

# Origami Ornaments

## Paper Folding

### Materials

- Square Paper or Wrapping paper
- Pencils or markers (optional)
- Scissors (to cut paper into a square)
- Ribbon or string to hang
- Tape (optional)

### Background

Origami is the ancient art of paper folding originating in early China and brought over to Japan many years later. Scissors and glue are not used in traditional origami but are sometimes included to make other forms of folded paper art. Many types of animals and shapes can be made with this technique, and are often made on decorated paper specifically for this type of art.



## Understanding the instructions:

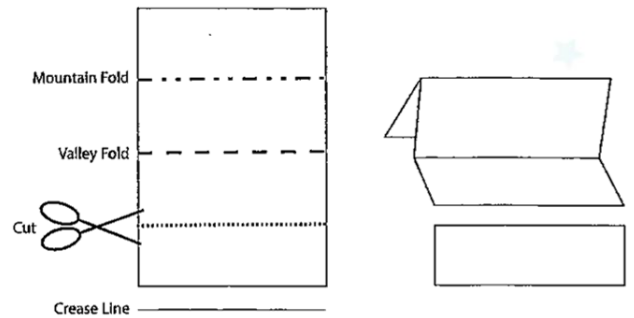
Pay careful attention to the dotted lines and arrows showing you which way to fold the paper.

Always make sharp creases, using your fingernail, the bowl of a spoon, or a ruler to help smooth the folds.


Keep a supply of scrap paper handy to practice making an object. Feel free to label your paper to match the diagrams.

When following each step, it helps to look at the next diagram to see what the result should look like.


When making a fold with tapered points, start at the narrowest portion of the point and then crease upward or outward from there.

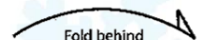



 Repeat behind

 Push or pull

 Rotate

 Fold in front

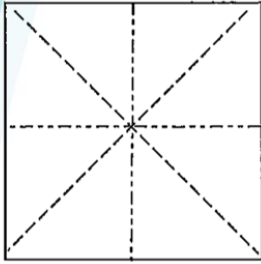
 Fold behind

 Fold and unfold

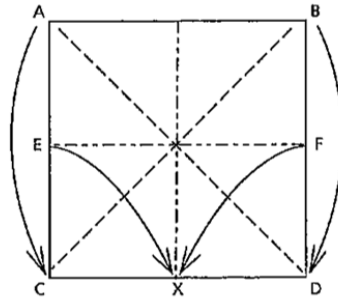
 Turn paper over



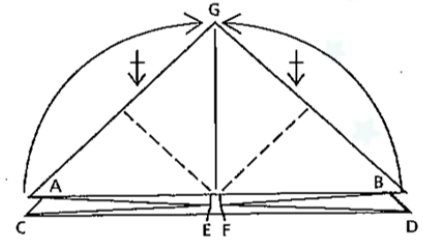
# Balloon



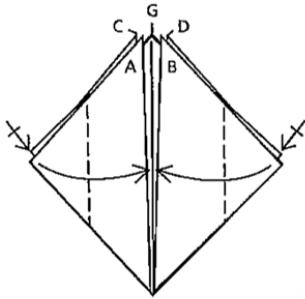
1. Make mountain folds edge to edge, and valley folds corner to corner.



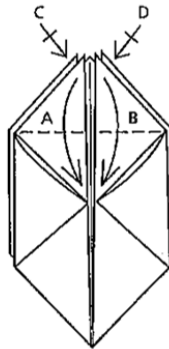
2. Mountain-fold the E and F edges, bringing A down to C and B down to D.



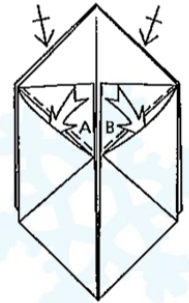
3. Fold A and B up to G. Repeat behind with C and D.



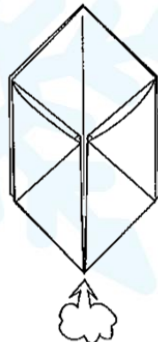
4. Fold in the left and right front corners to meet at the center of the paper. Repeat behind.



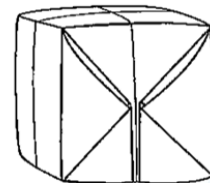
5. Fold down A and B. Repeat behind with C and D.



6. Tuck the flaps into the pockets. Repeat behind.



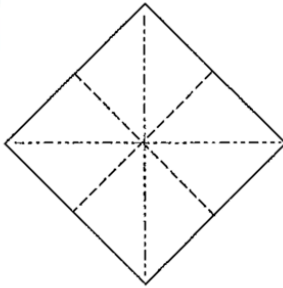
7. Blow air into opening.



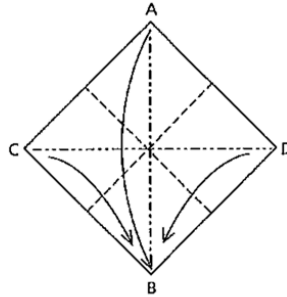
8. The finished Balloon.



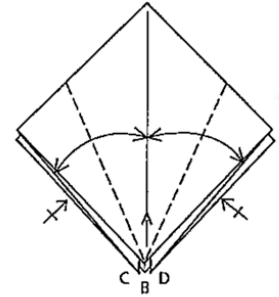
# Crane



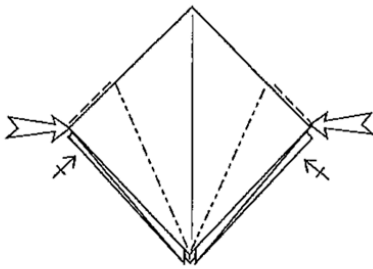
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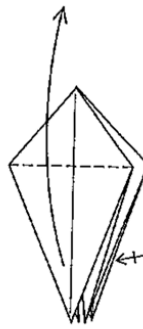
2. Mountain-fold the C and D corners, bringing A, C, and D down to B.



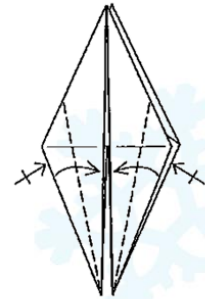
3. Your paper should look like this. Fold and unfold the bottom open edges to the crease. Repeat behind.



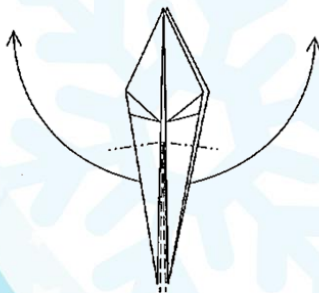
4. Push in the corners, following the creases from step three. Repeat behind.



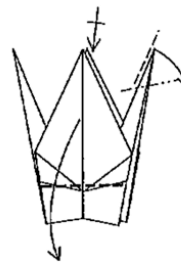
5. Fold up the front flap. Repeat behind.



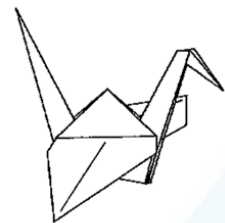
6. Fold in the bottom edges, two in the front and two in the back.



7. Inside-reverse-fold the bottom corners.



8. Inside-reverse-fold one corner for the beak. Fold down the wings.



9. The finished Crane.

