

FOLDS AND SYMBOLS

Here are some helpful hints and tips to follow when making your origami models.

Tips:

- Make sure your paper is the correct shape for each project. Most will need square paper. To make a rectangle, fold a square in half or cut the paper in half.
- Always fold on a flat surface and make sure your folds are neat. Press your folds in place by running your fingernail along them.
- This book starts with the simplest projects, and gradually gets trickier. Look out for the difficulty level on each page.
- If you don't get it right the first time, don't give up! Origami takes lots of practice and your projects will get better and better.

This book includes beautiful patterned paper, so the instructions refer to the 'patterned side'. For clarity, the diagrams have been created using a darker tone to represent the patterned side of the paper. If you choose to make more models using plain origami paper, please substitute the dark side for 'patterned side' and the pale side for 'plain side'.

Lines:

Dashed line:
Fold the paper
forwards (also called
a 'valley fold')

Dashed and dotted line:
Fold the paper
backwards (also called
a 'mountain fold')

Straight line:
Creased line

Dotted line:
Your fold should
follow this shape

Straight black line:
Cut along the line

Arrows:

Fold in this direction

Fold behind

Tuck a fold inside

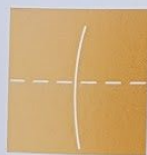
Unfold

Turn the paper over

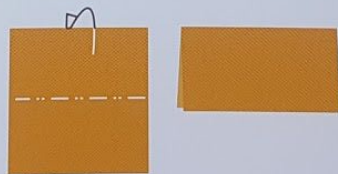
Rotate the paper

Step fold/pleat

Types of Fold:



Valley fold: Fold the paper so that the crease is at the bottom and the paper is folded forward into itself.



Mountain fold: Fold the paper so that the crease is at the top and the paper is folded behind itself.



Reverse fold: Open out and tuck paper back inside itself. When making a reverse fold, you might find it handy to crease paper both ways first (mountain and valley).

Difficulty Levels

Simple



Medium



Tricky

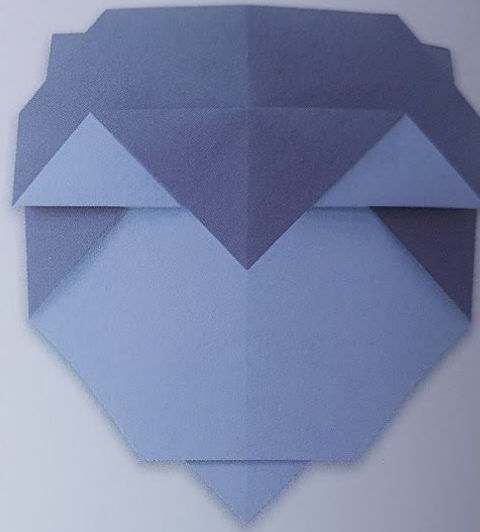


make a paper

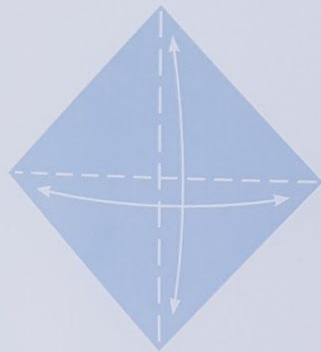
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A wise old owl sat in an oak,
The more he heard the less he spoke.
The less he spoke the more he heard.
Why aren't we all like that wise old bird?

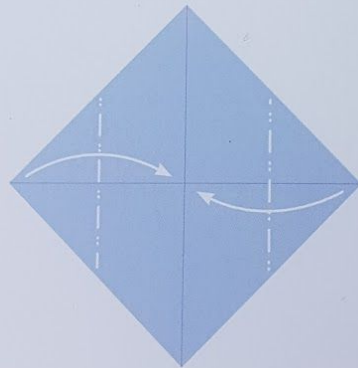
— Anon



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1. Start with the plain side facing up. Crease and unfold both diagonals.



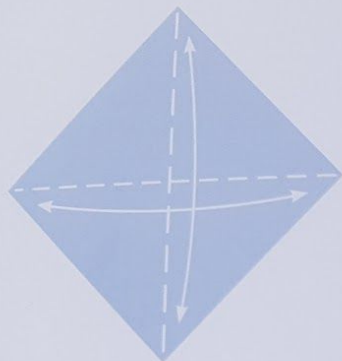
2. Fold left and right corners to the centre.



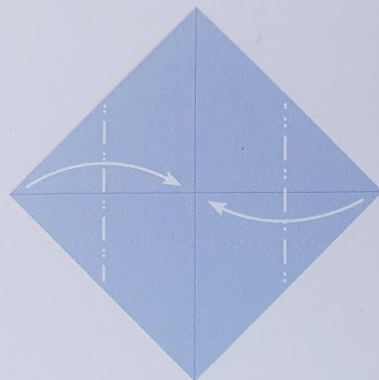
3. Fold the lower corner to touch the dotted line.



4. Fold the upper corner to the lower edge.



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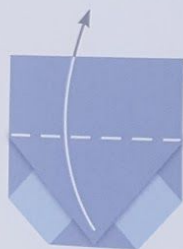
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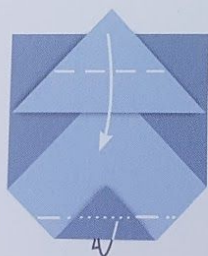
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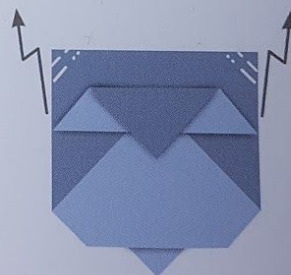
4. Fold the upper corner to the lower edge.



5. Fold the triangular flap upwards.



6. Fold the top corner down. Fold two layers behind at the bottom.



7. Make pleats to form both ears.



8. Now your owl is finished!

