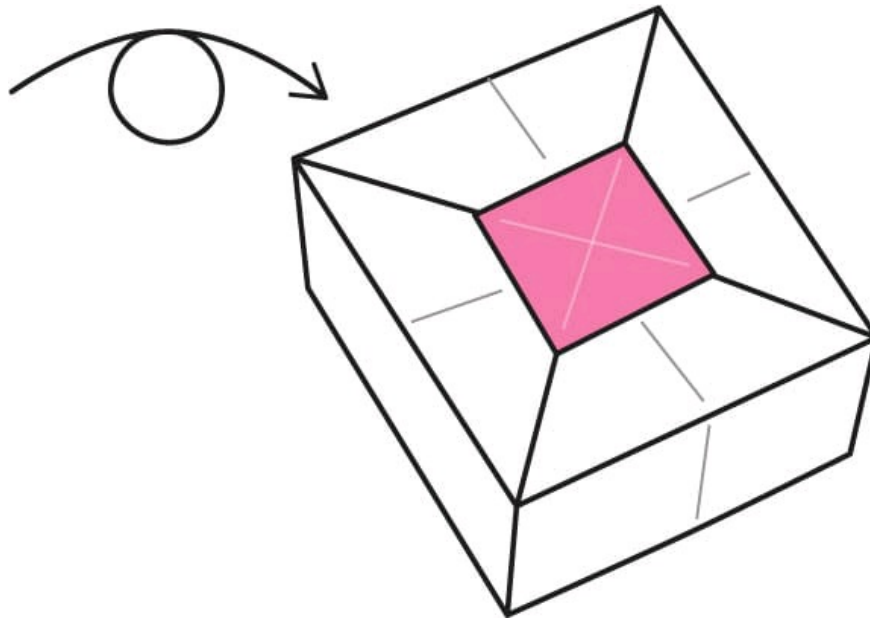
23. Close the top of the box by bringing the top flap down and inside the box.



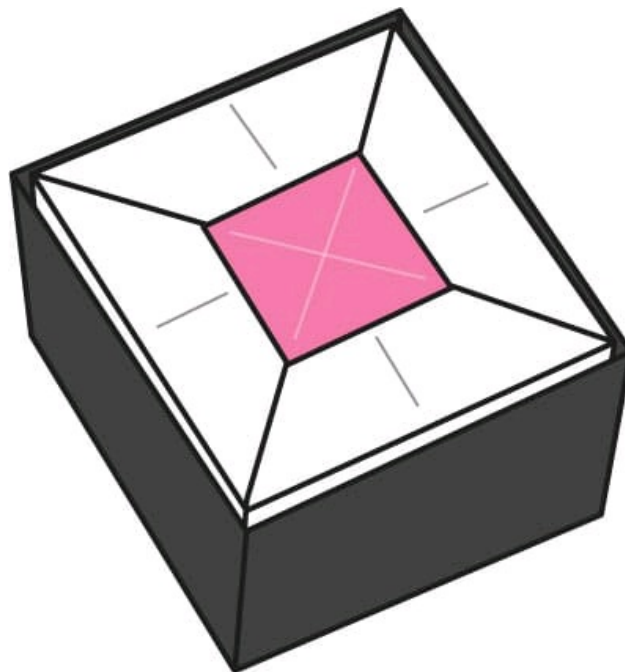
24. Insert the lower section into the inside of the box.



25. You can use a dab of glue to secure the flaps inside if you like.



26. Flip the box over.



27. Make a masu box (shown [here](#)) using paper that is two-thirds the size of the paper you used to create this variation of the sushi roll box lid. Put the sushi roll box lid inside the masu box and give yourself a pat on the back!



Nigiri Sushi Boxes

This trio of cute nigiri sushi boxes goes perfectly with the origami sushi roll boxes! We have tamago (egg), salmon, and ebi (shrimp). Each one starts with the same thirteen steps and can be made with or without the “seaweed” wrap.

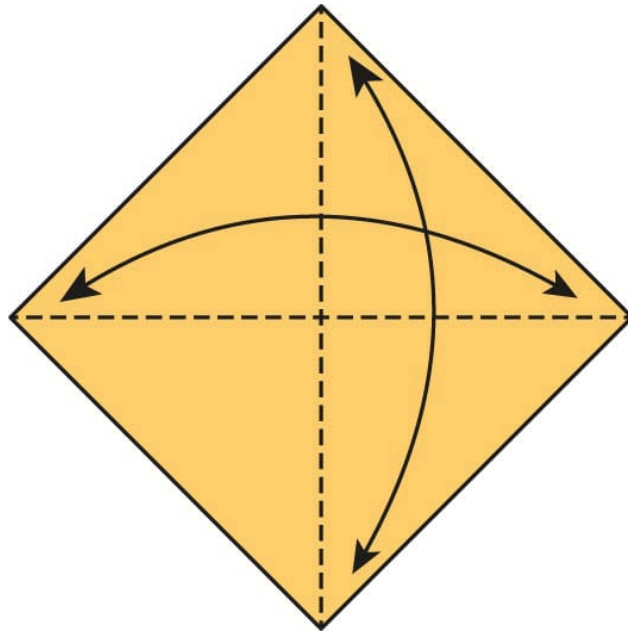
PAPER SIZE: 7 × 7 inches (17.5 × 17.5 cm) or larger

DIFFICULTY: ★★☆☆

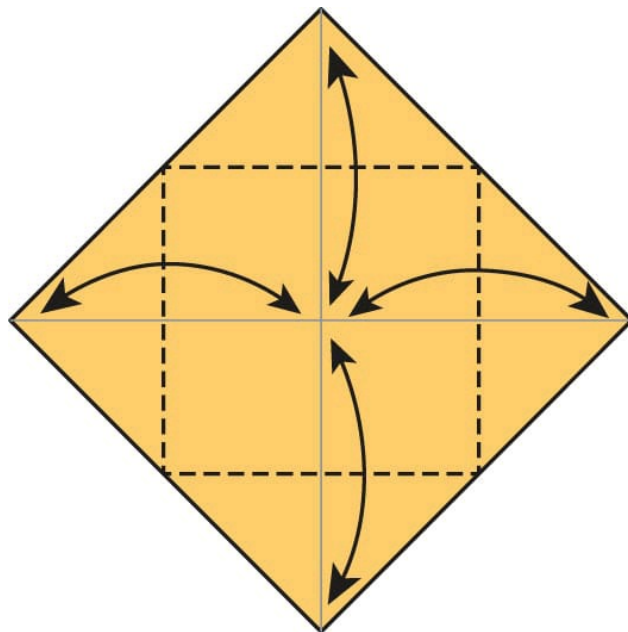




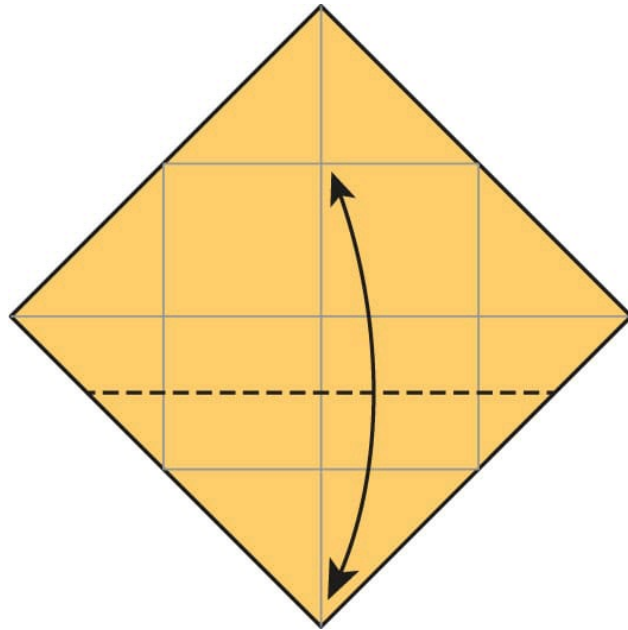
BASIC NIGIRI SUSHI BOX



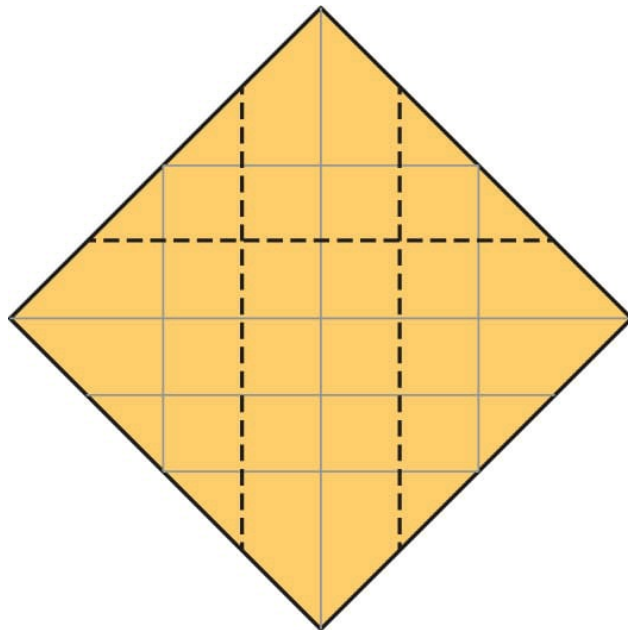
1. Starting with your paper coloside up, fold and unfold it in half diagonally in both directions.



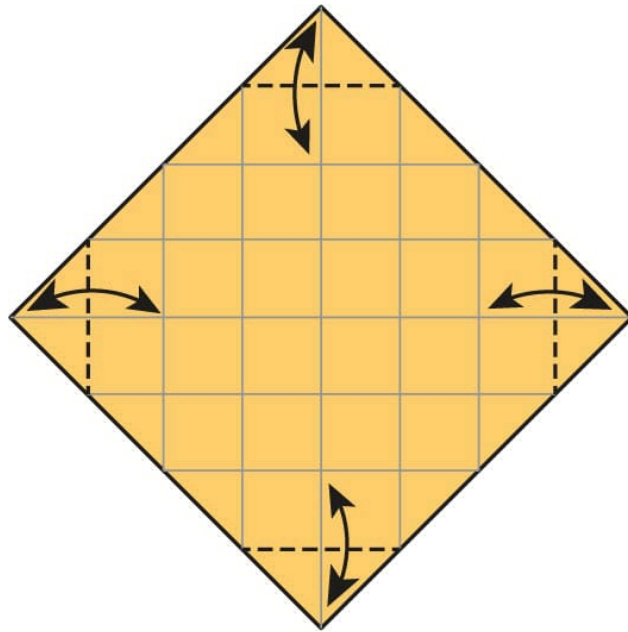
2. Fold all four corners to the middle and unfold.



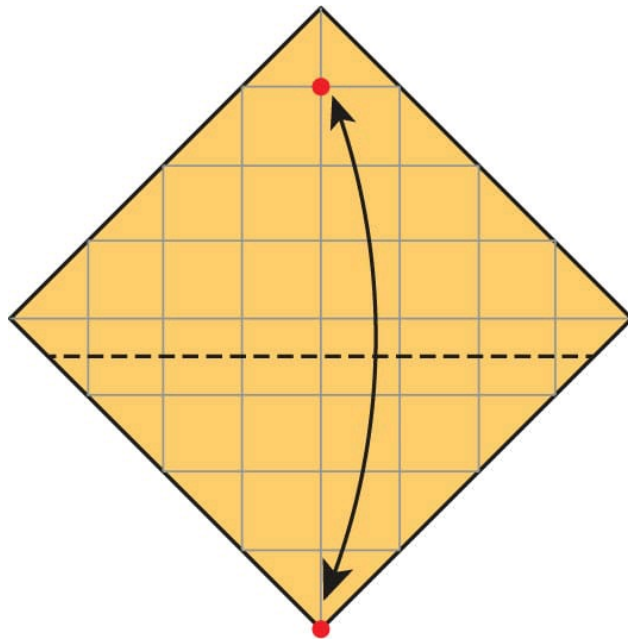
3. Fold the bottom point up to the topmost horizontal crease and unfold.



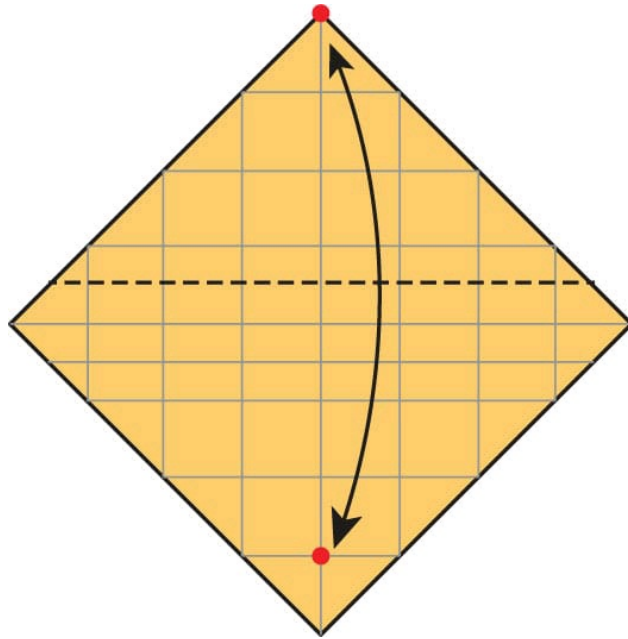
4. Repeat the last step on the other three points by rotating the paper.



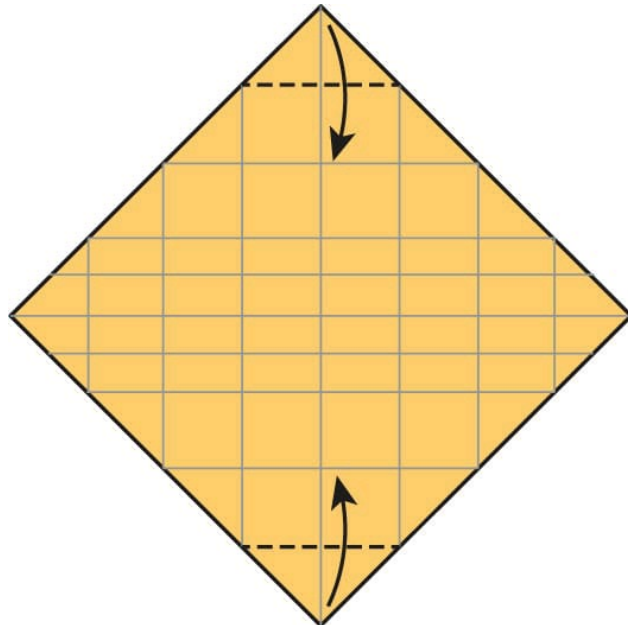
5. Fold all four points inward as indicated and unfold.



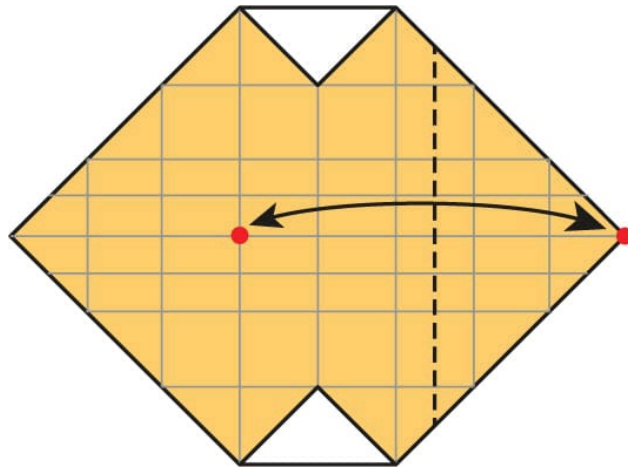
6. Fold the bottom point up to the point indicated by the red dot and unfold.



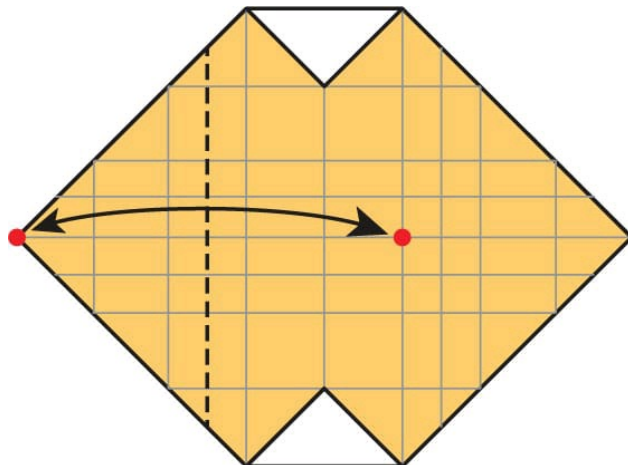
7. Fold the top point down to the bottom point indicated by the red dot and unfold.



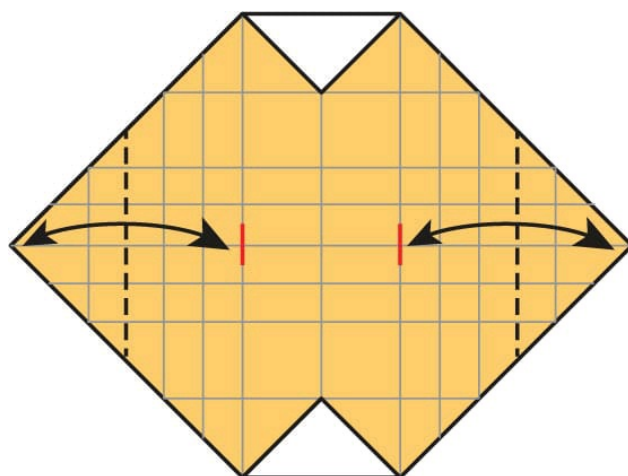
8. Fold the top point and bottom point inward.



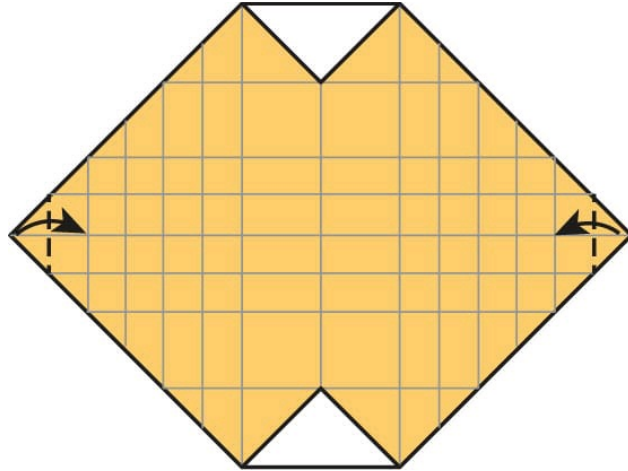
9. Fold the right point to the point indicated by the red dot and unfold.



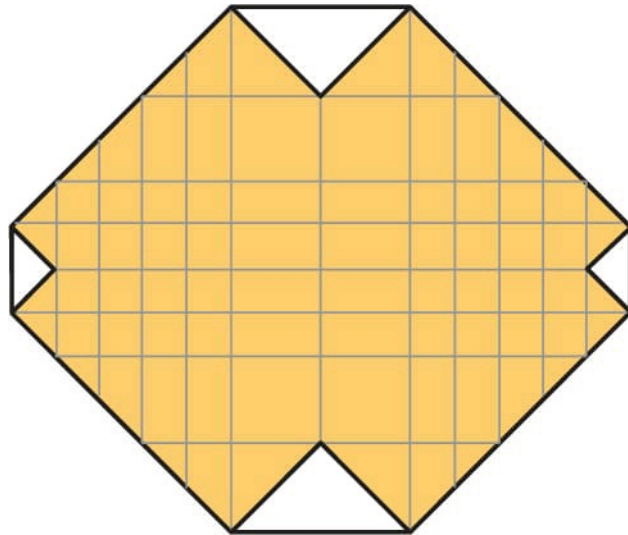
10. Fold the left point to the point indicated by the red dot and unfold.



11. Fold the left and the right points to the indicated creases and unfold.

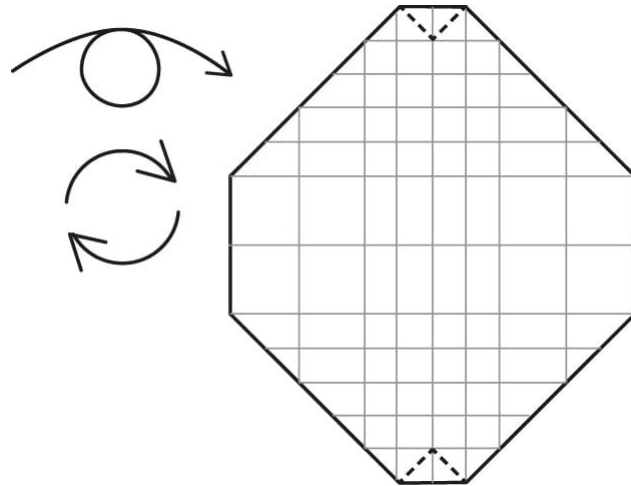


12. Fold the left and the right points inward to the creases indicated.

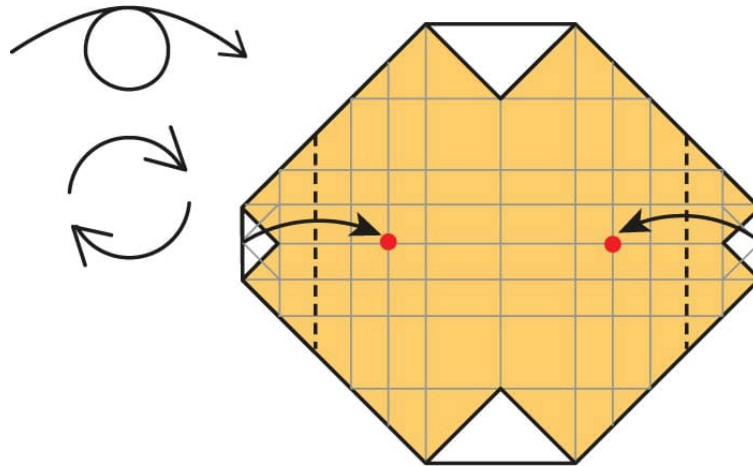


13. Here is what the basic model will look like for all of your nigiri sushi boxes.

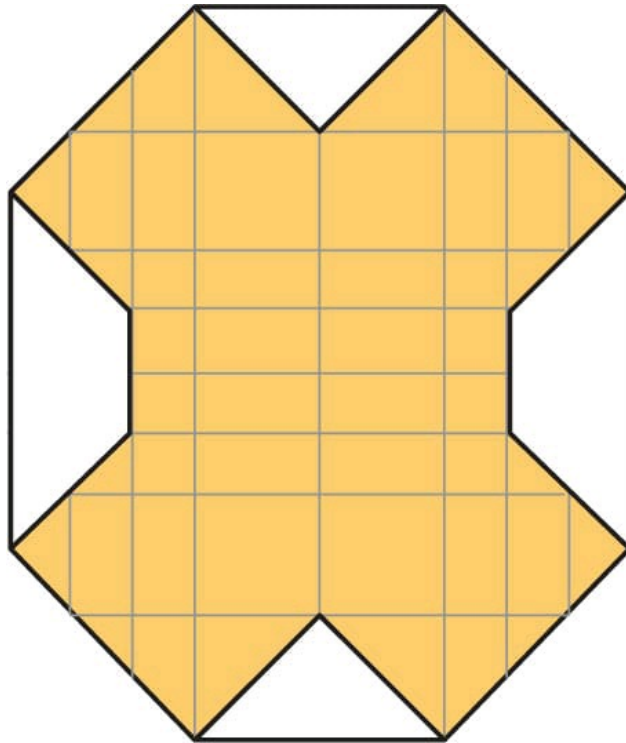
TAMAGO NIGIRI SUSHI BOX



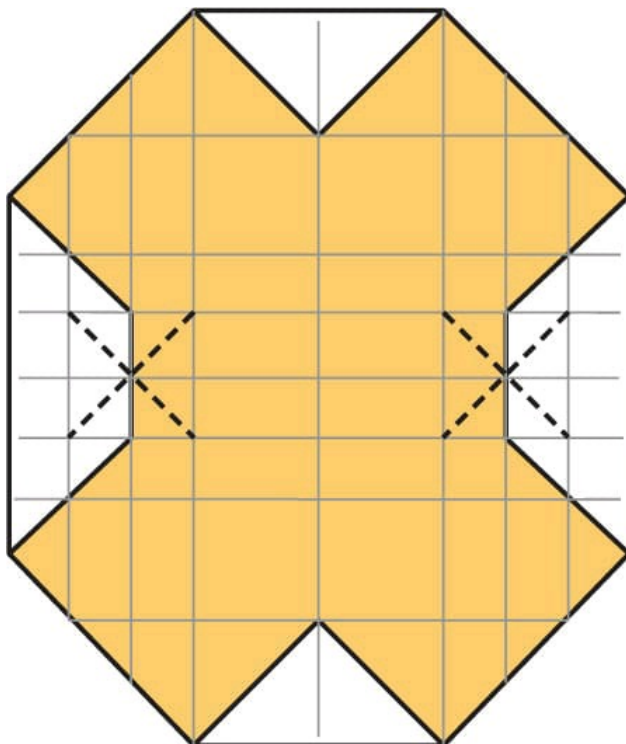
- 14.** Flip the paper over and rotate it. Create diagonal creases on the top and bottom where indicated.



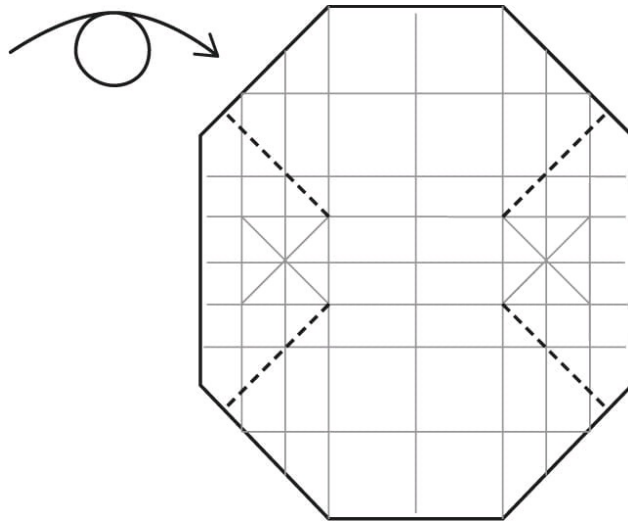
- 15.** Flip the paper over and rotate it. Using the existing creases, fold the left and right edges inward to the points indicated by the red dots.



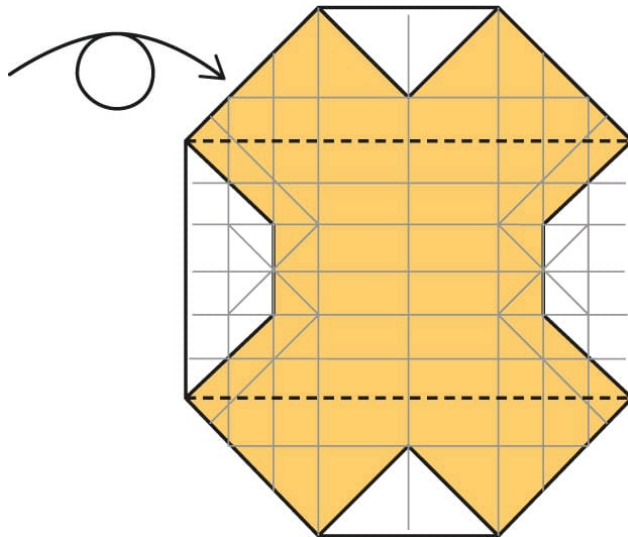
16. Here is what your model should now look like.



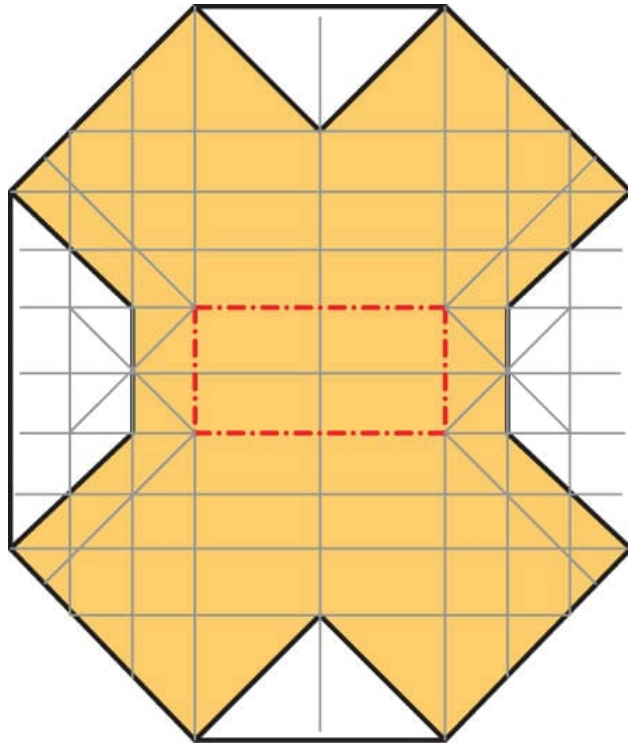
17. Create X-shaped diagonal creases where indicated.



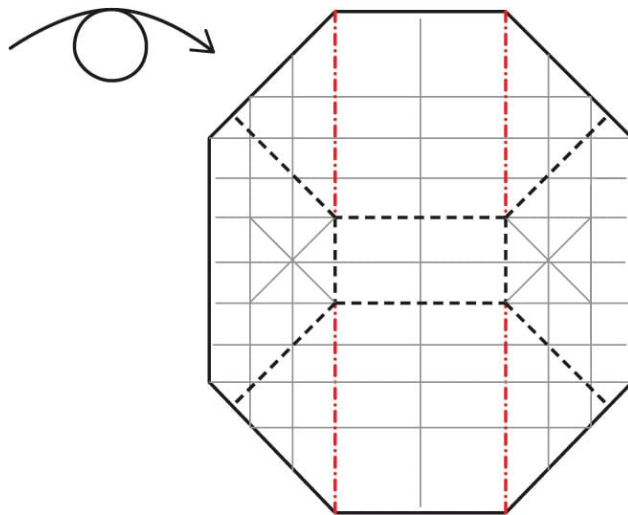
18. Flip the paper over and create the indicated diagonal creases.



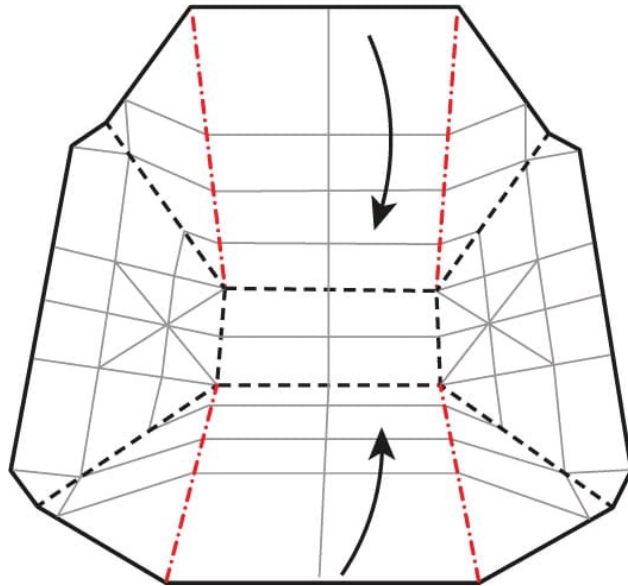
19. Flip the paper over and create the top and bottom horizontal creases as indicated.



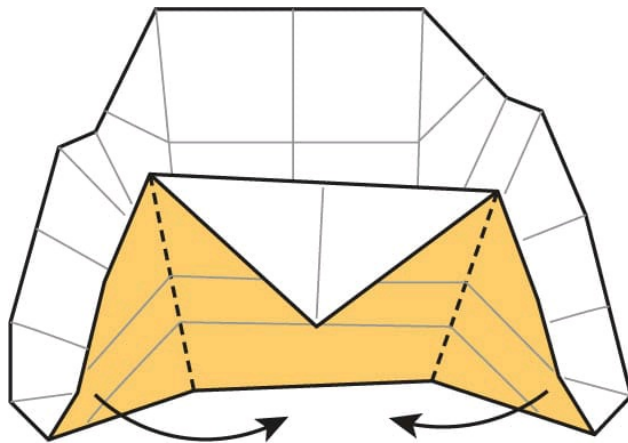
20. Refold the central rectangular shape as mountain folds.



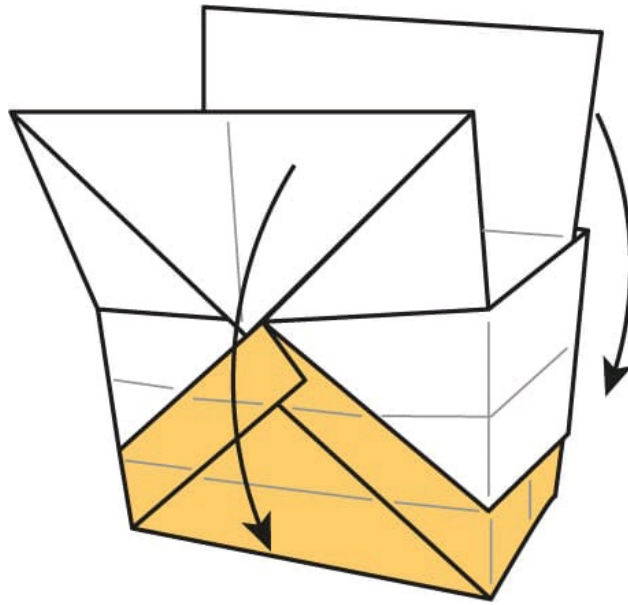
21. Turn the paper over and reinforce the indicated diagonal creases as valley folds and the indicated vertical creases as mountain folds.



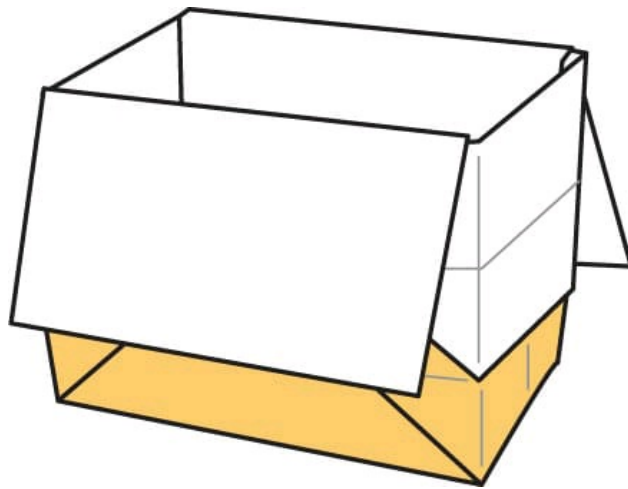
22. Bring the top and bottom edges forward, making the model three-dimensional.



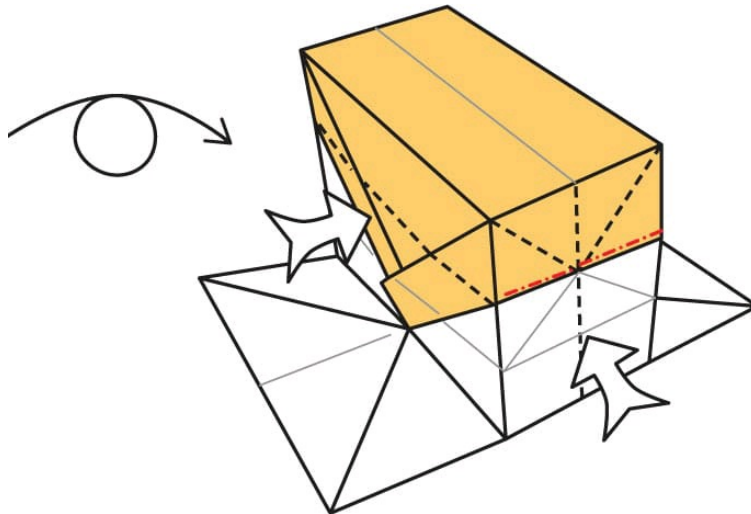
23. Repeat on the back.



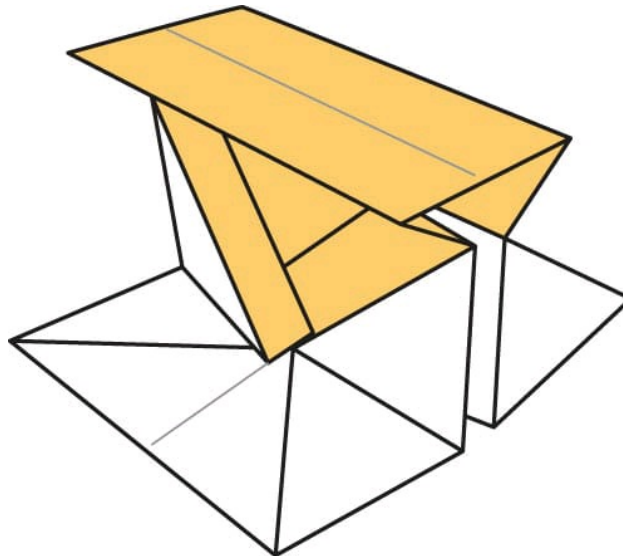
24. Fold the top flaps of the box over and down.



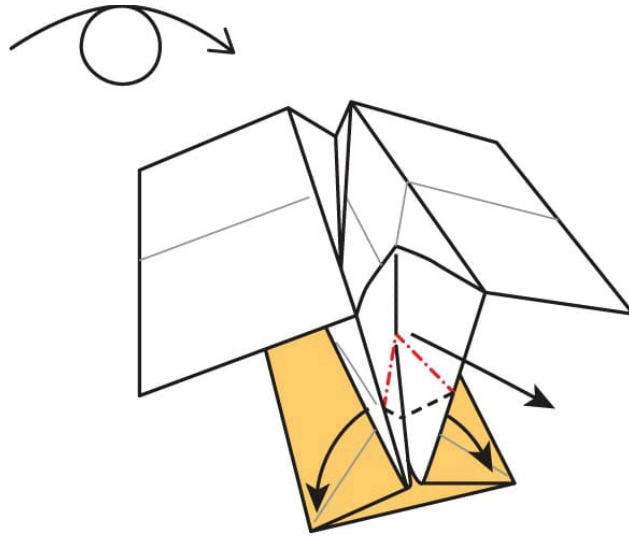
25. This is how your model should now look.



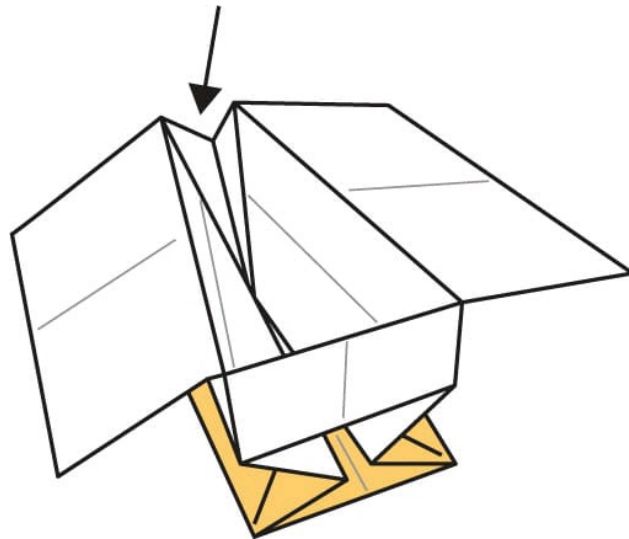
26. Flip it over so the base is at the top. Push where the arrows indicate to collapse the model's sides together.



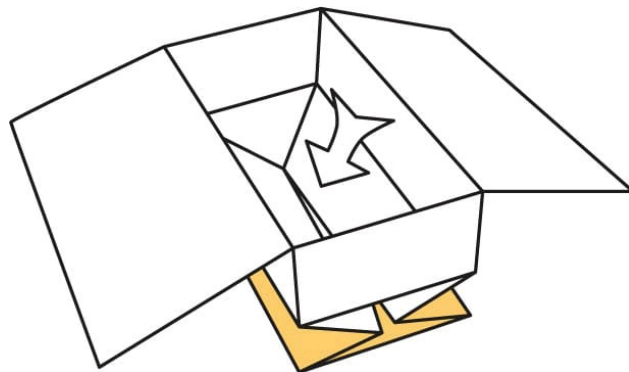
27. Your model should now look like this.



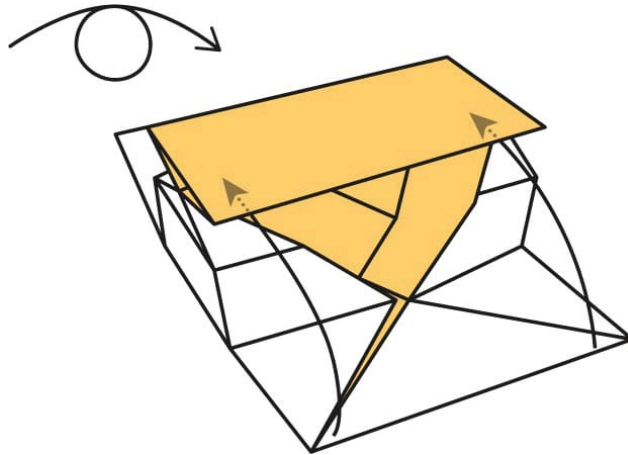
- 28.** Turn the model back over and use your finger to pull open the front of the model, forming one end of the box while squashing the sides down.



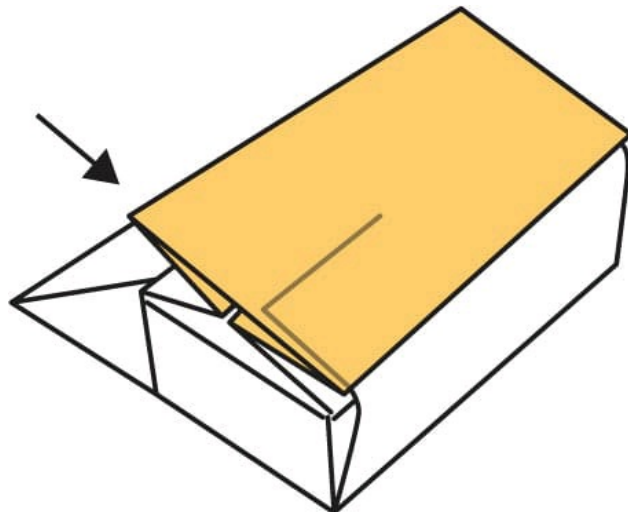
- 29.** Repeat the previous step on the other end of the model.



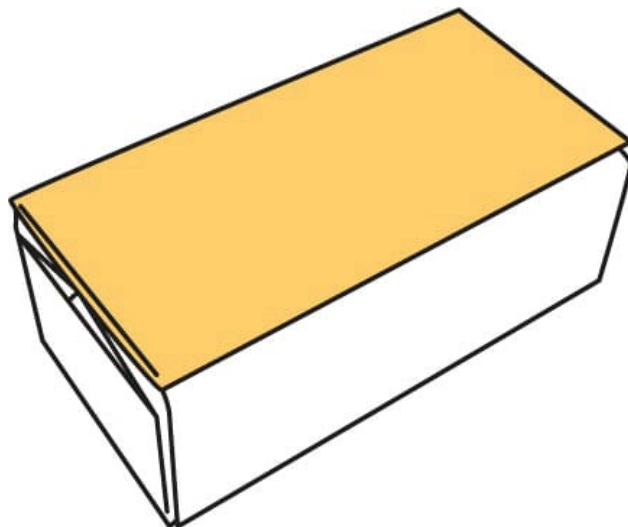
- 30.** Squash the model so that it is no longer springy.



31. Turn the model over and insert the points of the flap inside the slot on the underside of the colored section.

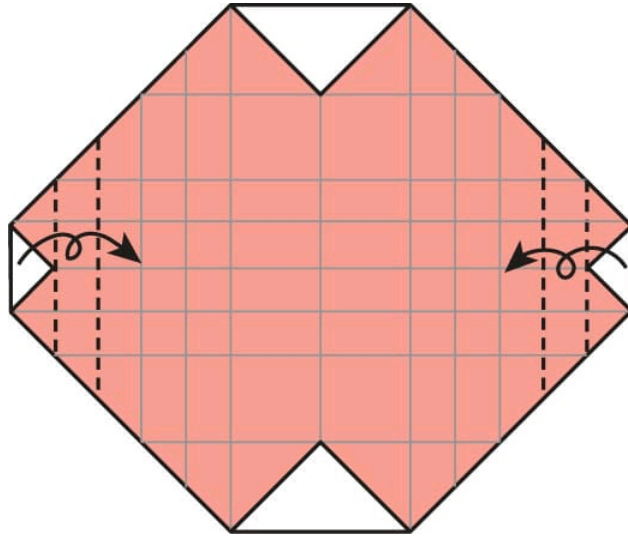


32. Repeat the previous step on the other side.

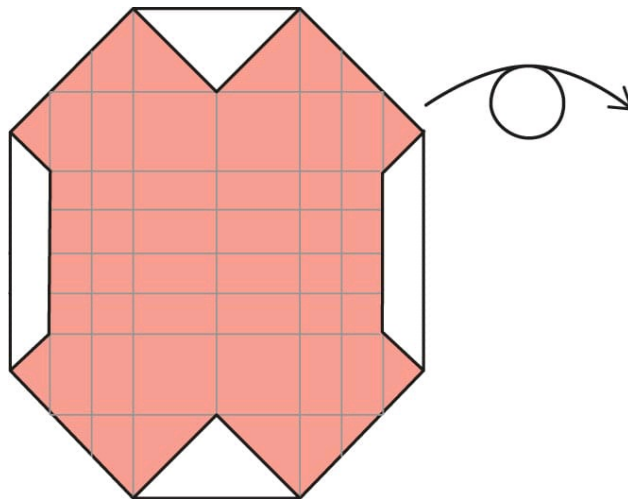


33. Enjoy your tamago nigiri sushi!

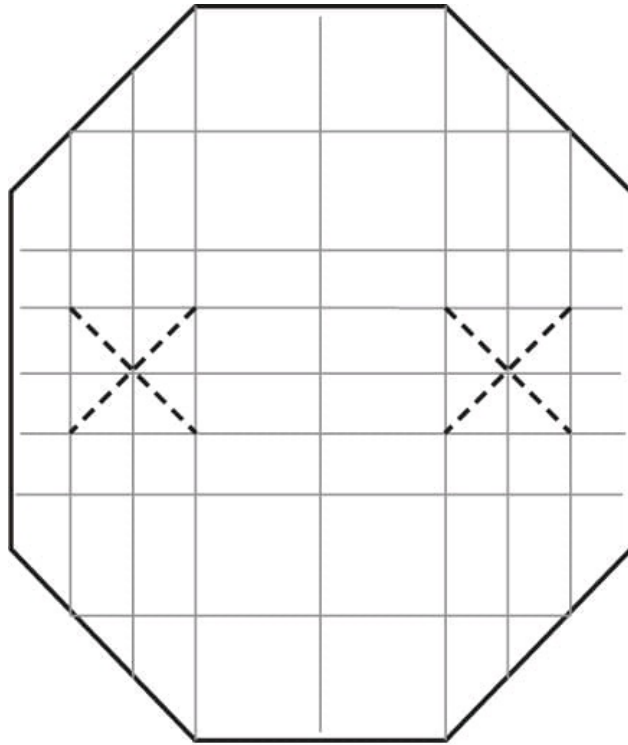
SALMON NIGIRI SUSHI BOX



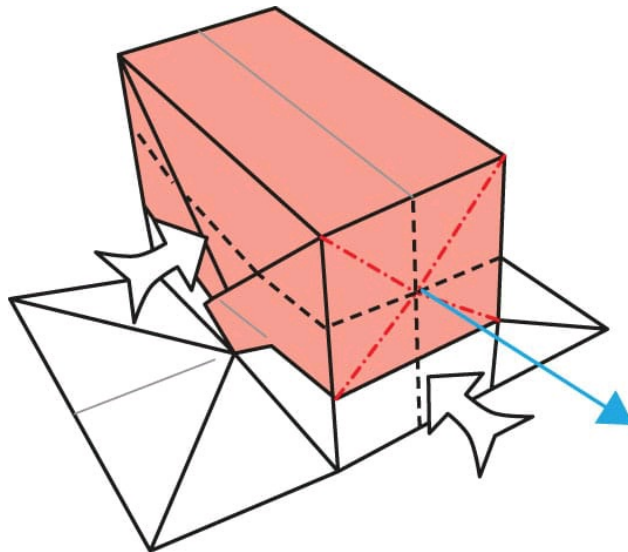
1. Unfold the tamago sushi box to step 13, or start again and fold up to step 13. Fold the right and left sides in twice as indicated.



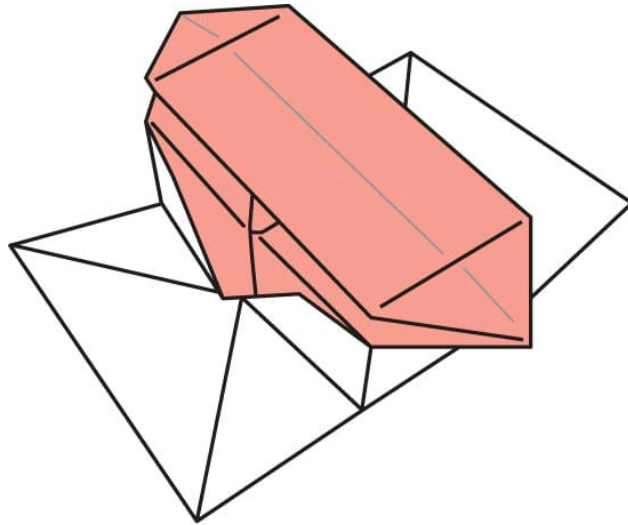
2. Here is what your model should look like.



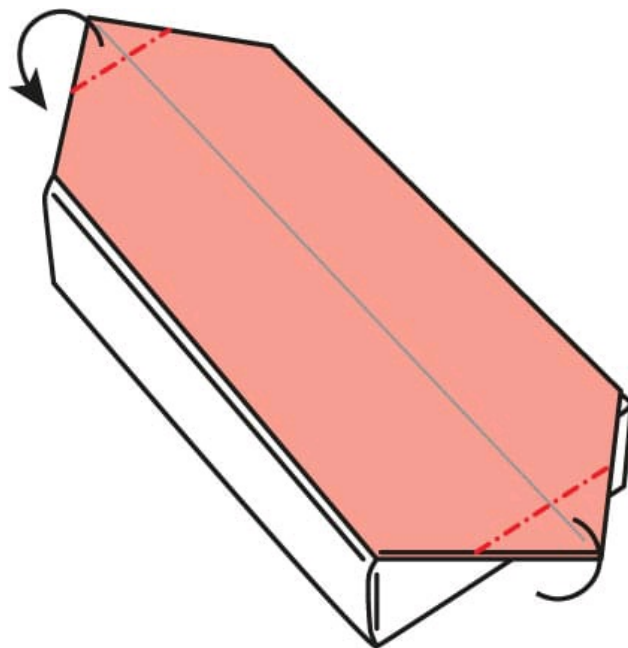
3. Flip the paper over to the other side and create diagonal-shaped creases as indicated.



4. Continue folding the tamago nigiri sushi box from step 18 to step 25. Then, instead of pushing in the end of the box, use your finger to pull the ends to create points while collapsing the sides of the box together.

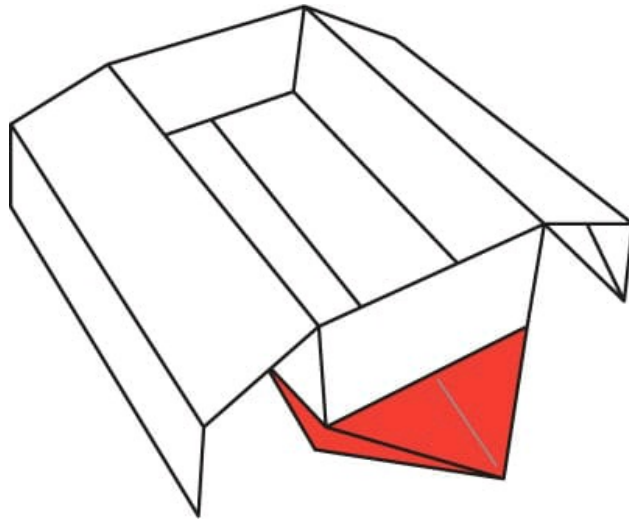


5. Your model should now look like this. Continue folding the salmon nigiri sushi box in the same manner as the tamago nigiri sushi box.

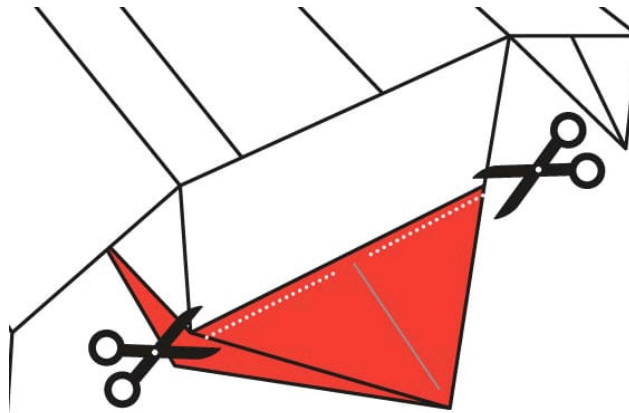


6. You can fold the points of the top under to make your salmon more rounded.

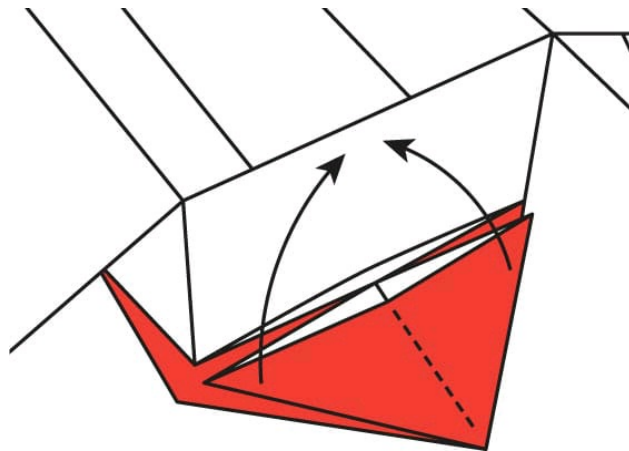
SHRIMP NIGIRI SUSHI BOX



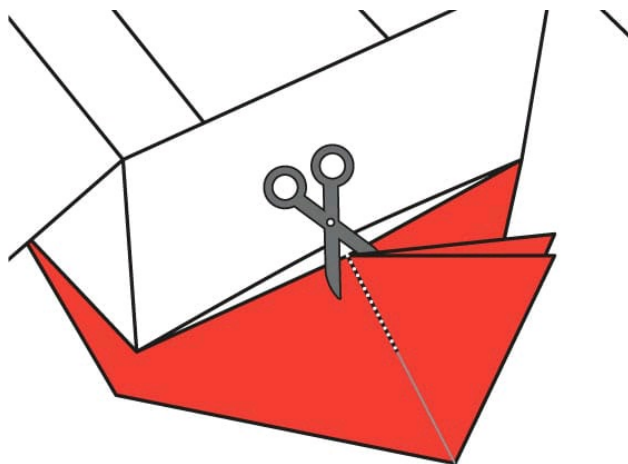
1. After completing a salmon nigiri sushi box, open up the sides of the box.



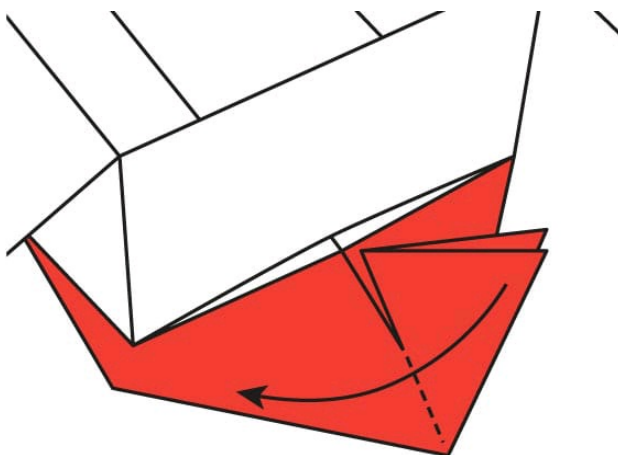
2. Using scissors, make small cuts where indicated on the top layer only.



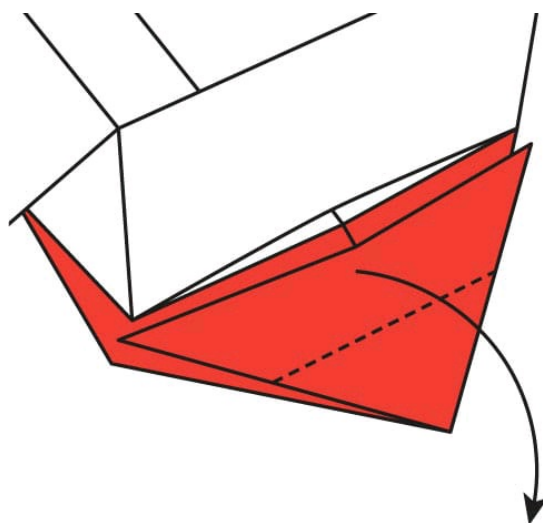
3. Fold the two flaps up toward each other.



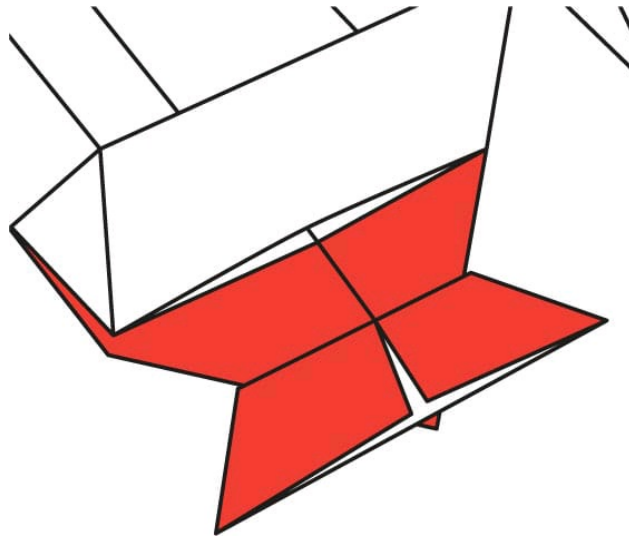
4. Use the scissors to cut where indicated. Be careful not to cut to the end.



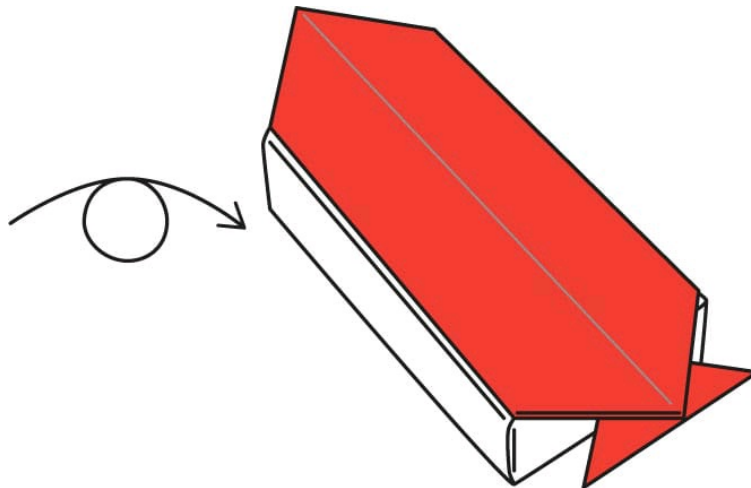
5. Fold the flaps back down.



6. Fold the triangular flap away from the box, taking the layers underneath with it.

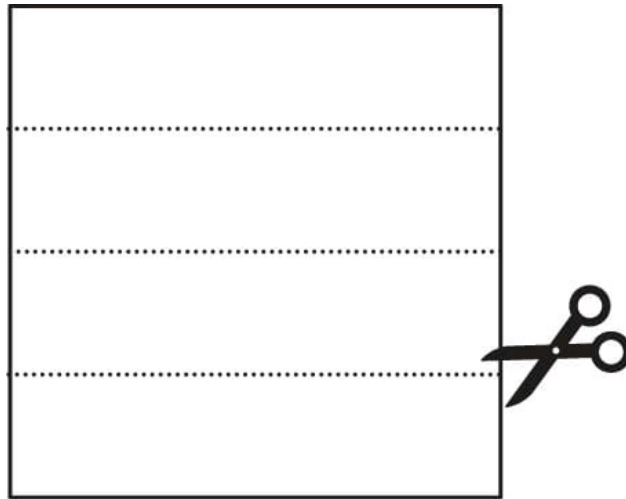


7. Your model should now look like this.

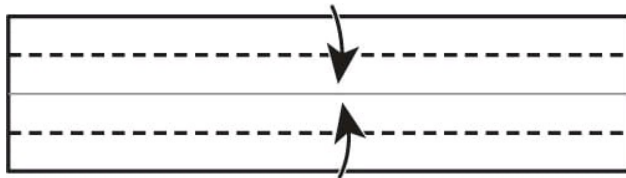
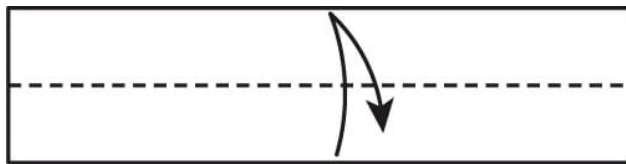


8. Flip it over, and you've got one cute shrimp nigiri sushi box!

SEAWEED STRIP



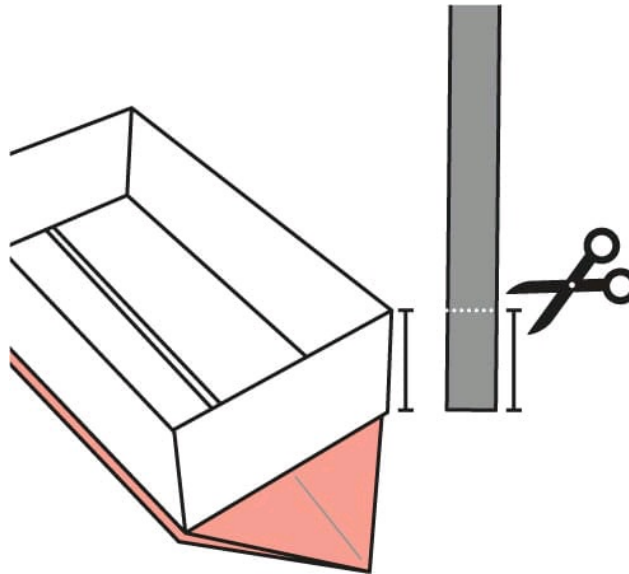
1. Taking the same size paper you used for the nigiri sushi box, fold in half and then fold it in half again. Unfold it and cut along the creases so that you have four equal strips of paper.



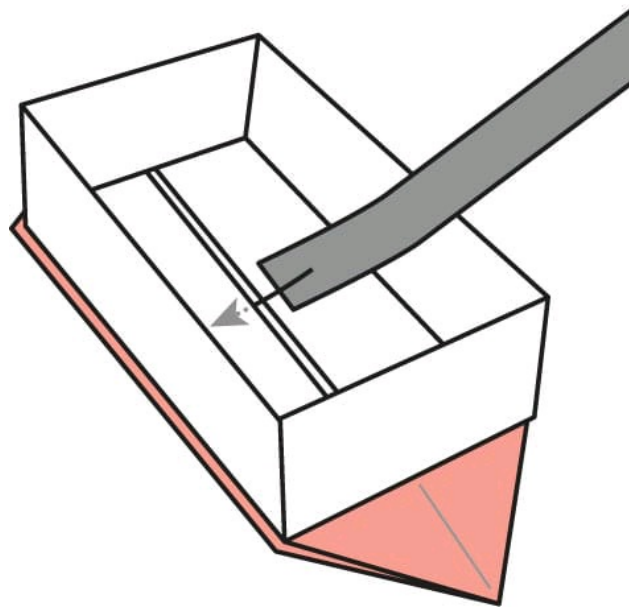
2. Fold the bottom edge of the paper up to top edge and unfold. Fold the top and bottom edges of the paper to the central crease.



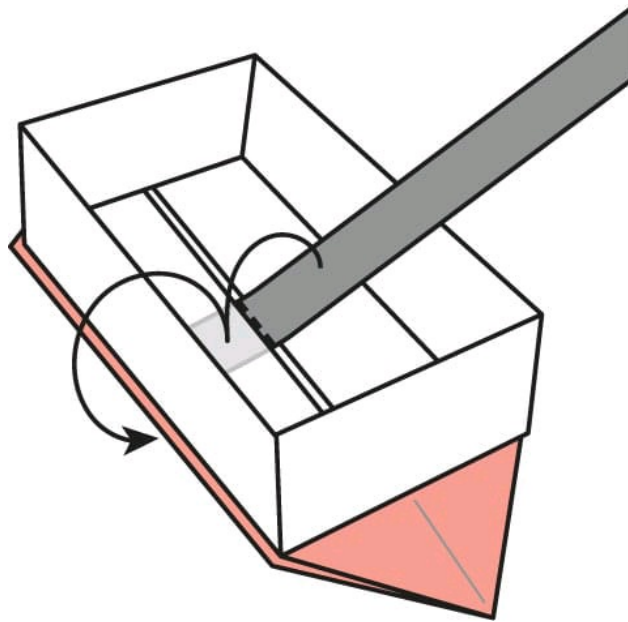
3. Fold the paper in half again so it looks like the bottom diagram.



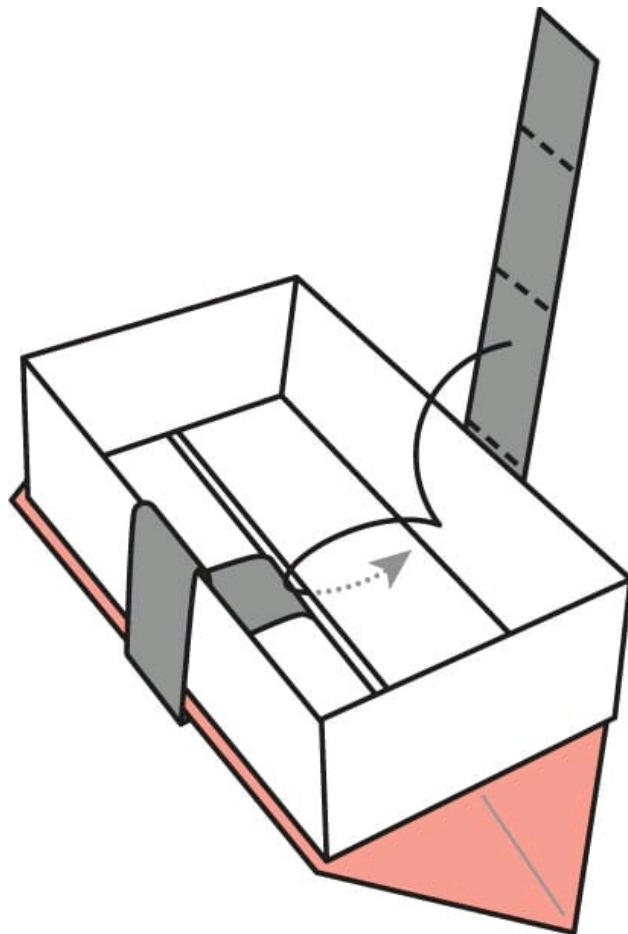
4. Hold the strip of paper up against the side of a completed nigiri sushi box and trim an amount equal to its height off of your strip of paper.



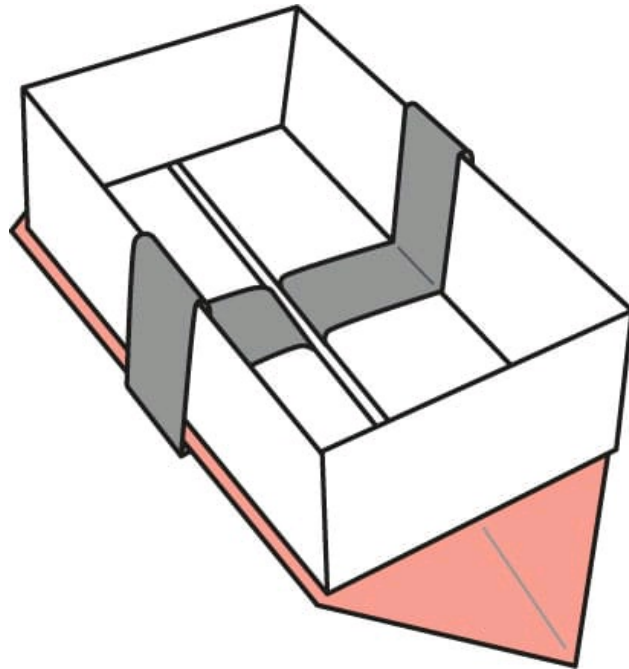
5. Insert the strip of paper into the slot on the inside of the lid.



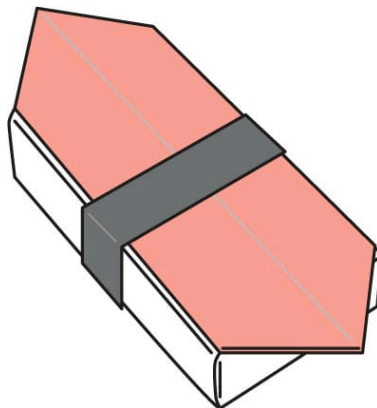
6. Fold the strip of paper in the opposite direction and flatten it against the inside of the box.



7. Continue to wrap the strip of paper around the outside of the box.



8. Fold the strip of paper inside the other side of the box, and slot the end of the paper into the inside pocket of the box.



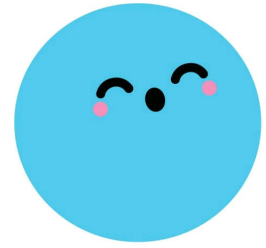
9. Here's your seaweed-wrapped nigiri sushi box! To make a lower box for the sushi lids, use the tutorial shown [here](#) for the rectangular masu box. You can use the same size paper (or a tiny bit smaller) to make the lower box.



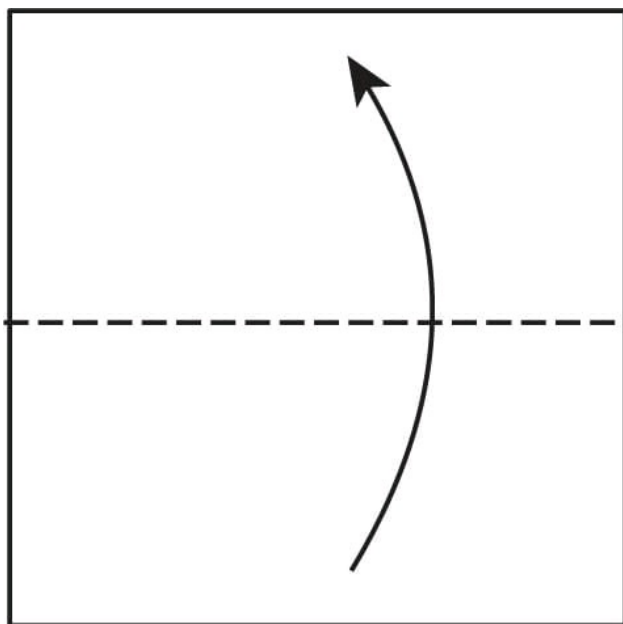
Flower Bowl

This origami flower bowl is one of the more complex origami models included in this book. You can use it to decorate during spring, and it is sturdy enough to hold jewelry or makeup. I recommend using a large piece of paper, such as 8 × 8 inches (20 × 20 cm) the first time you try to make this model.

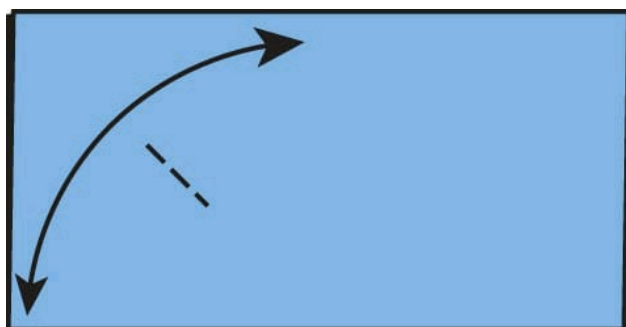
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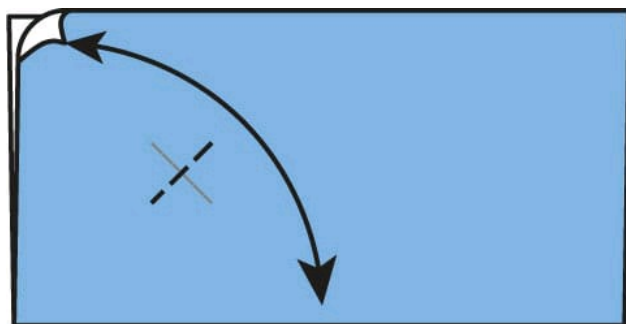




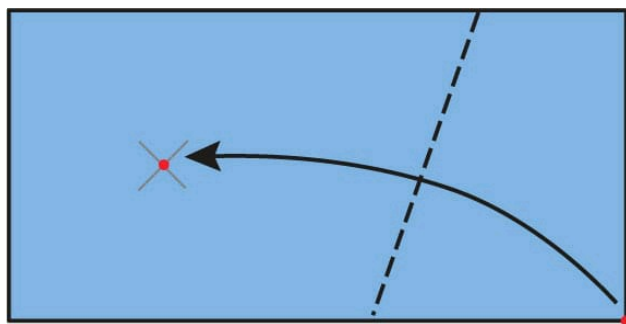
1. Start by folding the bottom edge of the paper up to the top edge.



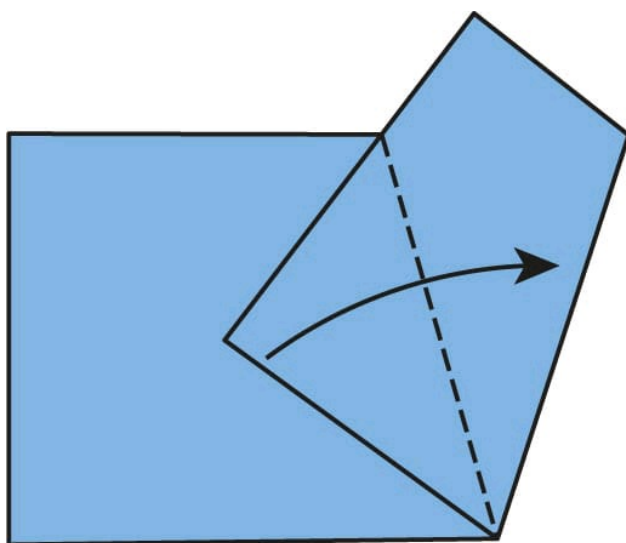
2. Fold the bottom left corner diagonally up to the right, make a small crease, and unfold.



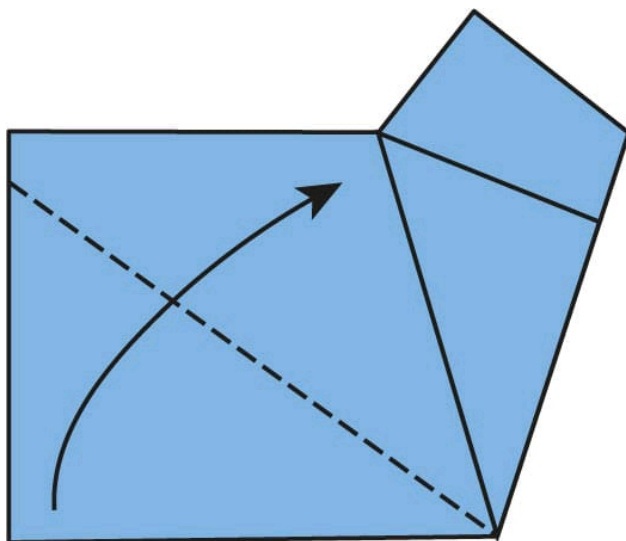
3. Fold the top left corner of the paper diagonally down, make another small crease, and unfold.



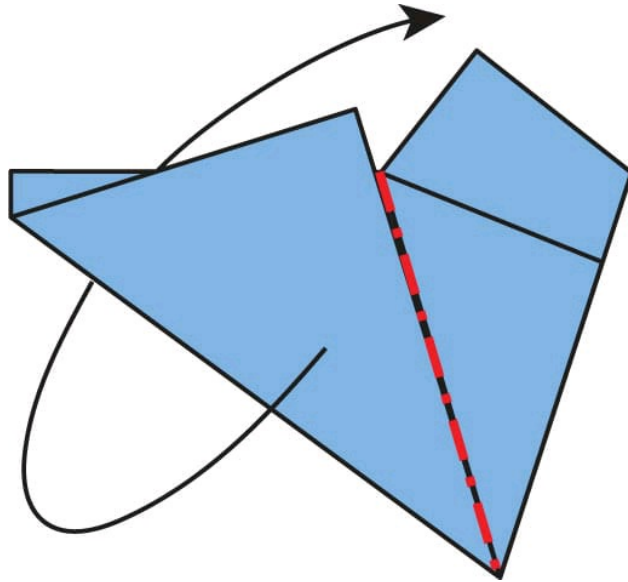
4. Bring the bottom right point over to the center of the small creases you made in the previous steps.



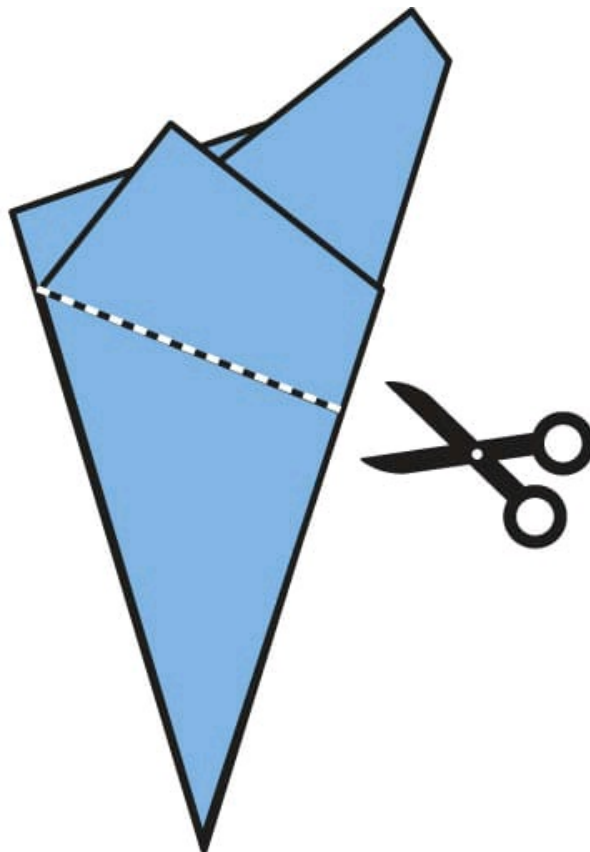
5. Fold the diagonal left edge of the front flap over to the right edge.



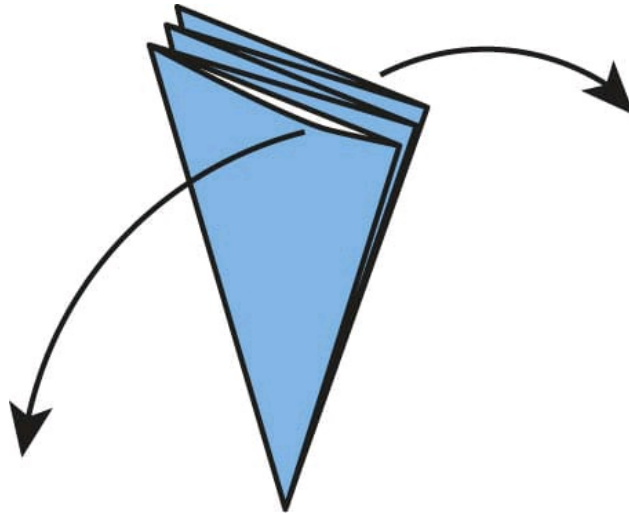
6. Fold the bottom left edge of the paper diagonally up to meet the diagonal edge of the right section.



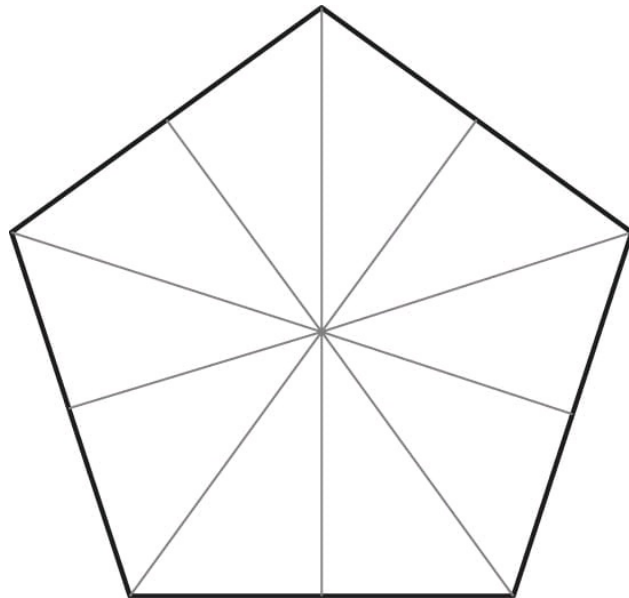
7. Fold the left section behind.



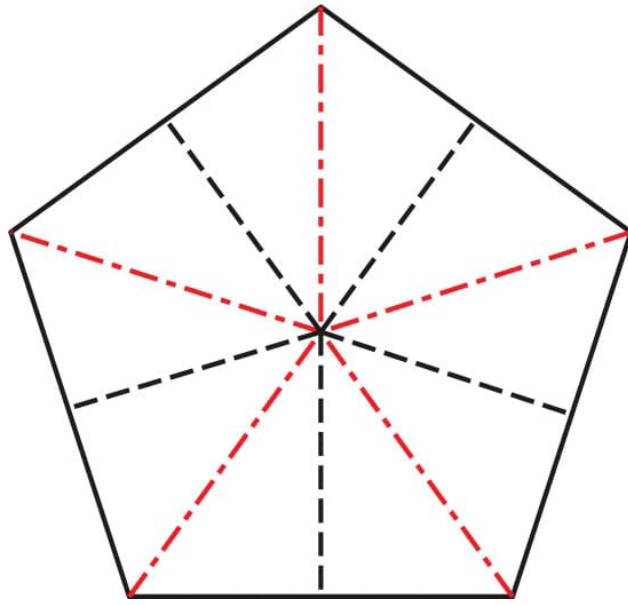
8. Use scissors to trim the top section of the paper along the top edge of the front section.



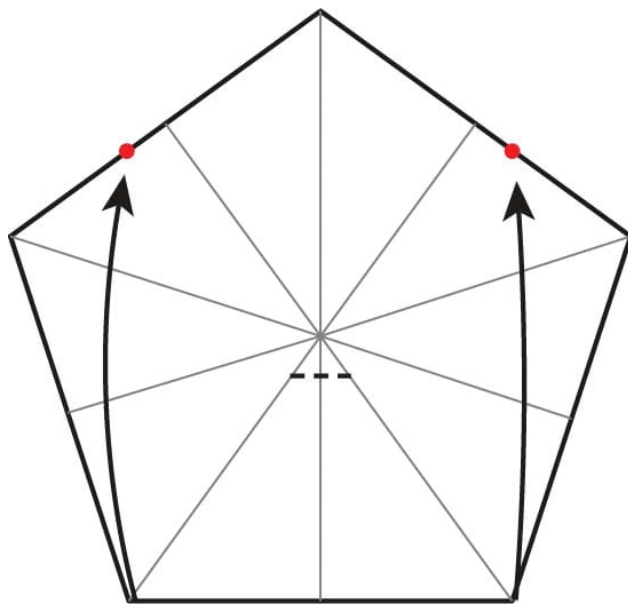
9. Open up the paper.



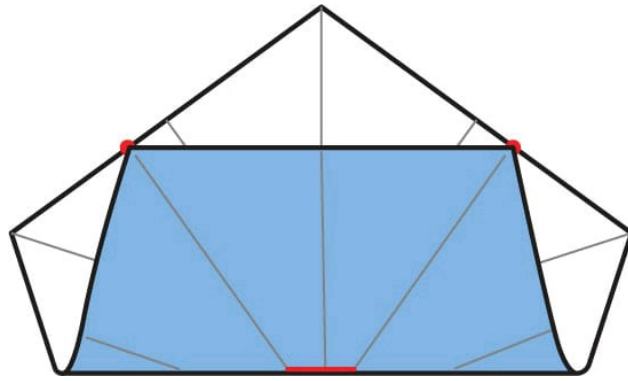
10. Position the pentagon as shown.



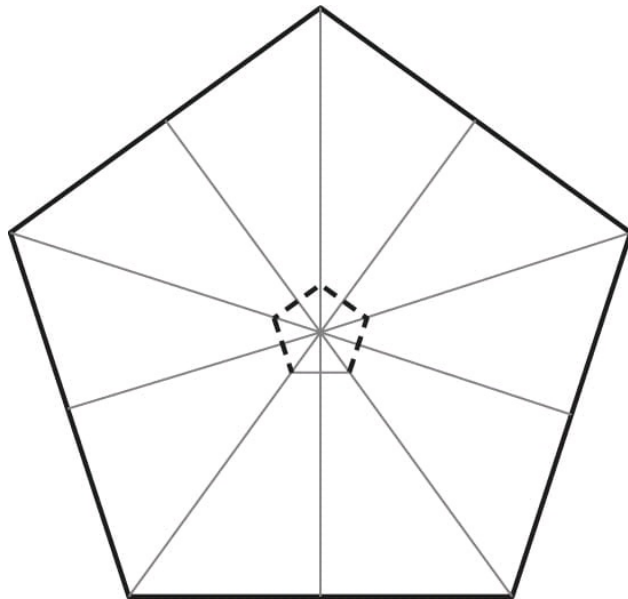
11. Refold the mountain and valley creases as indicated.



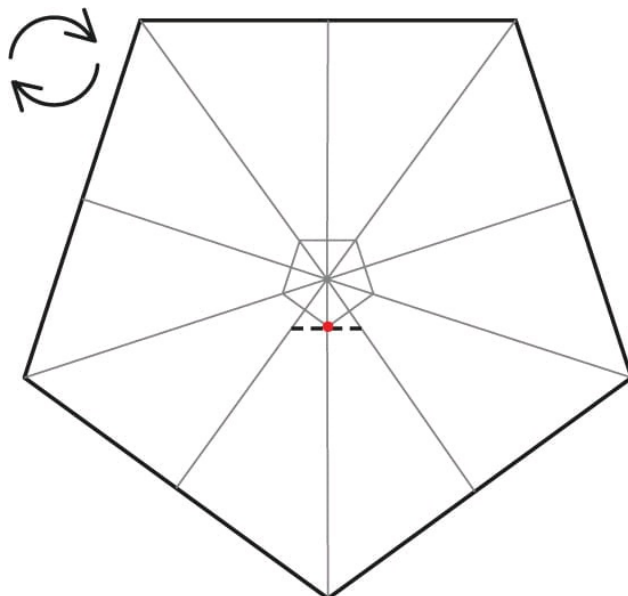
12. Bring the bottom edge of the paper up to the points indicated by the red dots and make a small crease in the center section only.



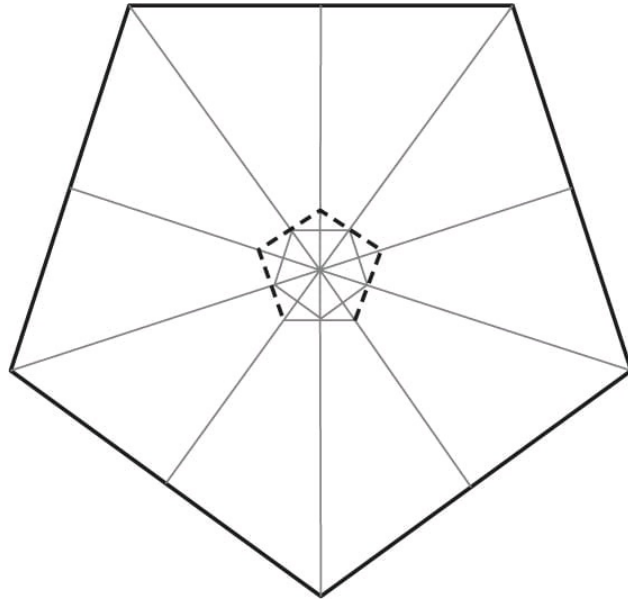
13. This is how your model should look. Unfold it.



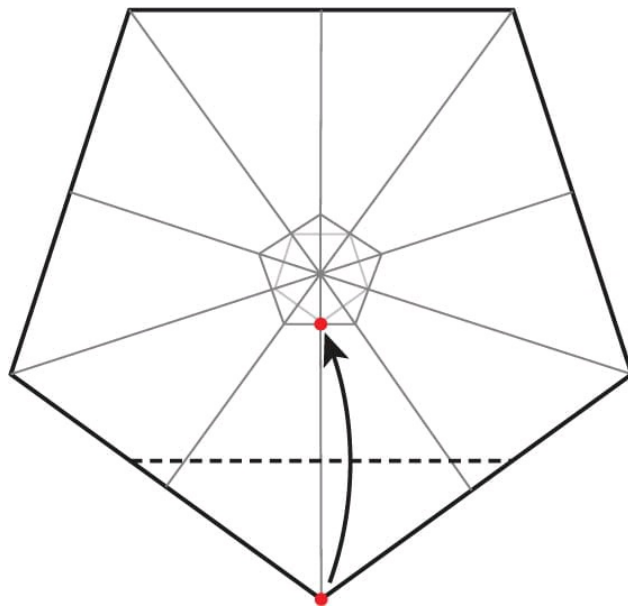
14. Repeat steps 12 and 13 on all of the other edges by rotating the paper.



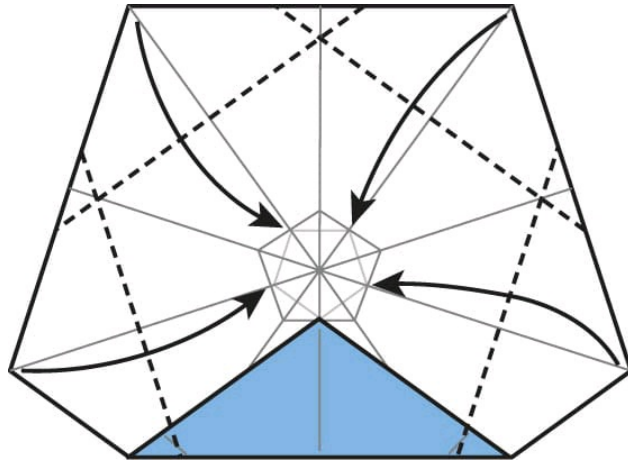
15. Rotate the paper so that one of the points is pointing downward. Create a small crease in the center section that intersects with the point of the small upside-down pentagon in the middle.



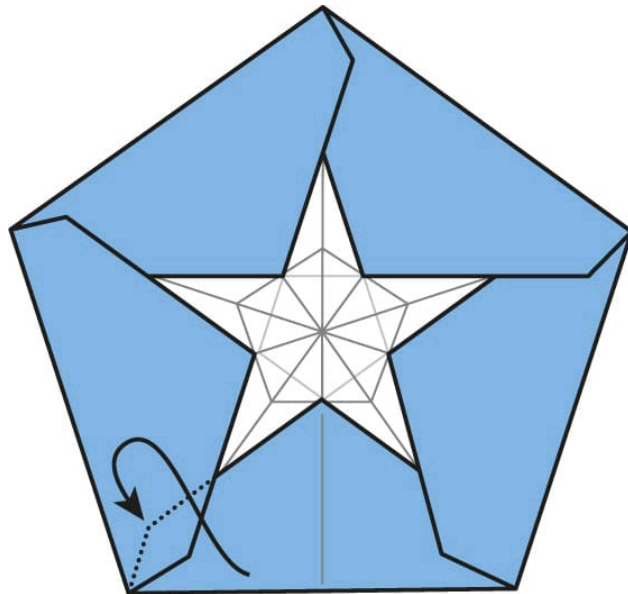
16. Repeat the last step on all of the other sides.



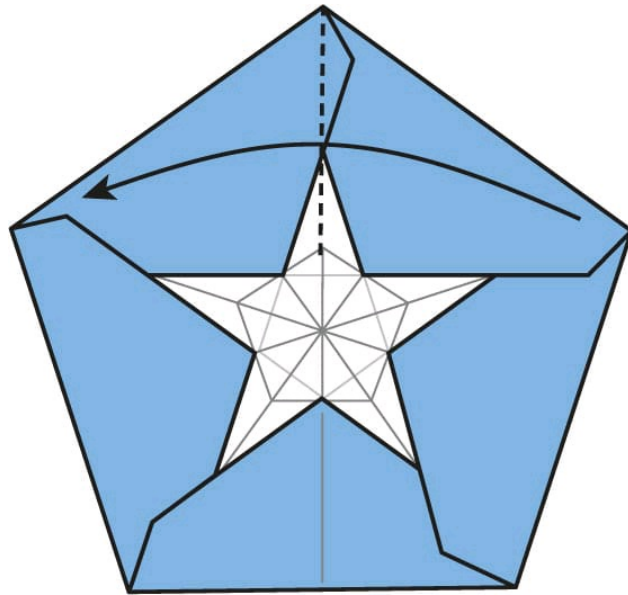
17. Fold the bottom point up to the bottom edge of the larger pentagon in the middle.



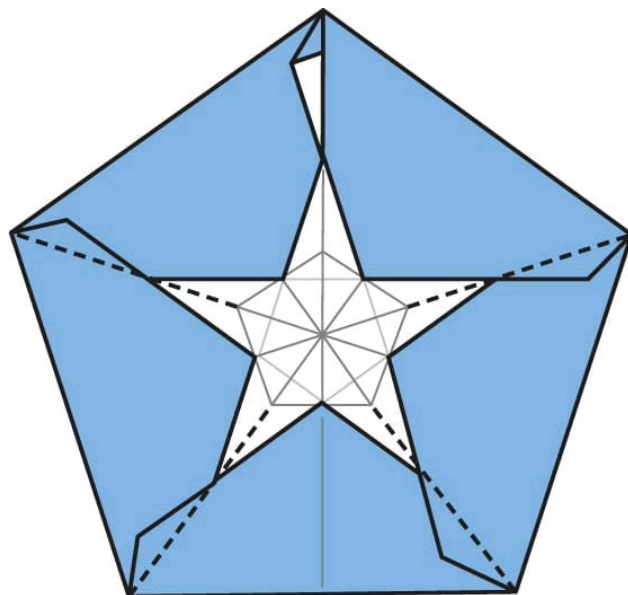
18. Rotate the paper and repeat the previous step on all of the other points.



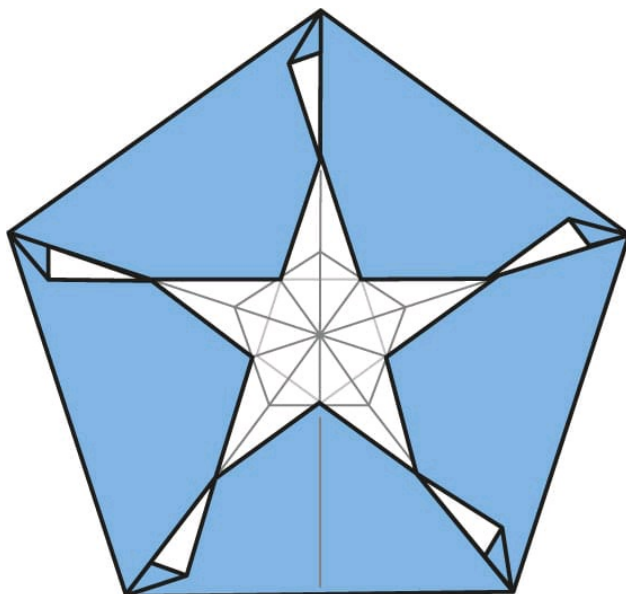
19. On the last section, open the first point that you folded up and insert the last point underneath it.



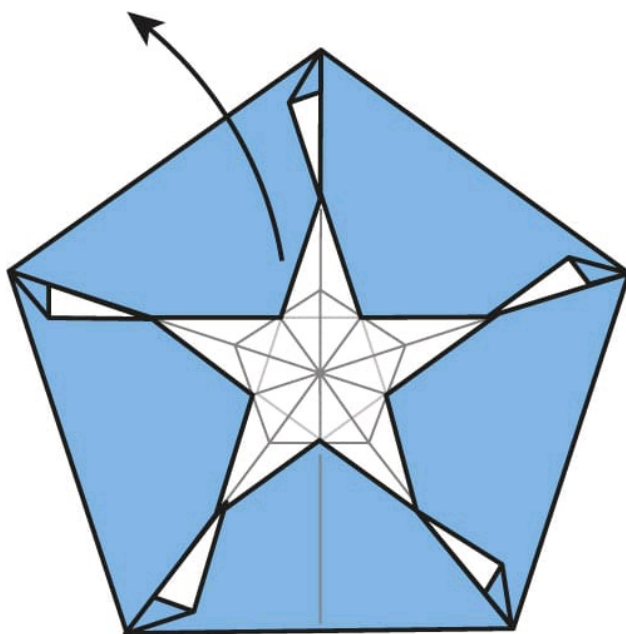
20. Fold the right point over to the left using the existing crease and then unfold.



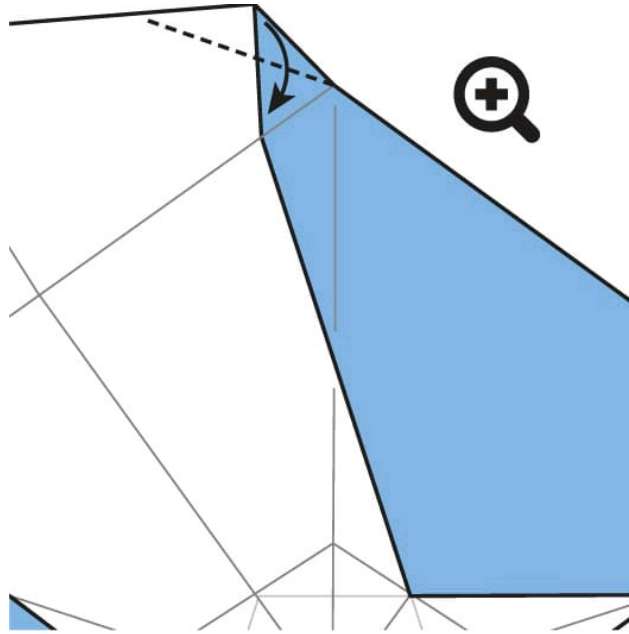
21. Rotate the paper and repeat the previous step on all of the other points.



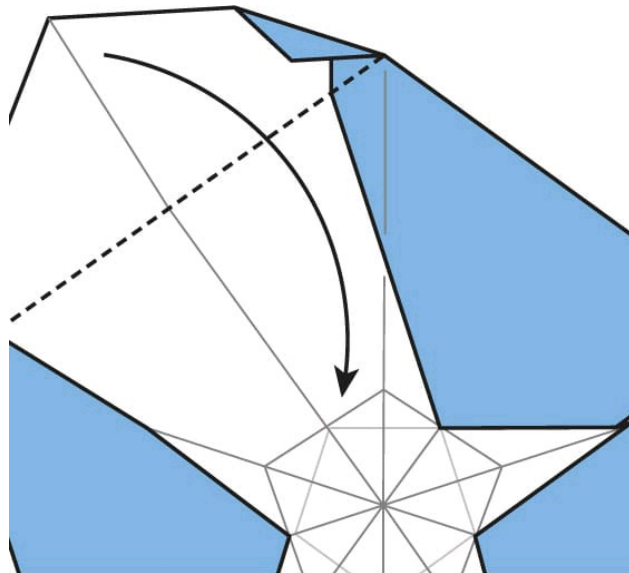
22. Fold all of the little flaps backward, making sure they are all well-formed. This is what your model should now look like.



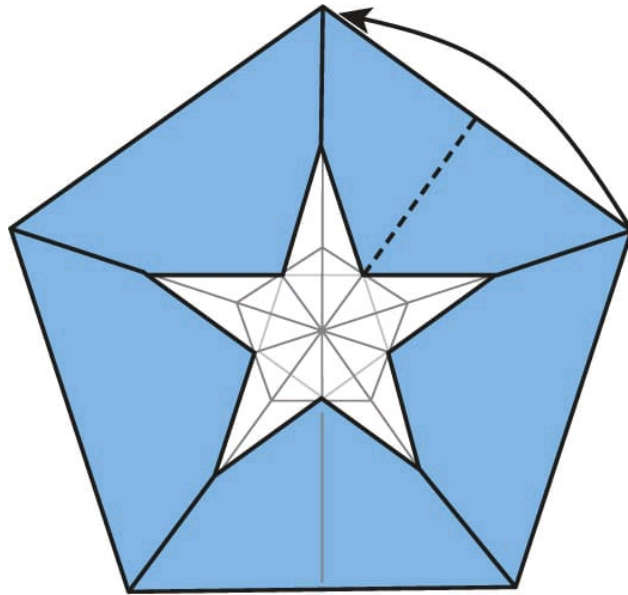
23. Open one of the flaps.



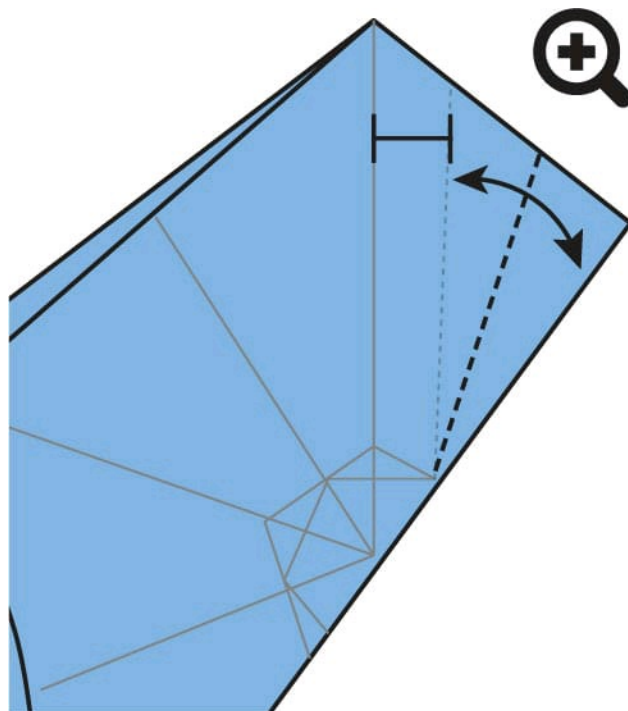
24. Fold down the little flap that you made in steps 20–22.



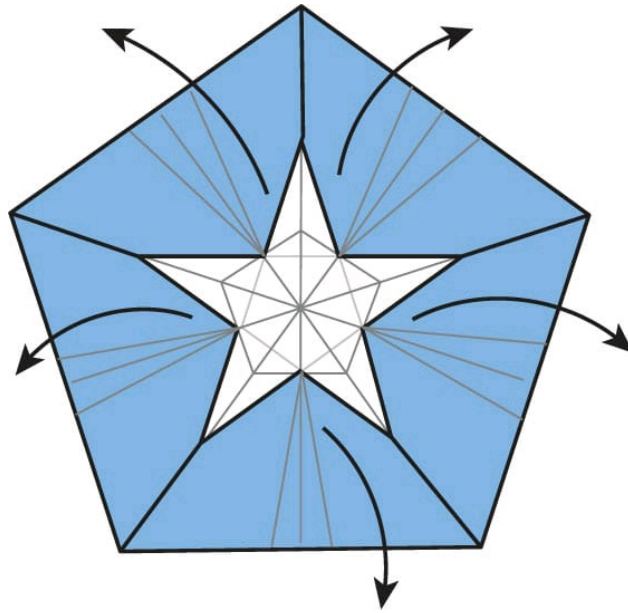
25. Refold the flap that you opened in step 23. Repeat this process on all of the points.



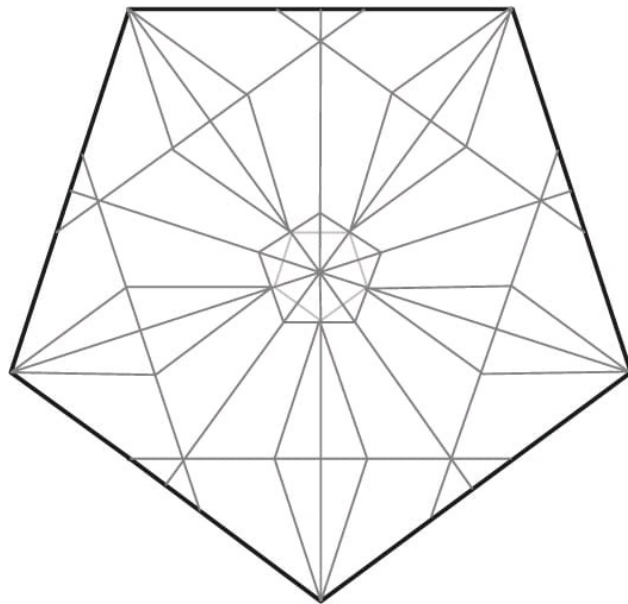
26. Refold the right section diagonally up to the top point.



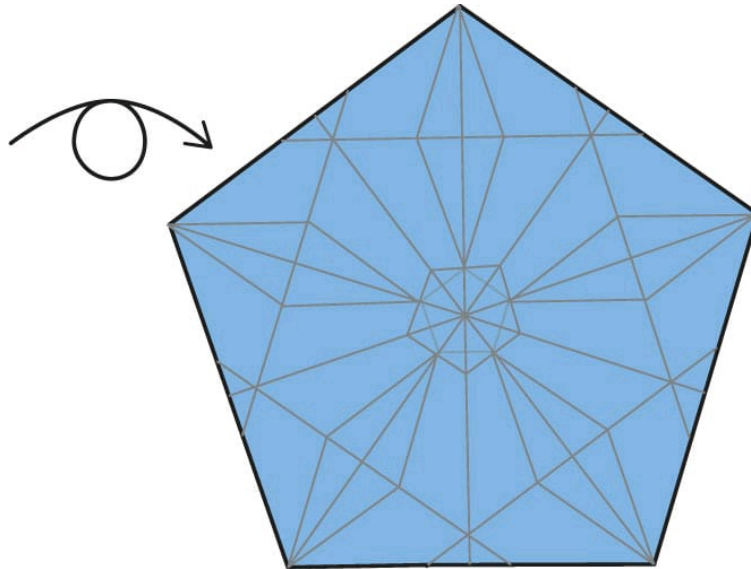
27. Create a diagonal crease by folding the right diagonal edge to meet what you would imagine to be a vertical line running parallel to the existing vertical line. Unfold and repeat this step on all of the sides.



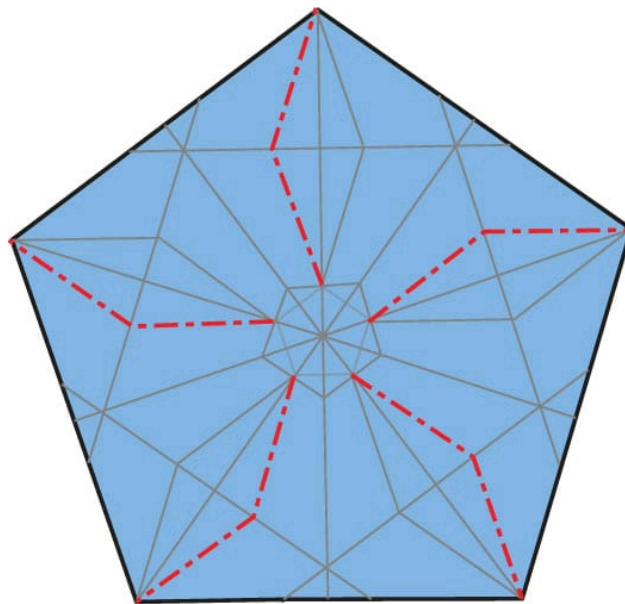
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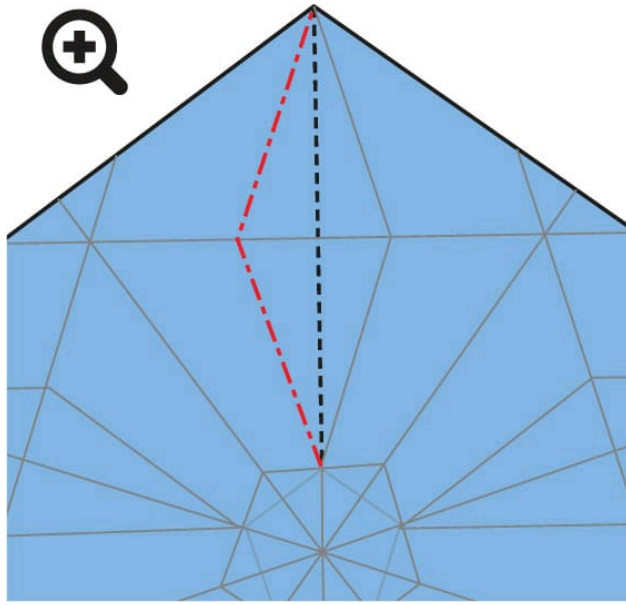
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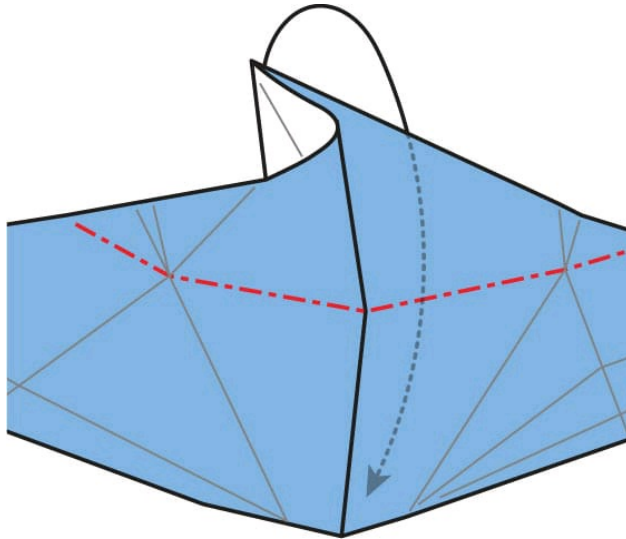
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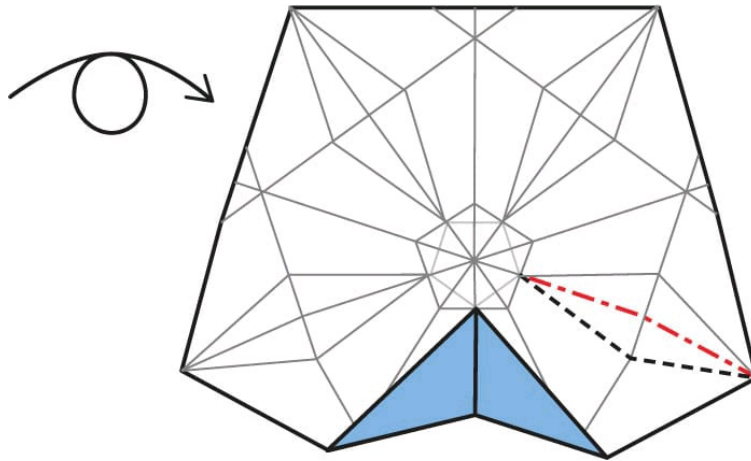
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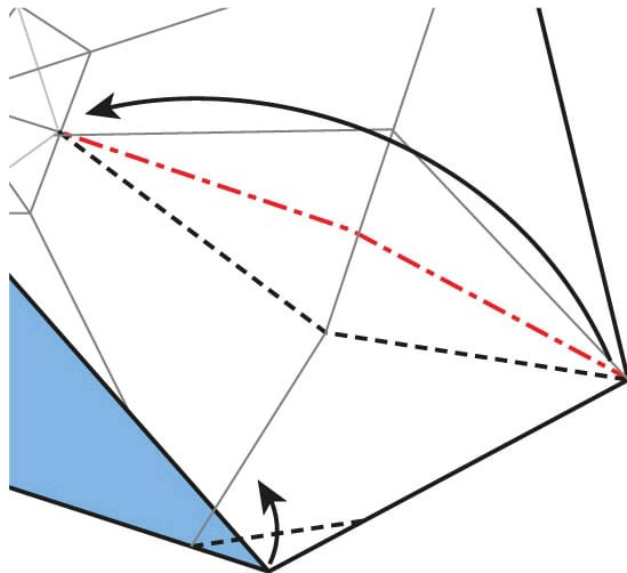
32. Focusing on the top section, make a valley fold where indicated and bring the left diagonal mountain folds over to the right.



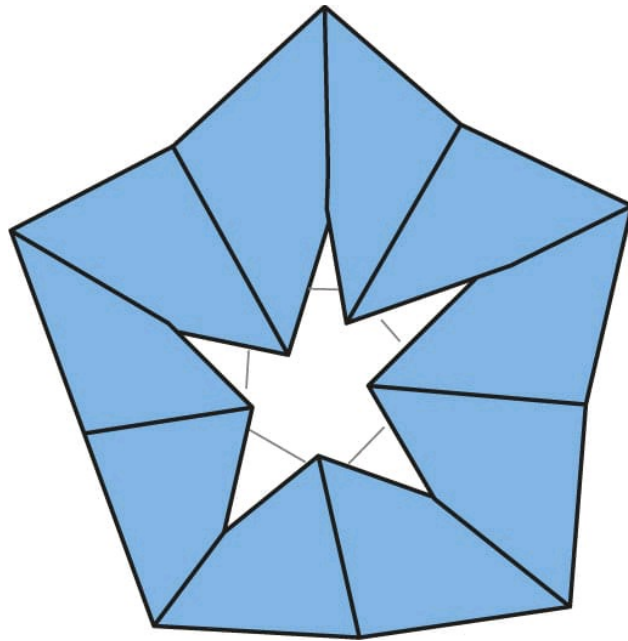
33. Fold the top section over and behind.



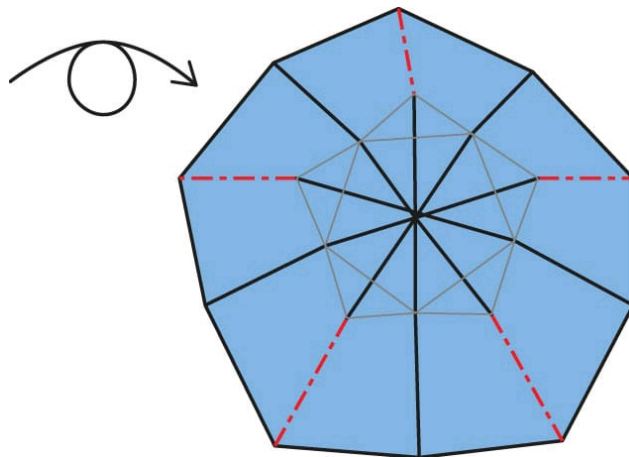
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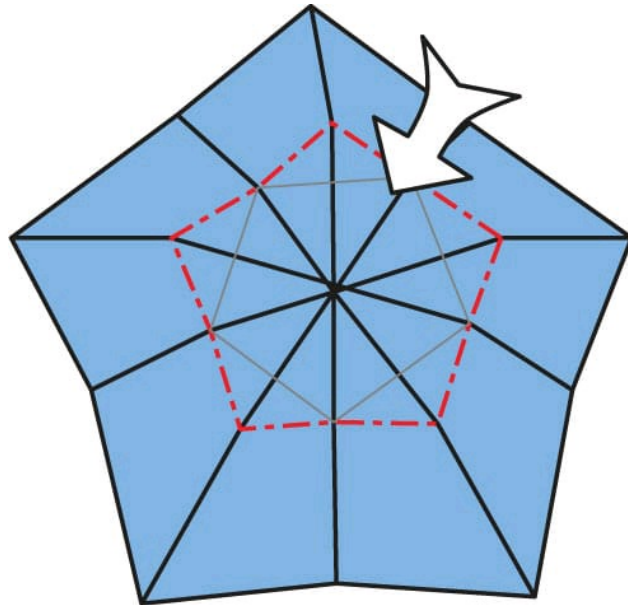
35. As you go through each section, fold the small flap that is indicated here first.



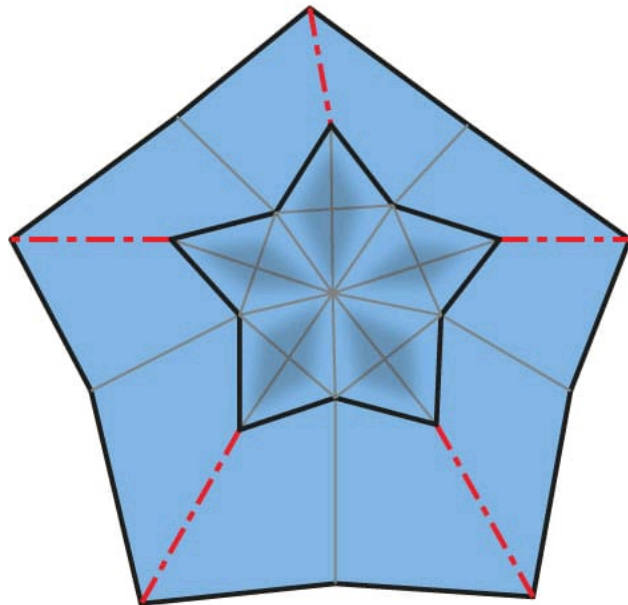
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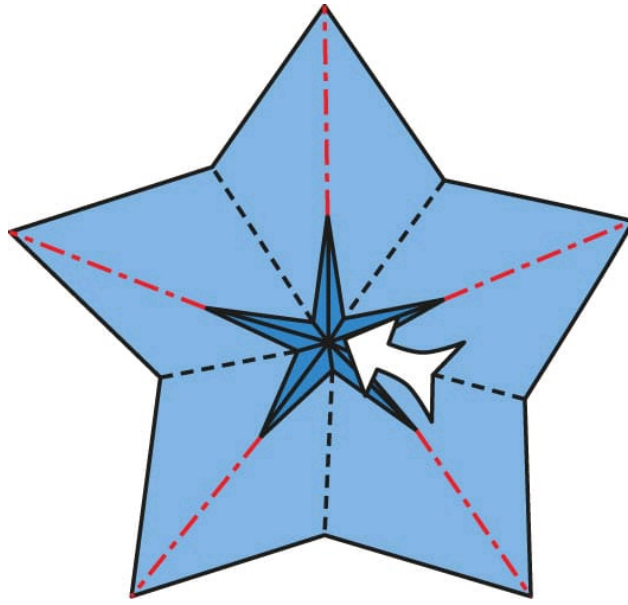
37. Flip the model over and reinforce all the creases indicated as mountain folds



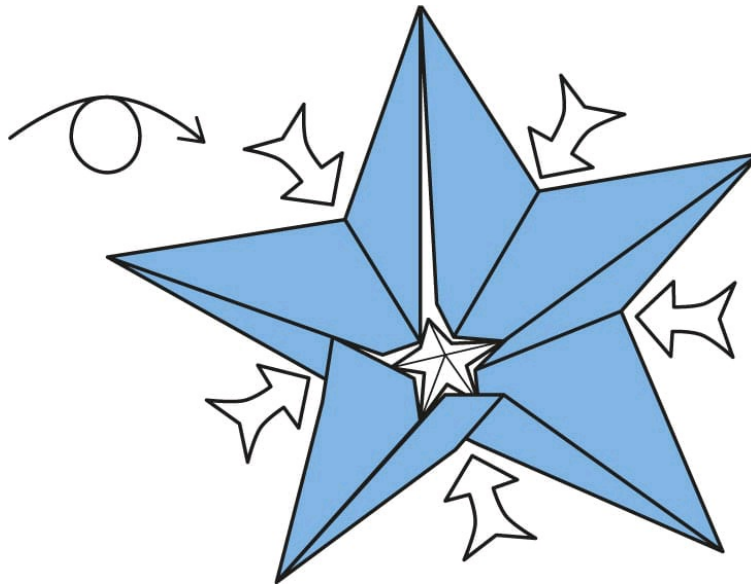
38. Push the inside of the model inward.



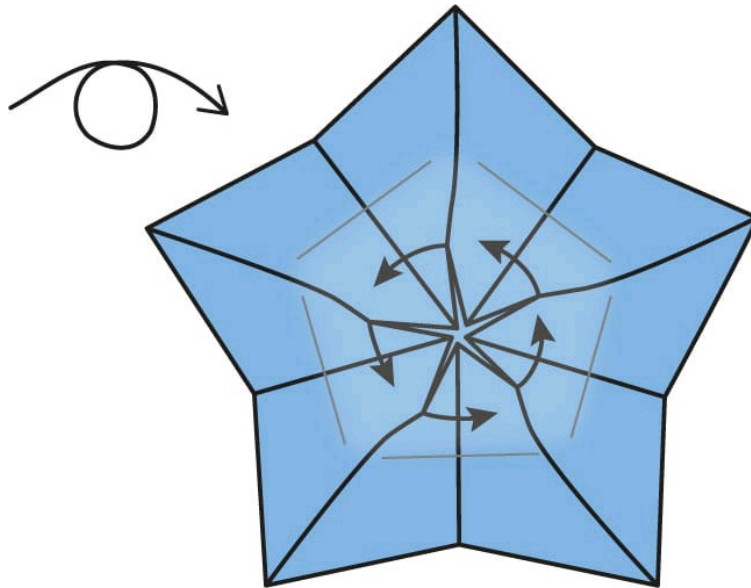
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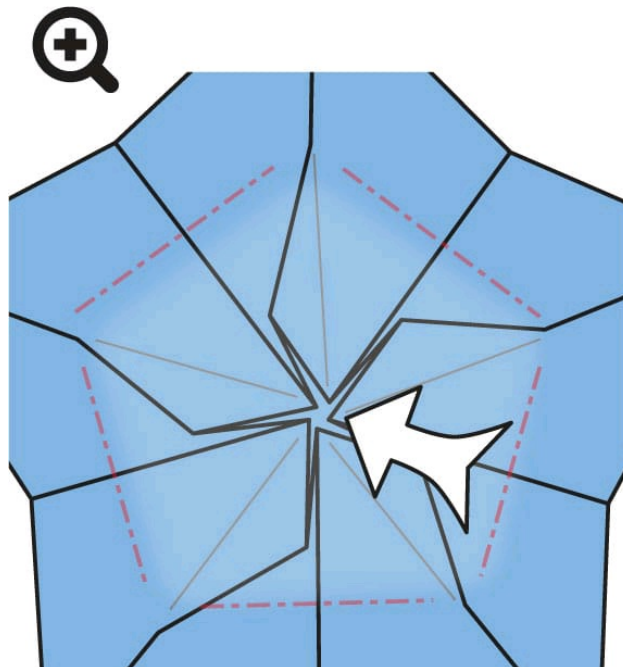
40. ... you have a star-shaped hollow.



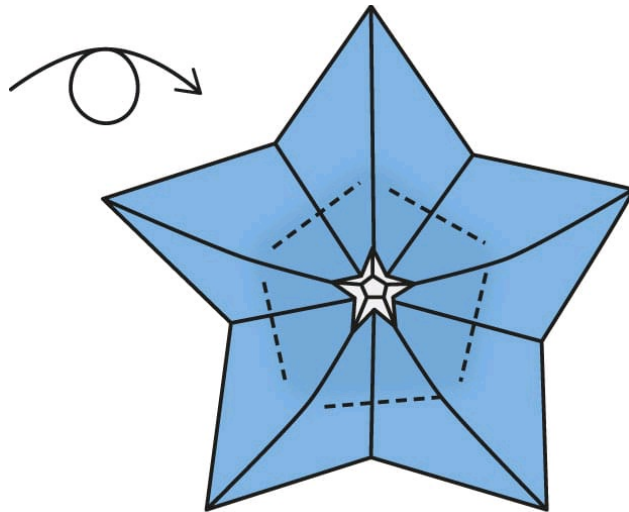
41. Flip the model over to the other side and continue pushing the sides inward while making sure that the flaps inside are behind the small three-dimensional star in the middle.



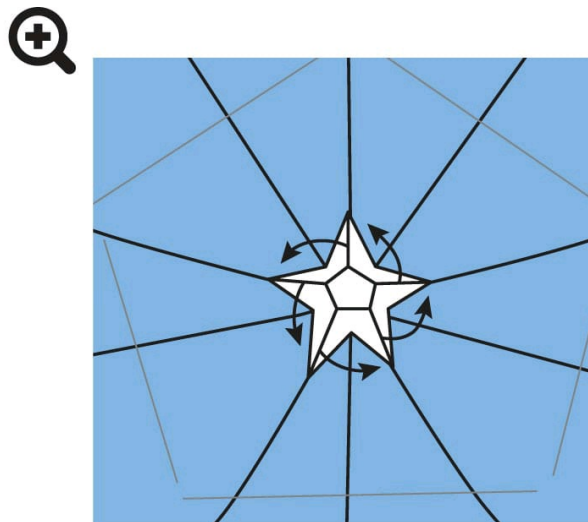
42. Flip the model back over and flatten the flaps while rotating them all in one direction.



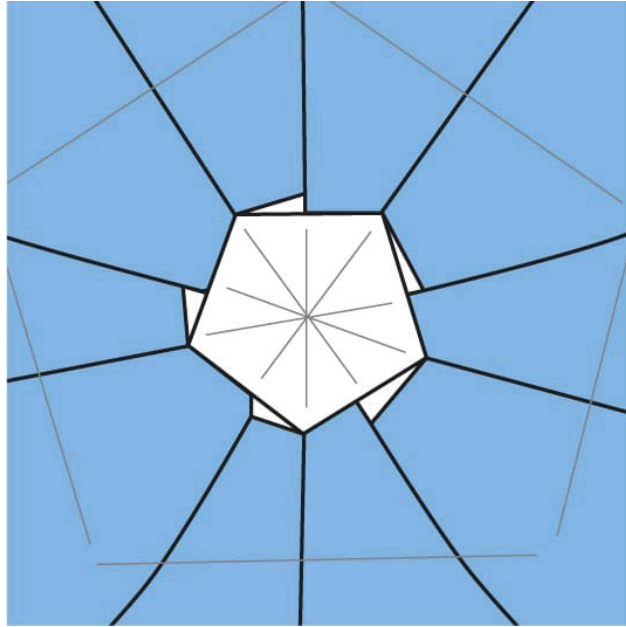
43. Flatten the inside.



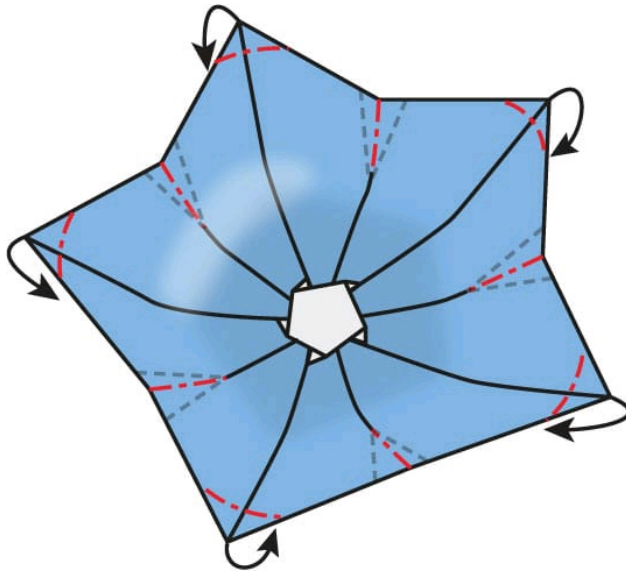
44. Flip the model over, and it should look like this.



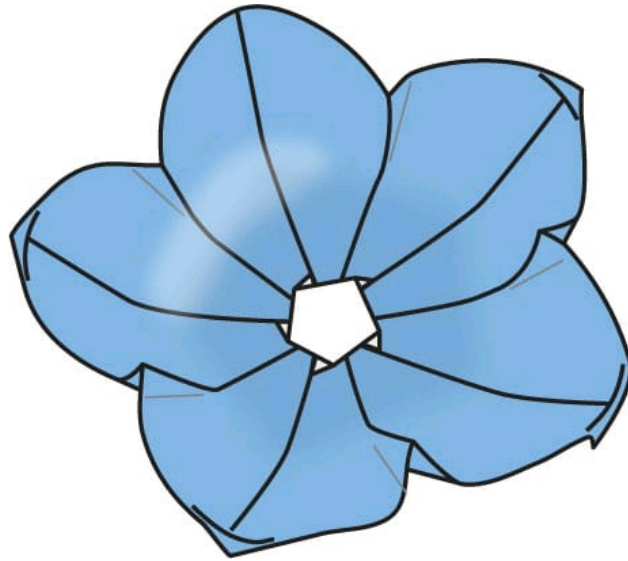
45. You can flatten the star in the center if you like by rotating all its edges and pressing down gently.



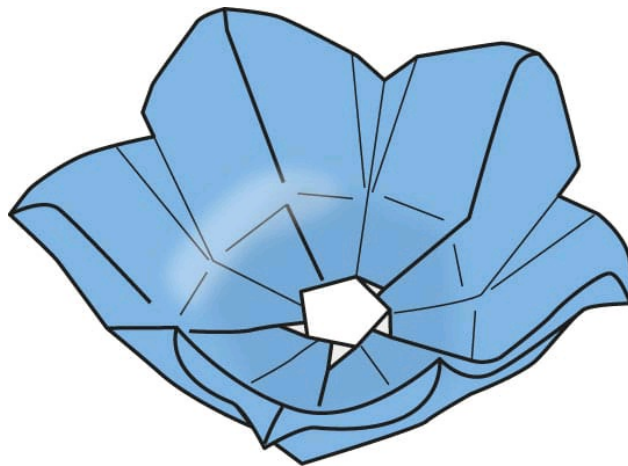
46. The star will become a pentagon if you flatten it.



47. You can now shape the flower by folding all of the points over to round the petals.



48. You can also make little crimps between the petals to give the model a more flowery shape.



49. Your pretty flower bowl is now complete!

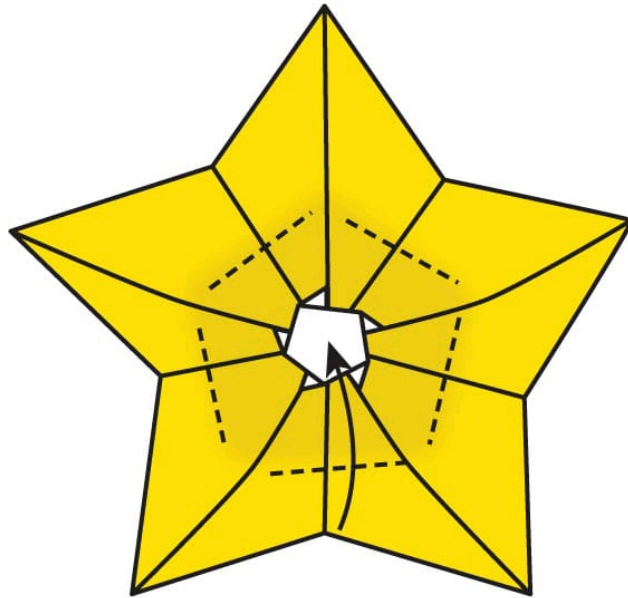
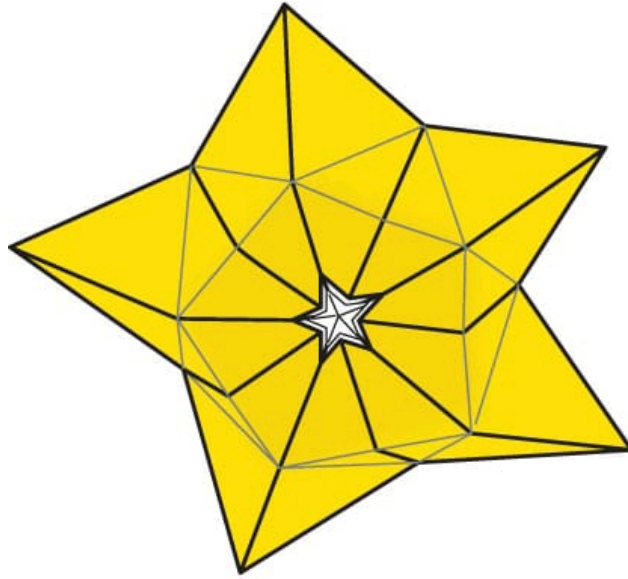


Star Bowl

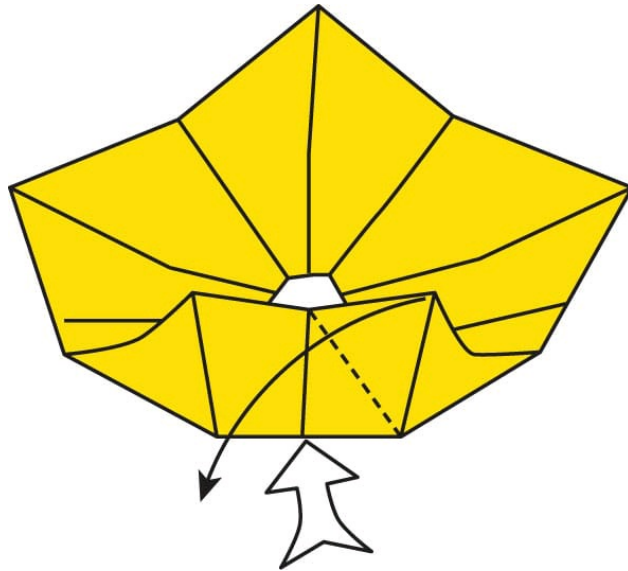
This variation from the flower bowl shown [here](#) uses the same beginning steps, but then differs to make a star bowl. When placed together, the pair looks so sweet as a tabletop arrangement.

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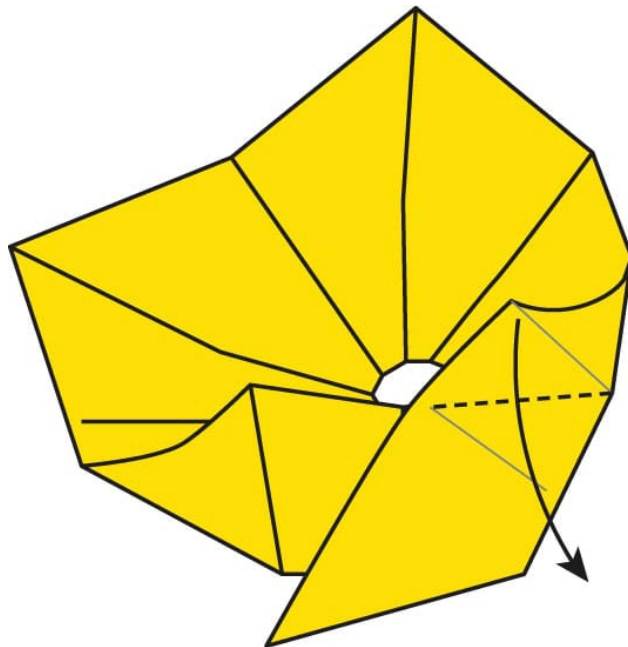




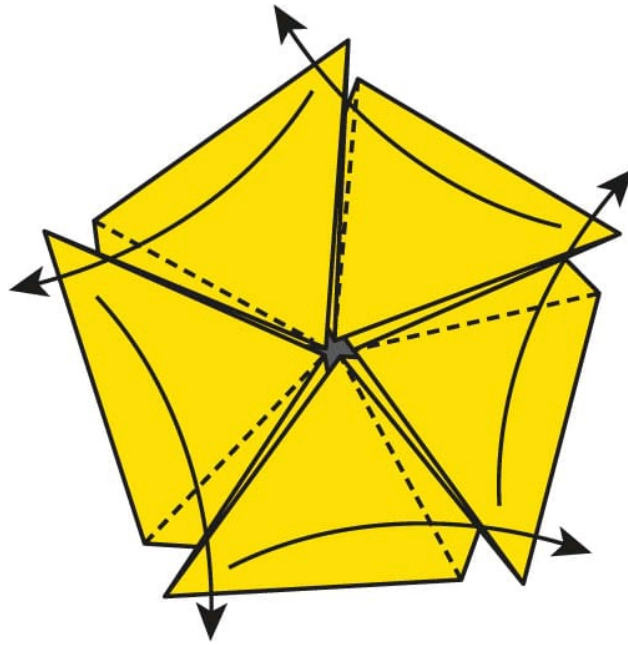
1. Starting from step 46 after flattening the star in the center, fold the lower central point to the middle of the star



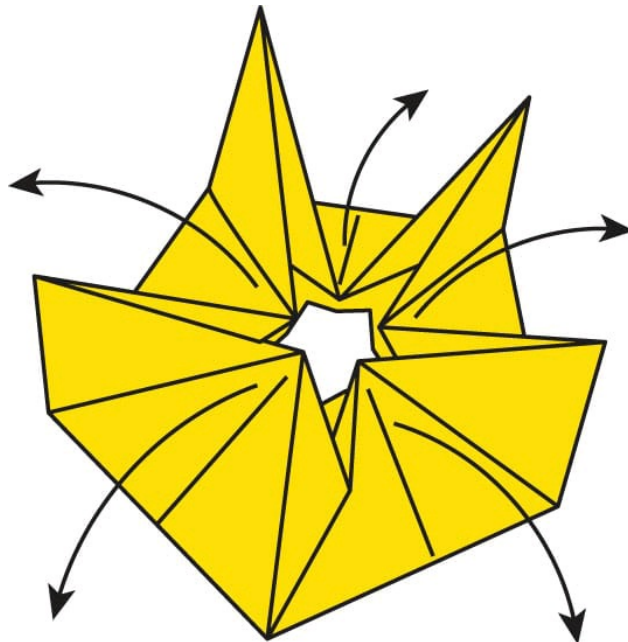
2. Make a diagonal fold, bringing the top right point down to the left.



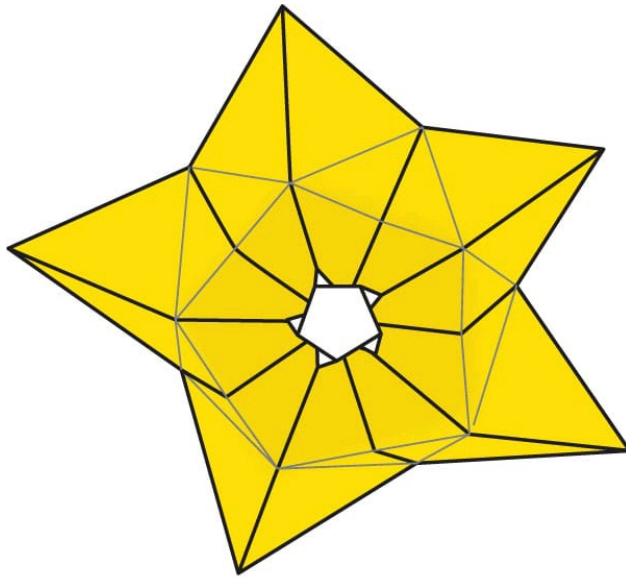
3. Rotate the paper and continue folding the points diagonally to the left.



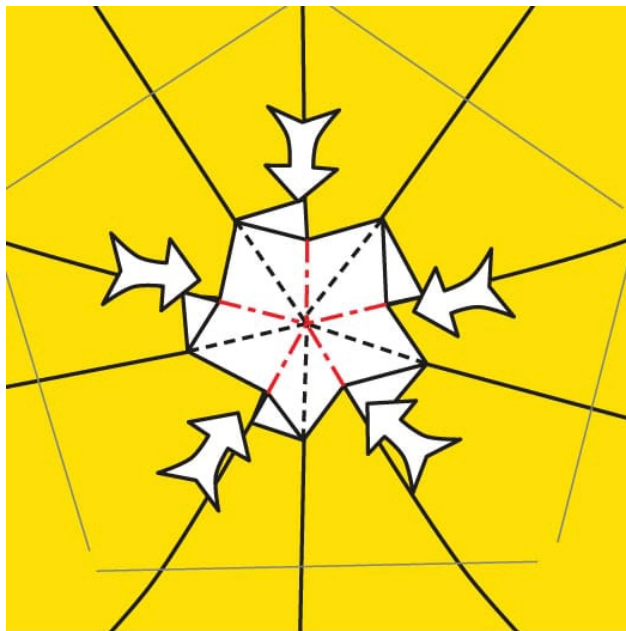
4. Fold all of the points back in the other direction.



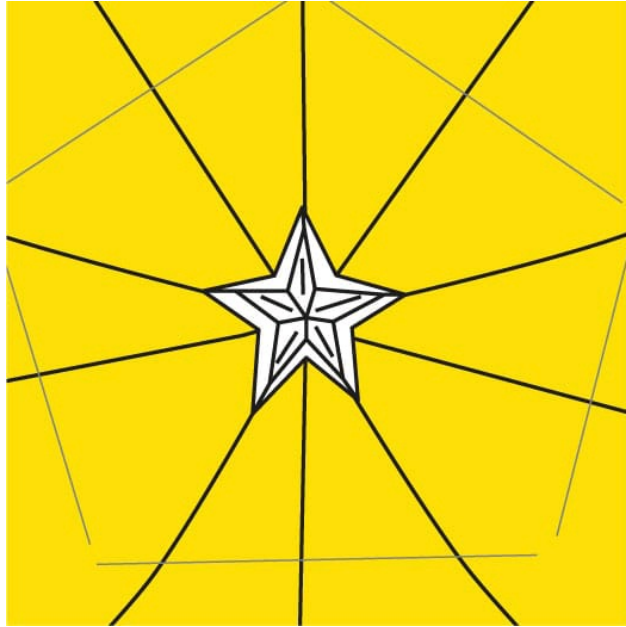
5. Open all of the sides to complete the star bowl.



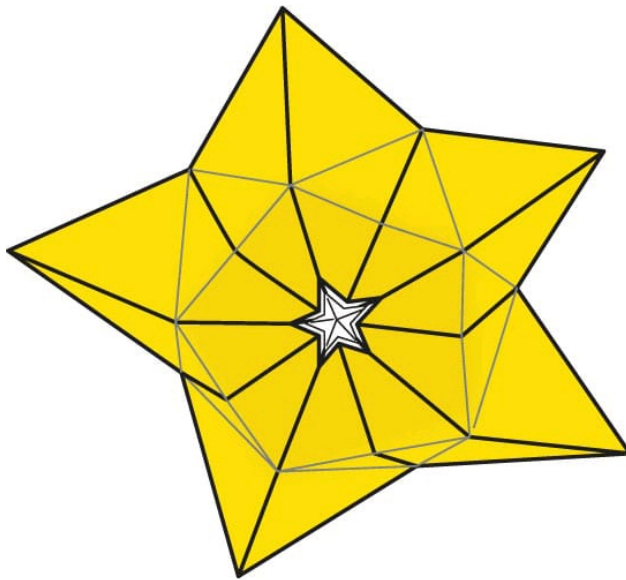
6. It's stellar!



7. You can push in the edges of the inner star if you like.



8. Now you've got lots of stars!



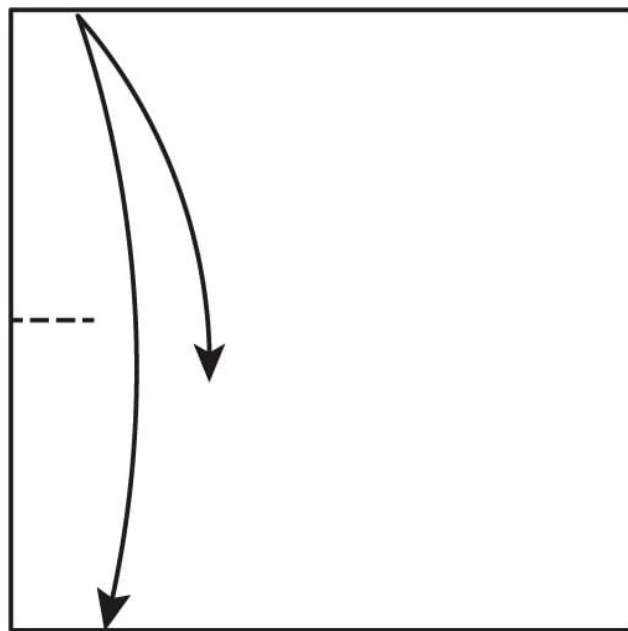
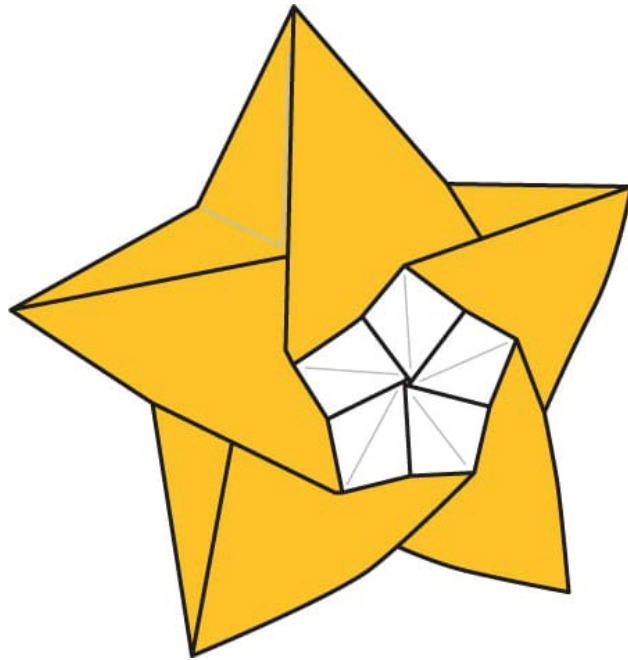
Twinkle Star

This cute, puffy origami star makes a great decoration. If you use yellow or gold paper, it is perfect for Christmas or Tanabata, the Japanese star festival—or try different colors for a bright design arrangement!

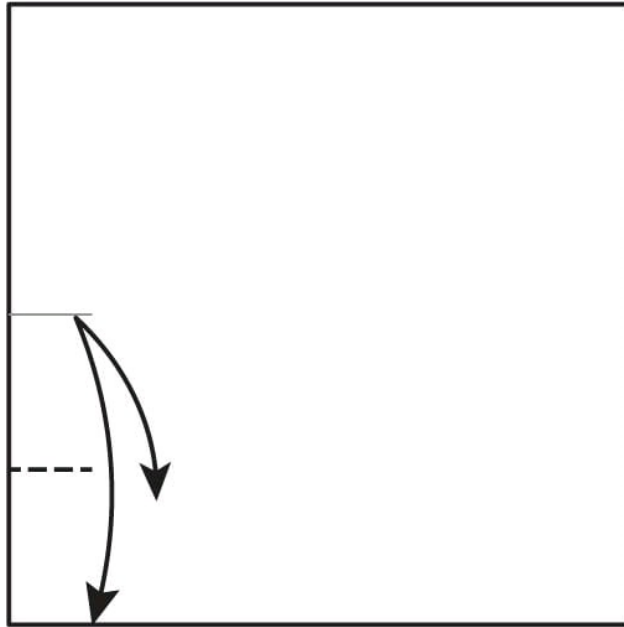
RECOMMENDED PAPER SIZE: 7 × 7 inches (17.5 × 17.5 cm)

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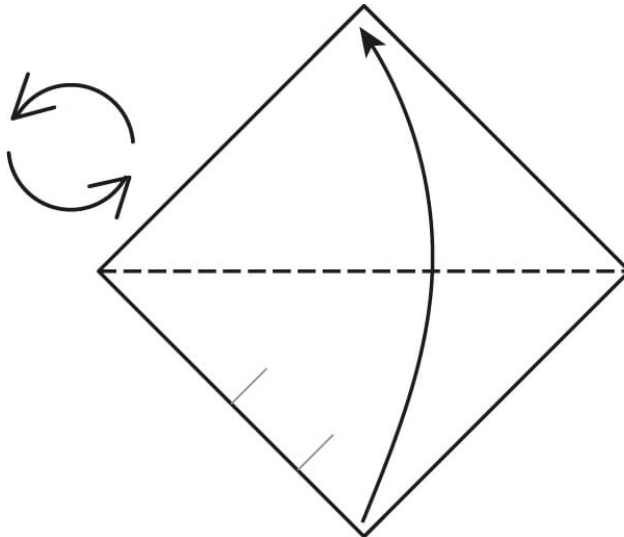




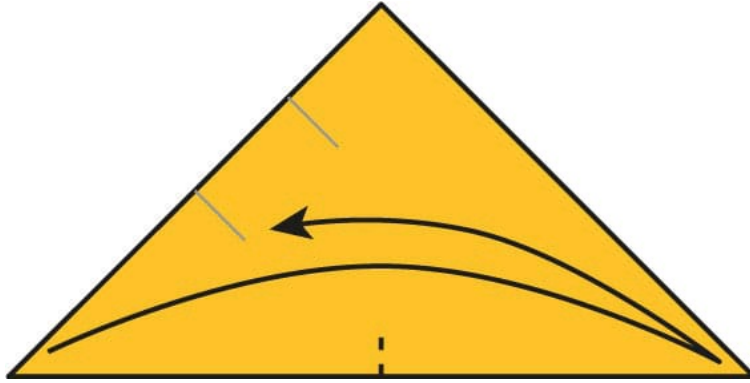
1. Bring the bottom edge of the paper up to the top edge, make a small crease on the left side, and unfold.



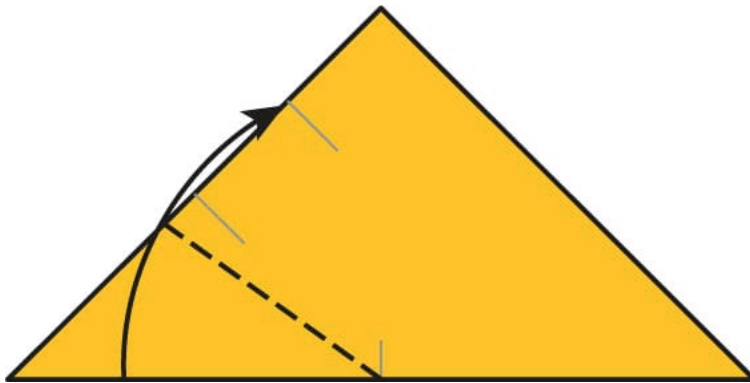
2. Bring the bottom edge up to the crease you made in the previous step, make another small crease on the left side, and unfold.



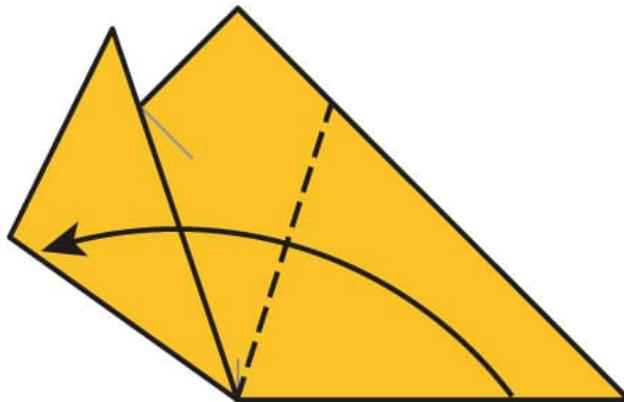
3. Rotate the paper counterclockwise so that the little creases are on the lower left diagonal edge. Fold the bottom point up to the top point.



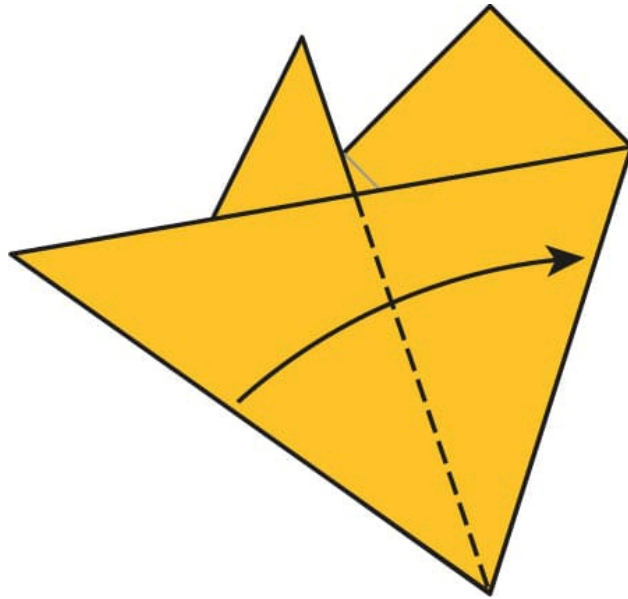
4. Make a small crease along the bottom edge at the vertical center of the paper.



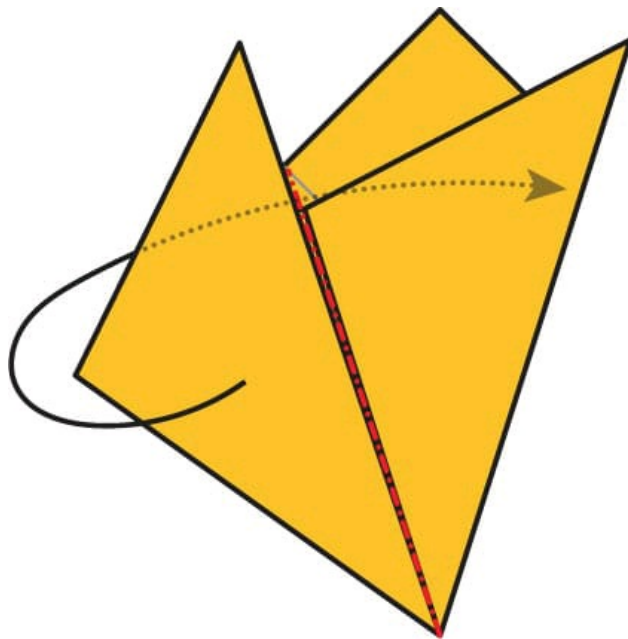
5. Using the crease you made in the previous step, bring the left point up to meet the topmost mark on the left diagonal edge.



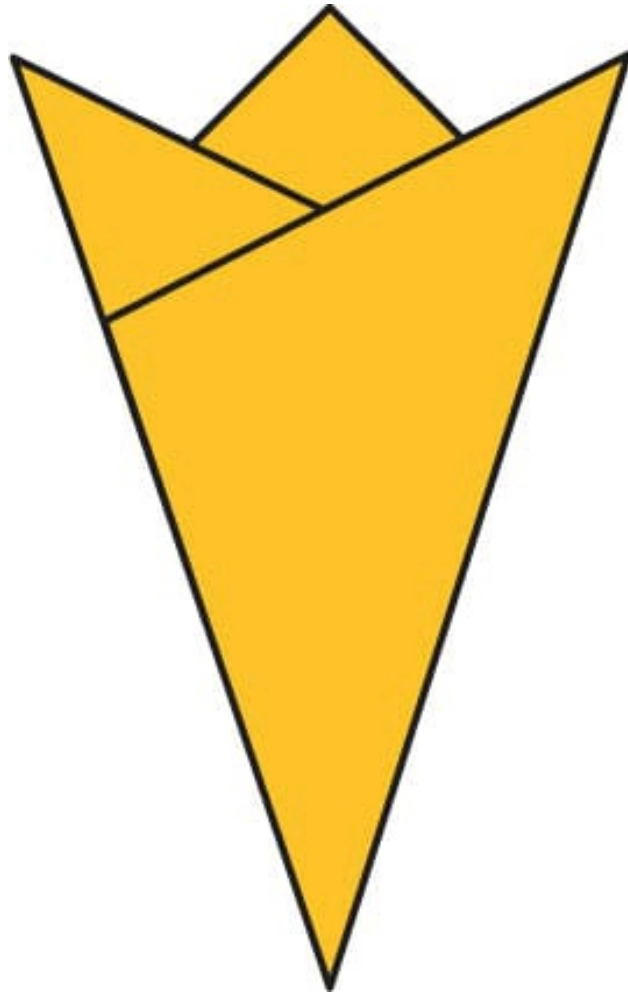
6. Fold the right point over to the lower left diagonal edge.



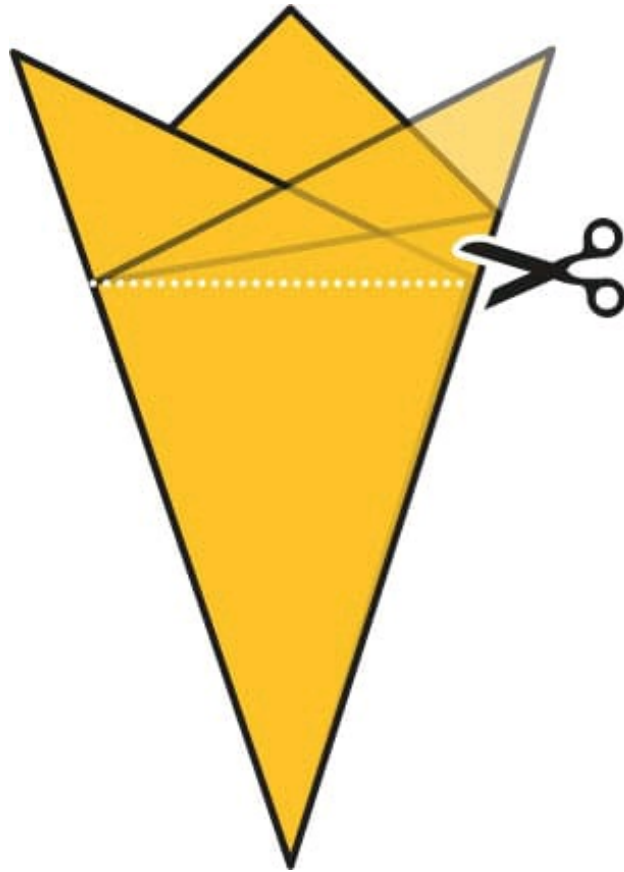
7. Fold the left side of the top layer over to the right diagonal edge.



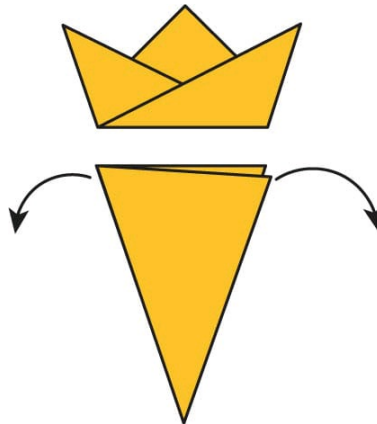
8. Fold the left section behind and to the right so all of the edges align.



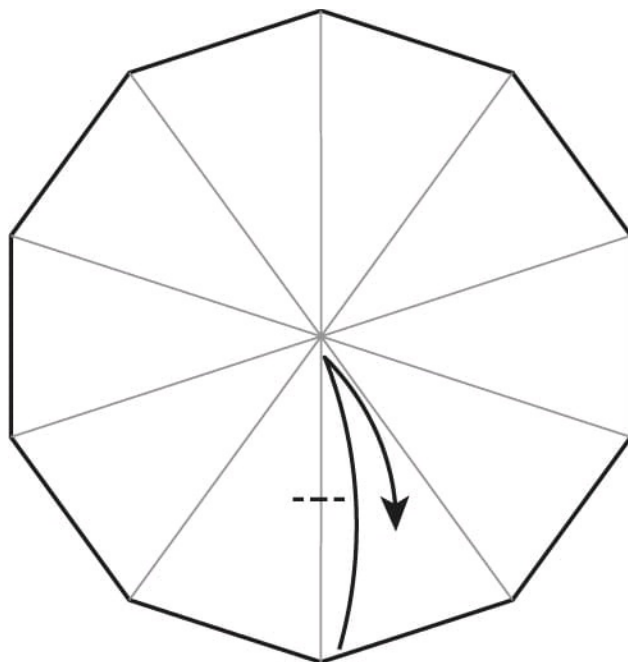
9. This is what your model should now look like.



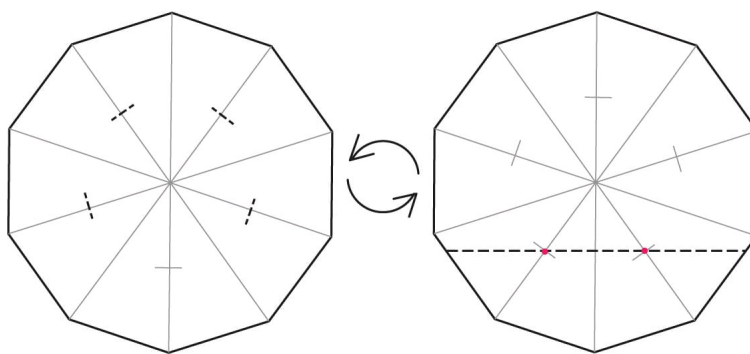
- 10.** Mark the points that are the lowest parts of the folds on both sides and draw a line connecting the two marks. Now trim off the top along the line.



- 11.** Open up the paper completely. You now have a decagon.



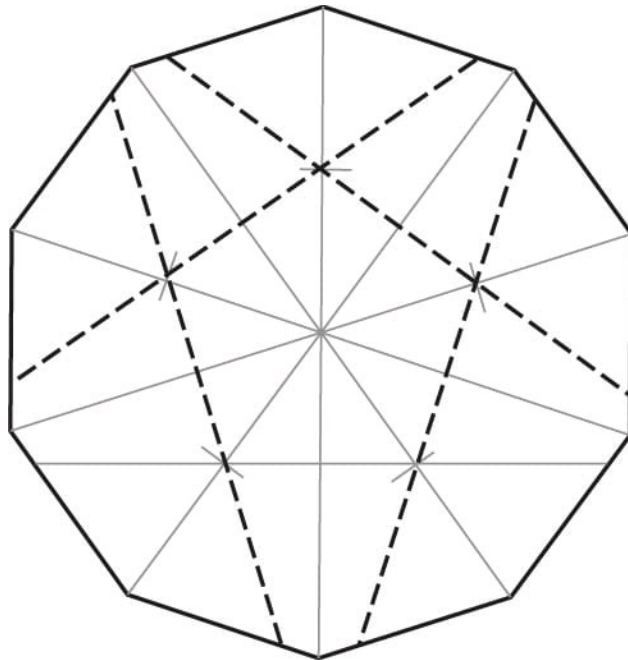
12. Making sure that one of the points of the decagon is pointing up, fold the lower point up to the center and make a small crease.



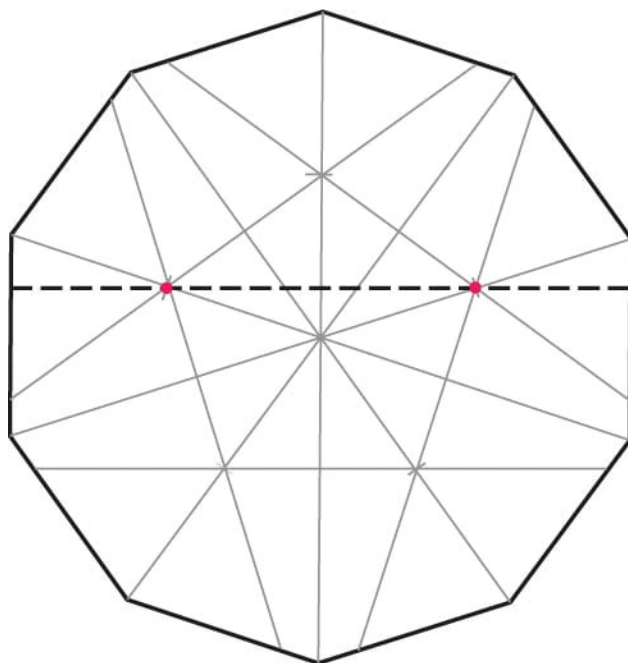
13. Repeat the previous step on alternating points as indicated.
14. Rotate the paper so that the little creases are now in the positions indicated. Using the two lower creases as guides, create a crease that runs through the center of them.

FOLDING TIP

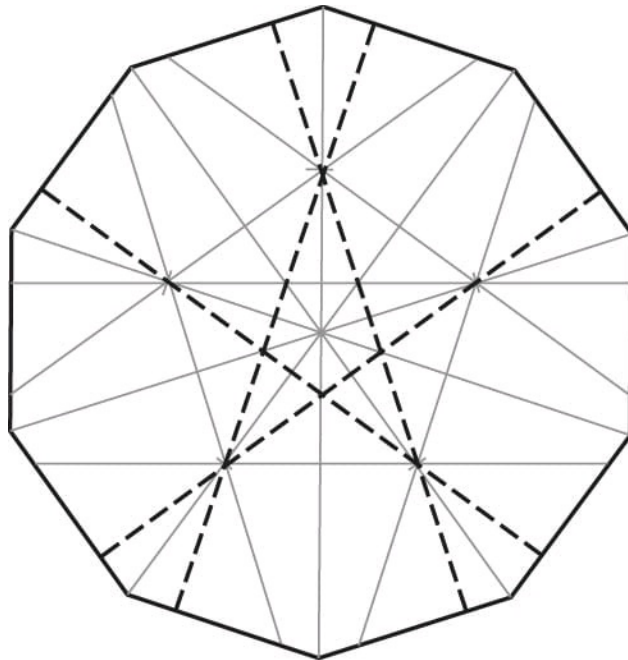
Instead of folding the paper to create creases for steps 14 through 17, it is easier and more precise if you first score the lines using a ruler and either a scoring tool or something thin and blunt, such as a ballpoint pen that has run out of ink. You can then easily fold along the scored lines.



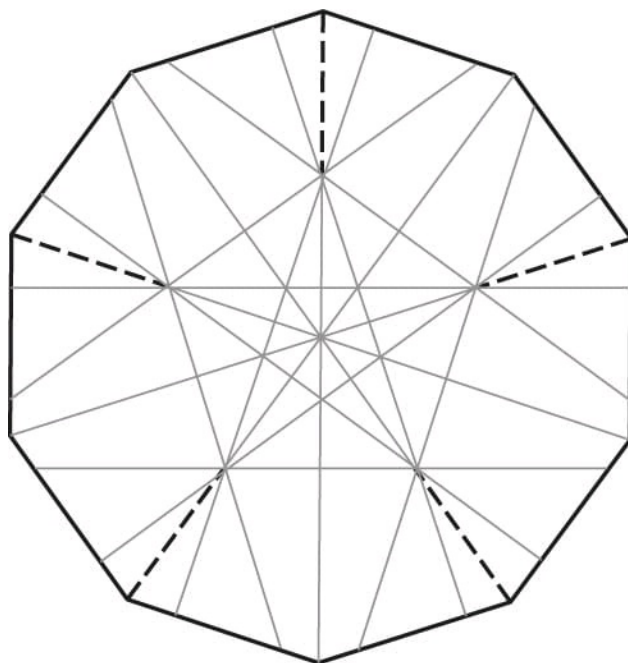
15. Rotate the paper and create the creases on the other angles.



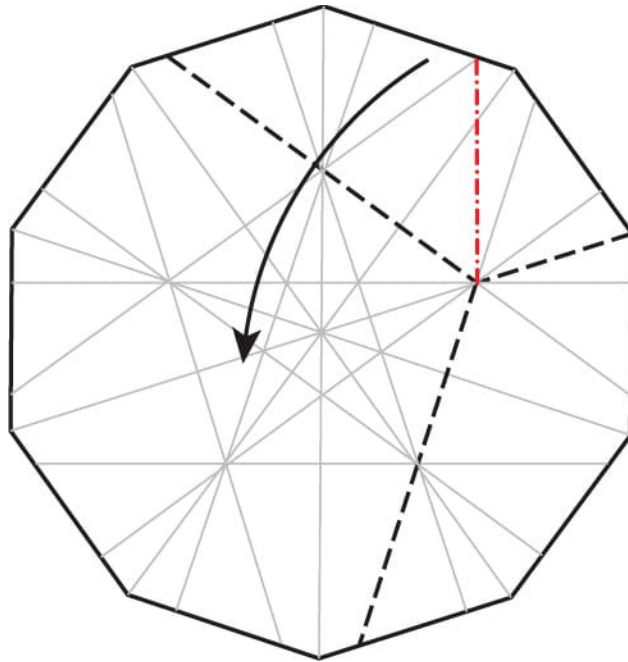
16. Create another set of creases that run from the two intersecting creases indicated by the red dots.



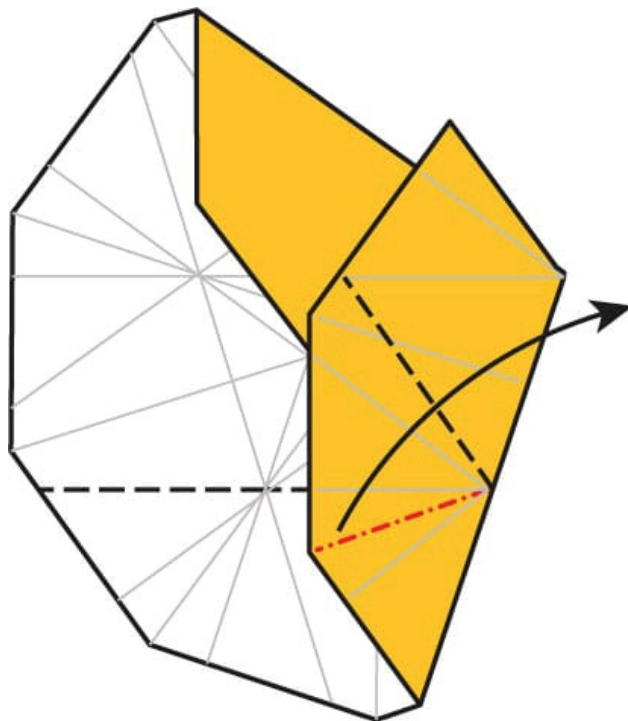
17. Rotate the paper, creating creases on the other angles indicated.



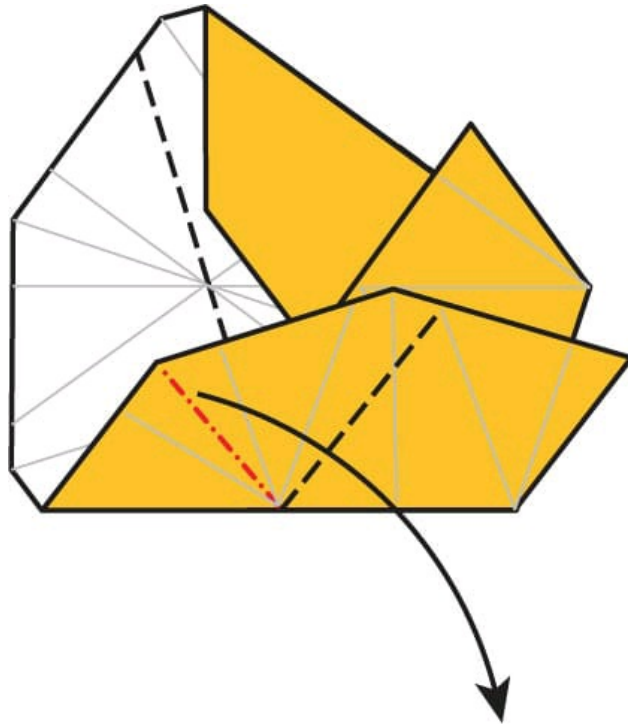
18. Make sure that all five of the creases indicated are valley folds.



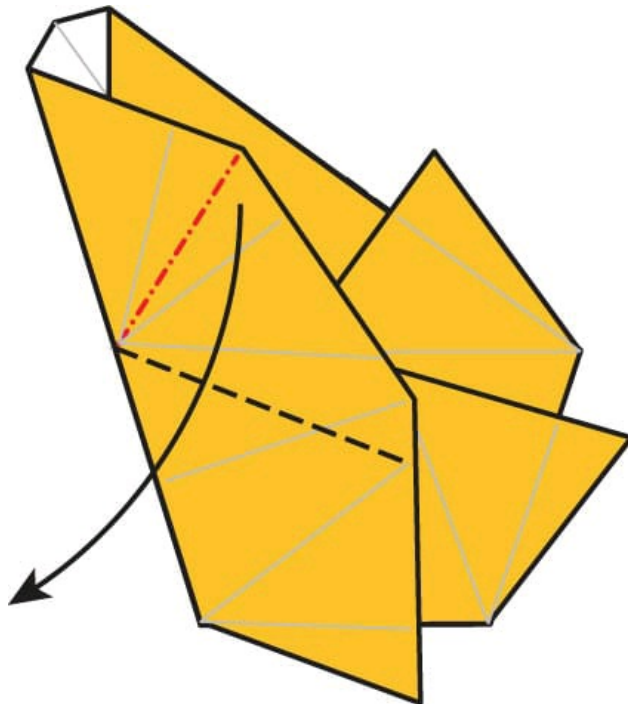
- 19.** Fold the top right section down along the crease indicated while you fold the lower right section of the paper on top. A new mountain fold will be created as you squash the paper into place.



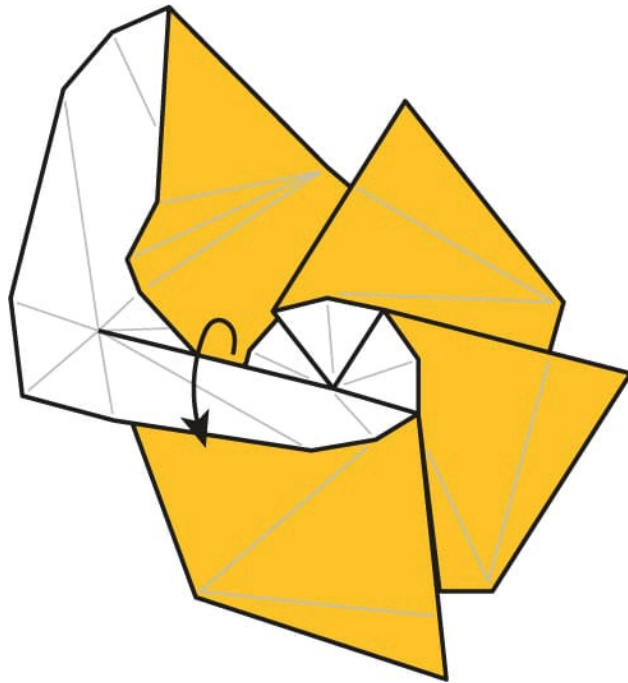
- 20.** Fold the lower section of the front flap over to the right along the crease indicated. As you do this, fold the lower section underneath and up to the right.



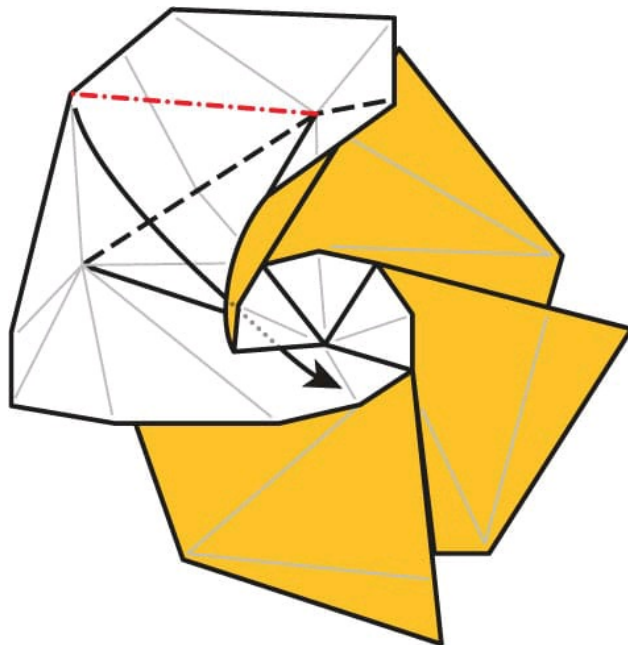
21. Repeat the same process on the lower left of the topmost flap.



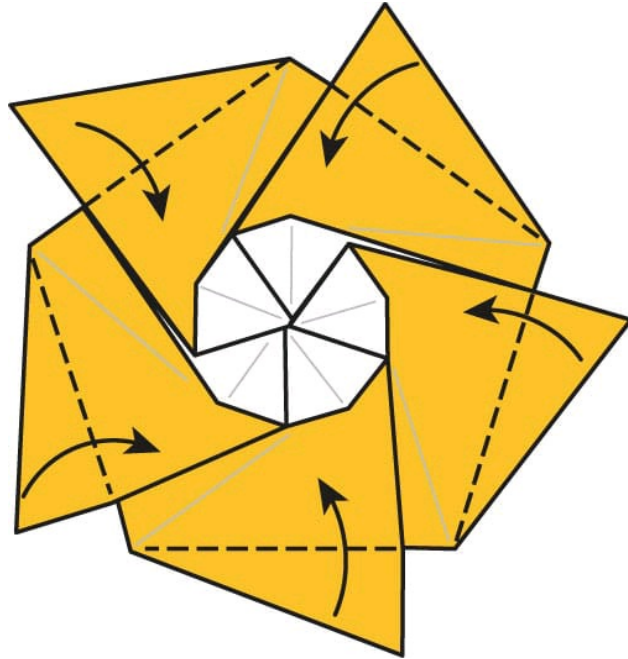
22. The last flap needs a little extra attention. Bring the top left flap down to the left and hold it open.



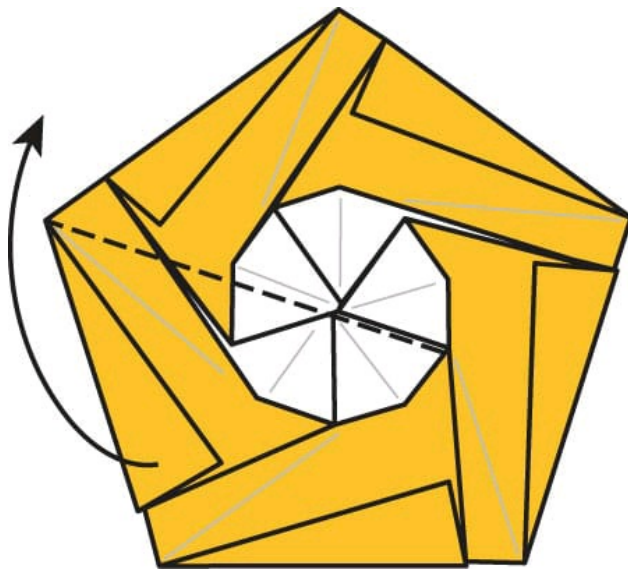
23. While the top left section is open, bring the little inner flap over the top of the topmost layer.



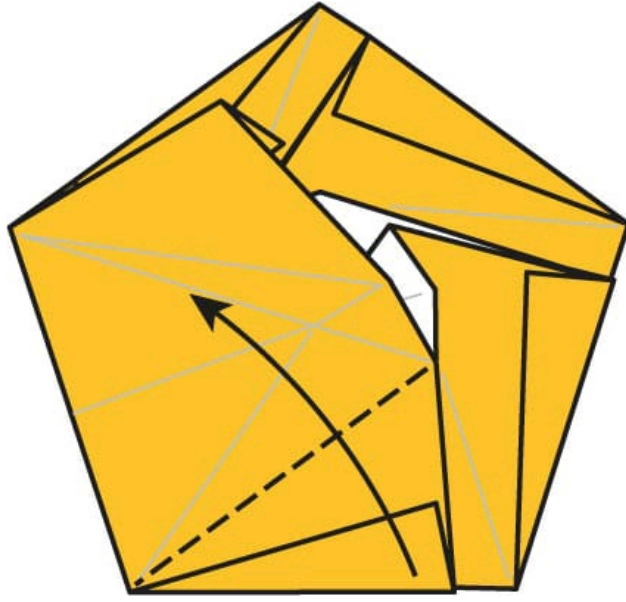
24. Complete the shape by folding the top left section down and to the right, underneath that little flap you worked on in the previous step.



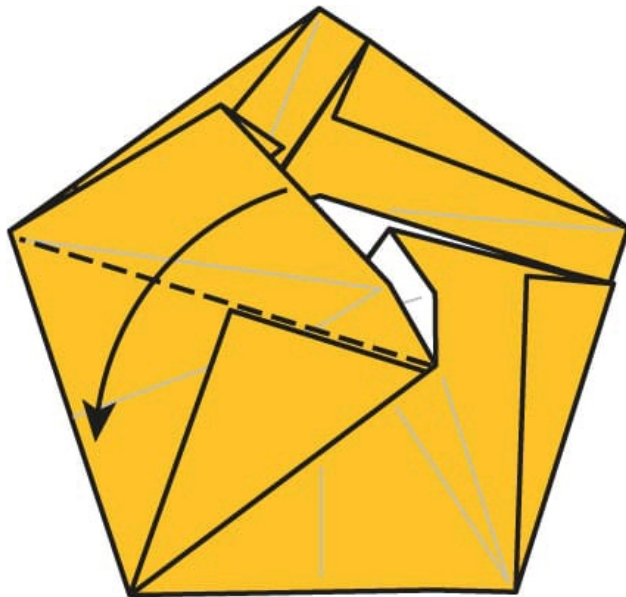
25. Fold all of the points inward using the existing creases.



26. Focusing on the bottom left section, open it upward so that you can see underneath.



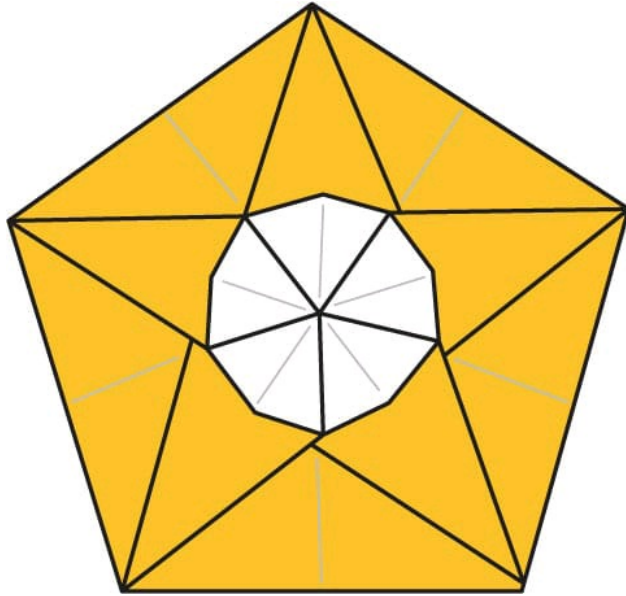
27. Fold the bottom right section diagonally up to the left, using the existing crease.



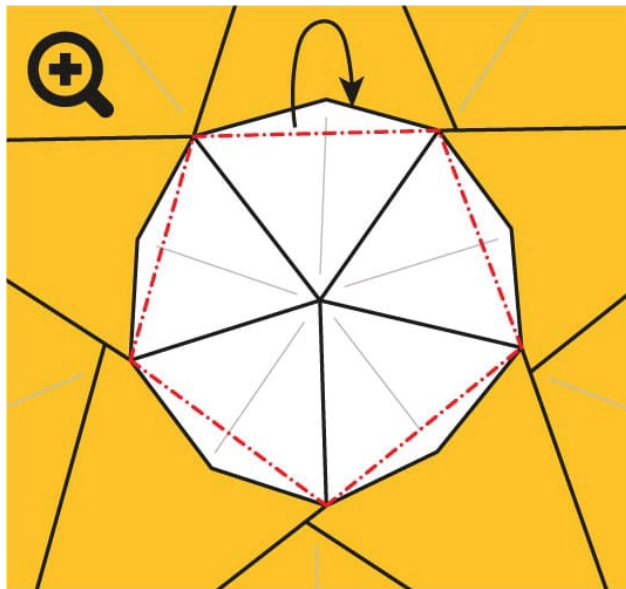
28. Fold the left section back down.

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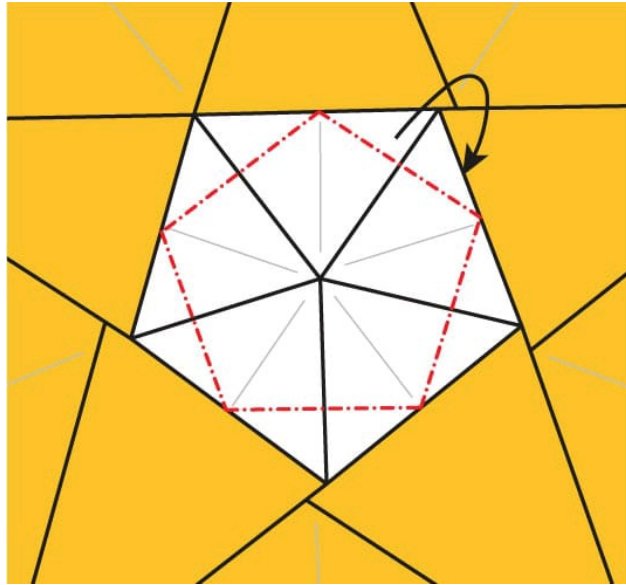
If your star looks misaligned, it's probably because some creases were not properly formed earlier on. One slight misalignment will not affect the final model, but things can get wonky if you're not careful.



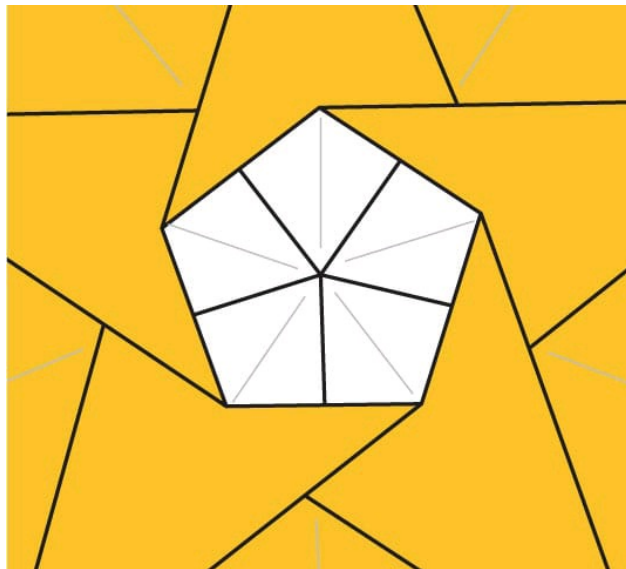
29. Repeat steps 27 and 28 on the other four edges.



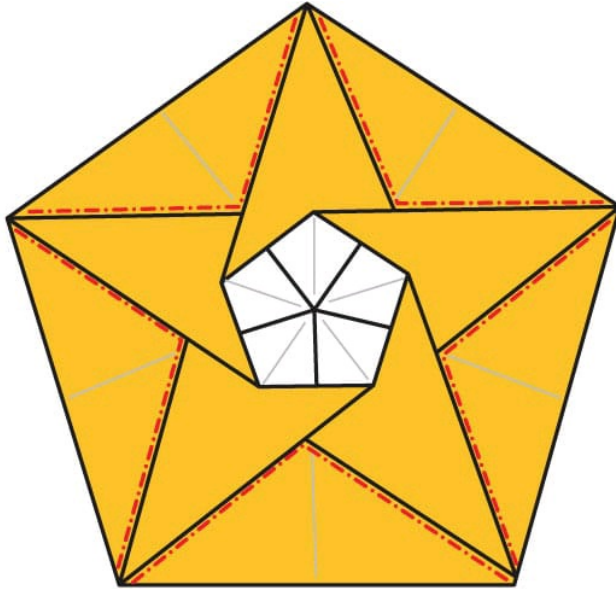
30. Focusing on the inner shape, fold all five of the points behind. Make sure that they are *not* tucked underneath the flaps behind them.



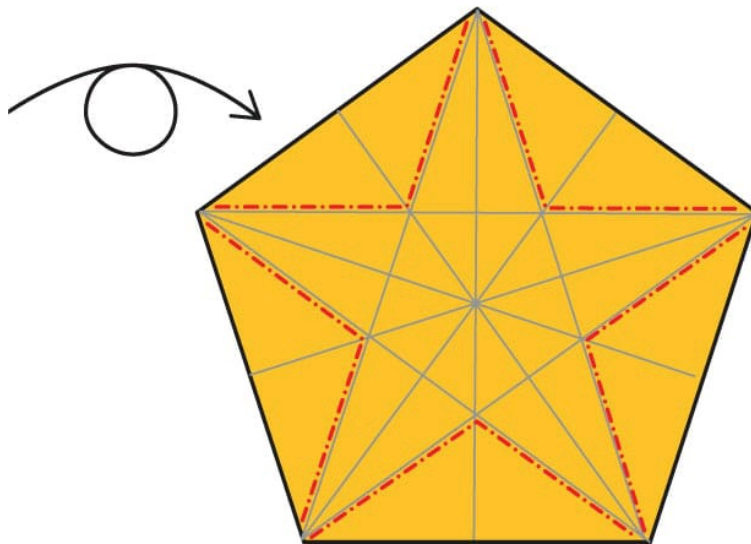
- 31.** Next fold all five points behind again, taking the layer behind them back too. To make it easier, work counterclockwise.



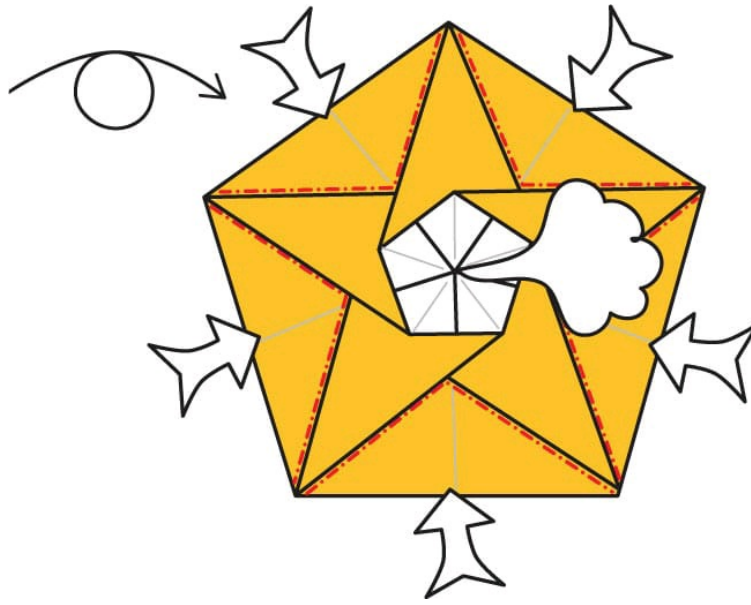
- 32.** This is about what your model should now look like, but this inner shape may look slightly different than this depending on how exact your folding was earlier on.



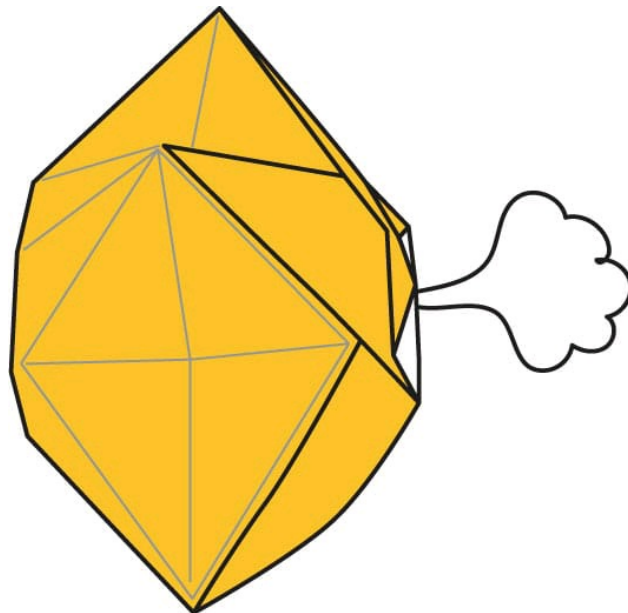
33. Pick up the model and mountain fold the lines that are indicated.



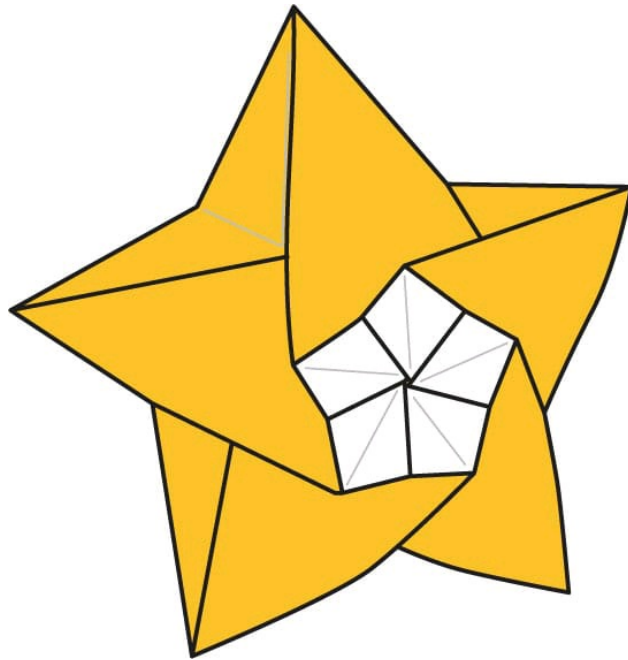
34. Flip the model over to the back and lightly mountain fold the outer shape once again.



- 35.** Flip the model back to the front. Pick it up and blow into the center of the star. You may have to pull the central shape open a little. While blowing up the star, gently push all five edges inward.



- 36.** Turn the star to the side and gently shape all of the creases. Do not worry if the star is not perfect at first. You can flatten it and inflate it again.



37. Twinkle, twinkle origami star!



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