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Origami Butterfly

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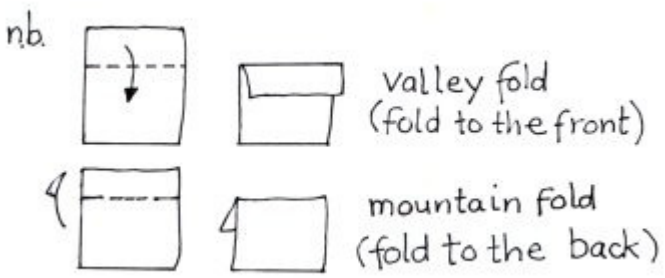
Origami is the Japanese art of paper folding.

In this article we'll give you all the instructions you'll need to turn a flat piece of paper into a beautiful butterfly!

Before you start

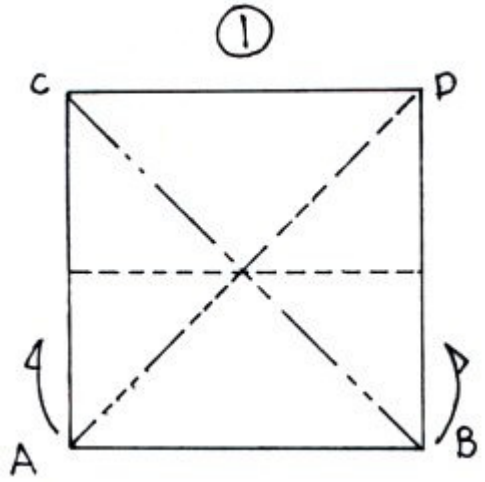
It is important that you know how to do two important folds that are referred to in the instructions below:-



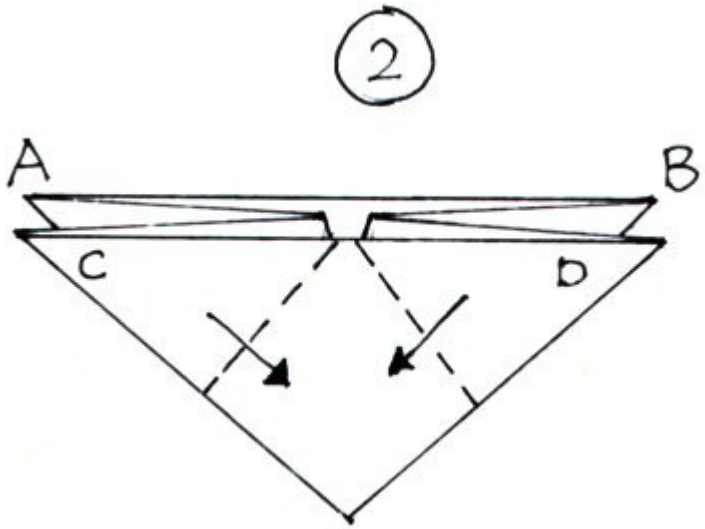
Instructions

1. Start with a (biggish) square of paper. Make a valley fold horizontally across the paper. Then make mountain folds along the diagonals. Corners A and E will make the front

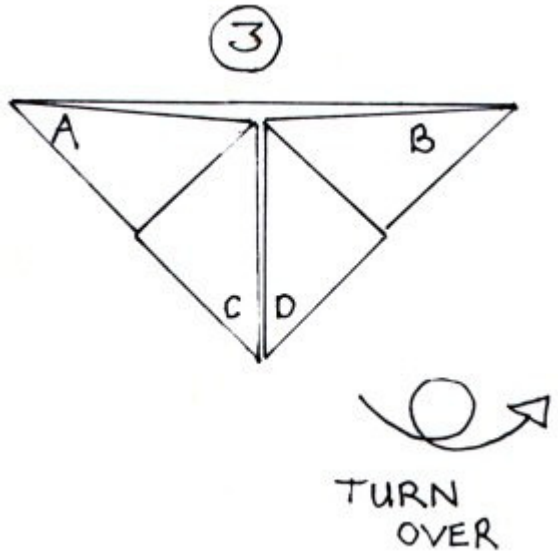
wings, and C and D will be the back ones.



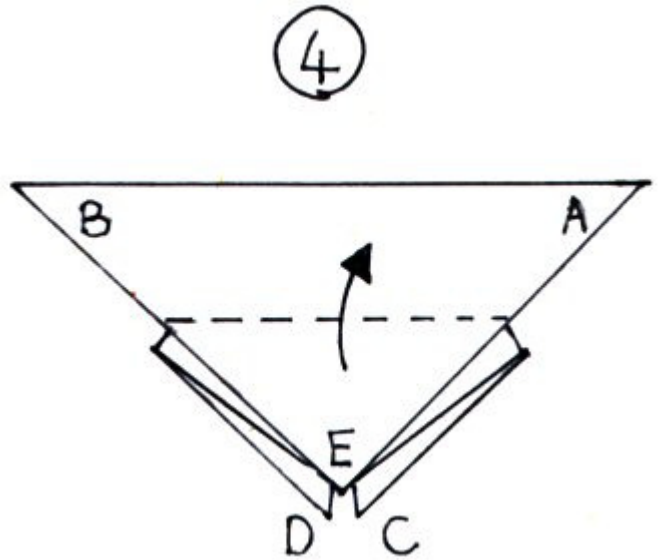
2. Bring corners A & C together. Then bring corners B and D together. Tuck in the horizontal creases to make a triangle shape.



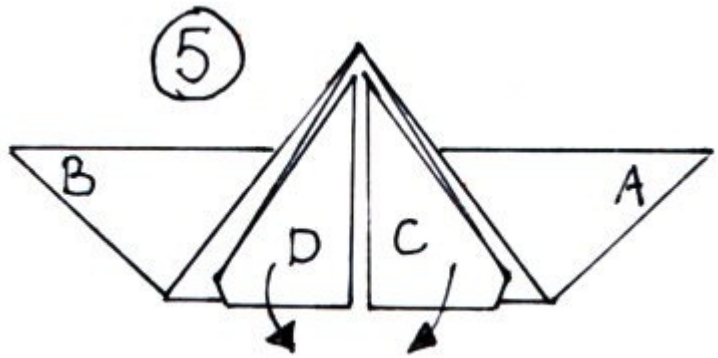
3. Fold down corners C & D to the right-angled point of your triangle.



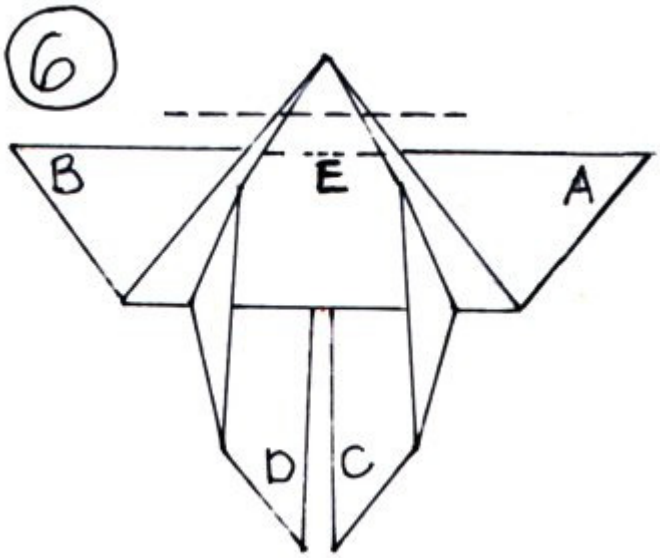
4. Make a valley fold across the triangle.



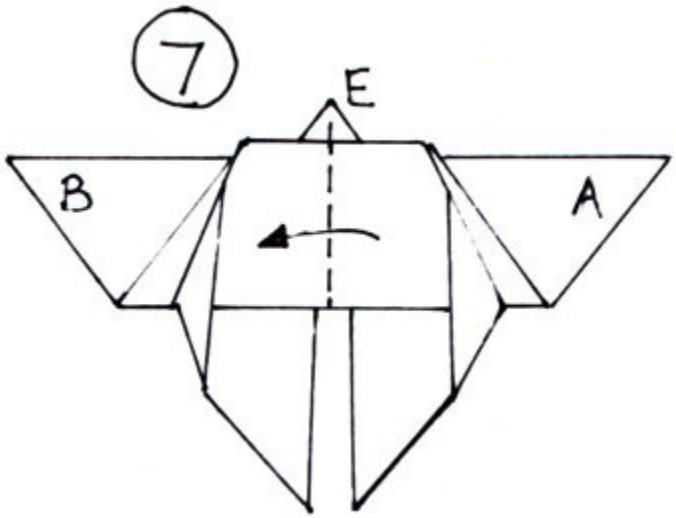
5. Fold flaps C & D to the front. Fold the outside edge of each flap towards the center to allow the flaps to lie down flat. (These are the back wings).



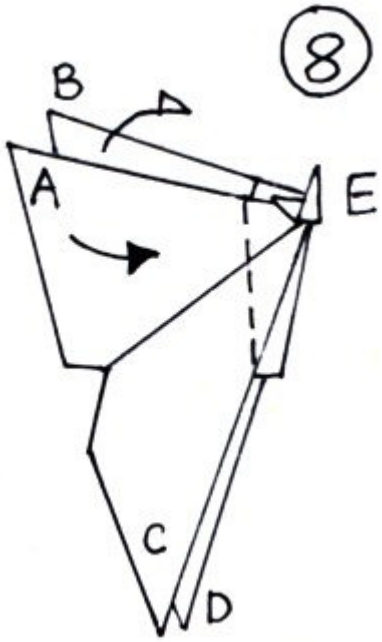
6. Make a mountain fold at E. Then make a valley fold to form a little point peeking up from behind your model (This will be the head).



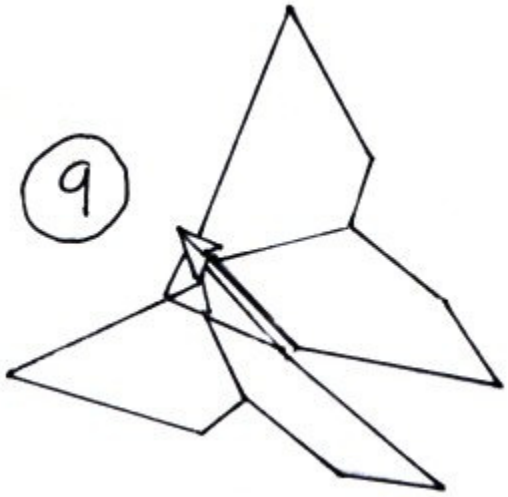
7. Fold the butterfly in half using a valley fold. Bringing wing A to wing B so that the butterfly is side on.



8. Valley fold along wings A and C near the head to make the body. Turn over your model and do the same on the other side with wings B and D.



9. I hope you now have a butterfly. If you pinch the body the wings flap a little.



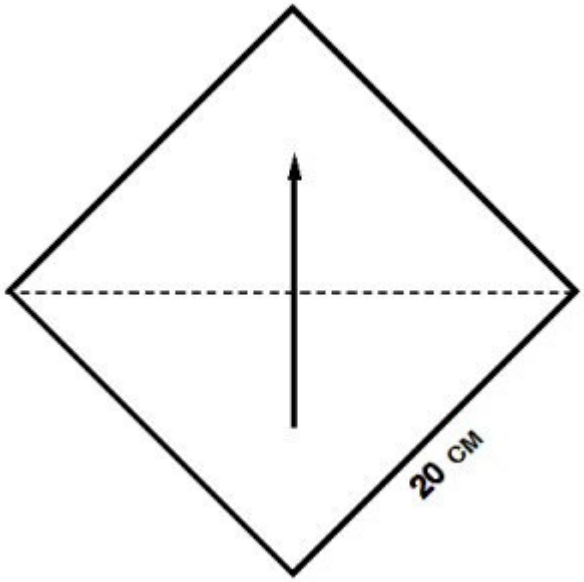
Why not color in or decorate the butterflies you've made.

Origami Fly

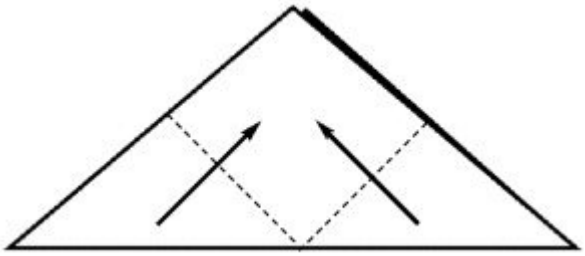
If you follow these simple instructions we'll teach you how to make an origami fly, all you need is a sheet of paper. Once you've made your fly why not colour it in?

Instructions

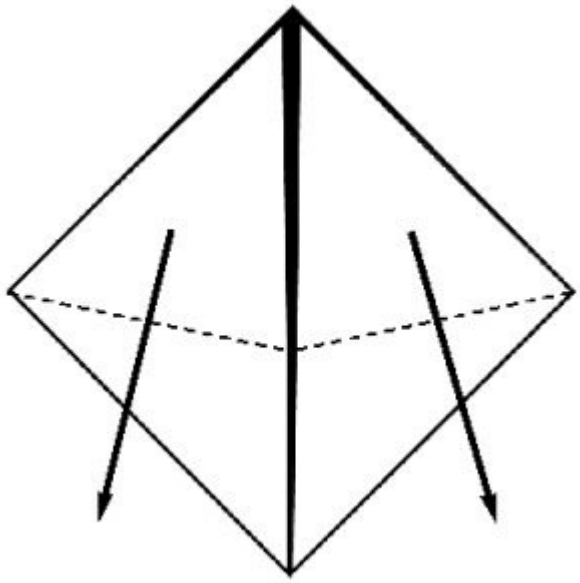
1. Take a square sheet of paper (20 x 20cm). If you need to cut up a sheet of A4 then make sure you get an adult to help.
2. Once you've got your square sheet of paper fold it in half to form a triangle as shown:



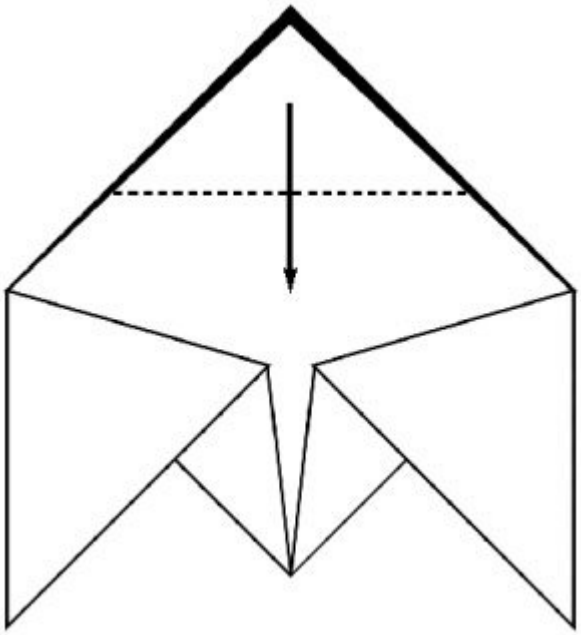
3. Take your triangle and fold in the bottom corners to form a diamond shape as shown below:



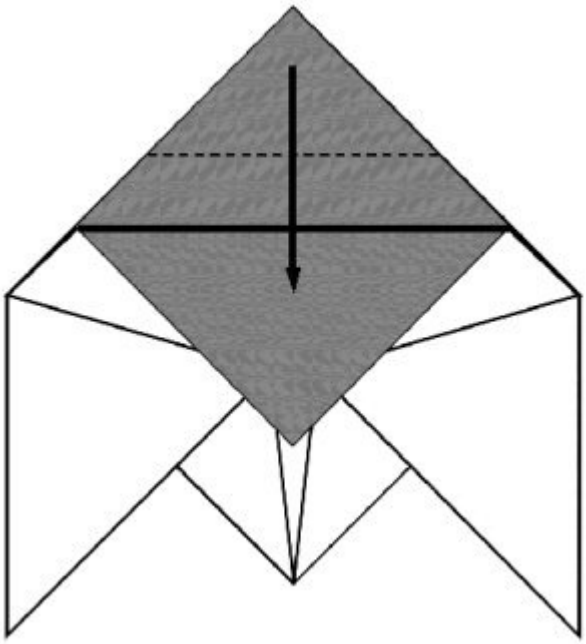
4. Now fold the top points of the diamond downwards:



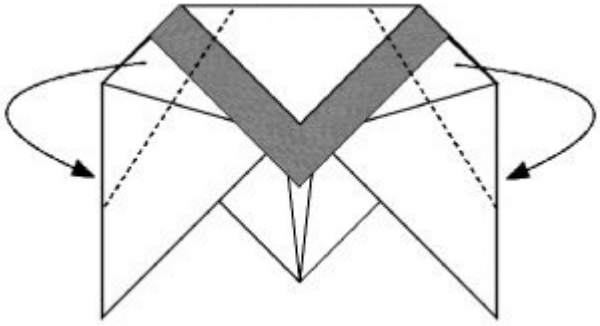
5. Fold the top of the diamond downwards:



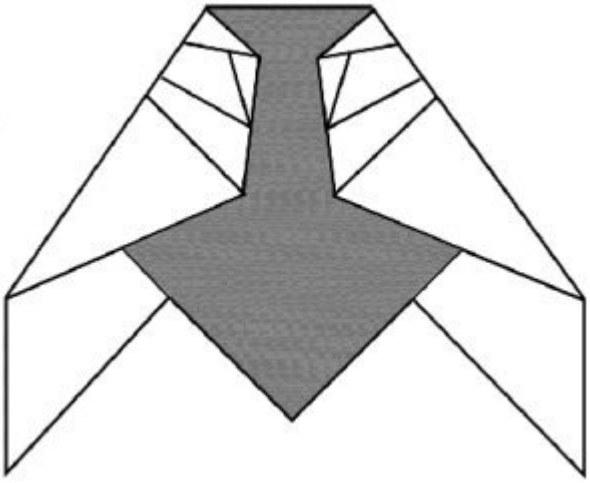
6. Fold the remaining point at the top of the diamond downwards as shown:



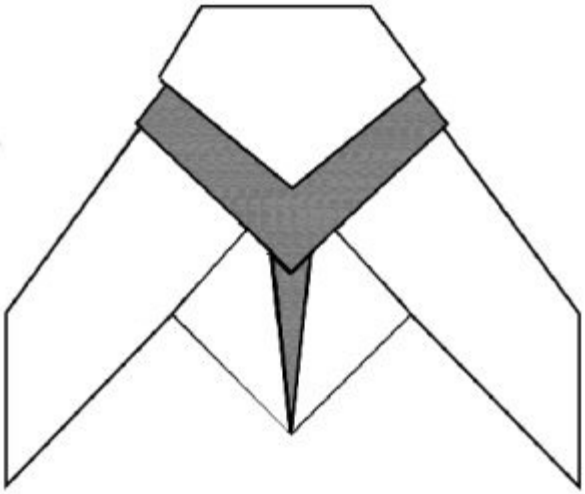
7. Fold the edges of your fly's wings round behind the main body:



8. After completing step 7 the underside of your completed fly should look like this:



9. The top of your completed fly should look like this.



To make your flies more attractive why not color them in or make them out of some old wrapping paper?