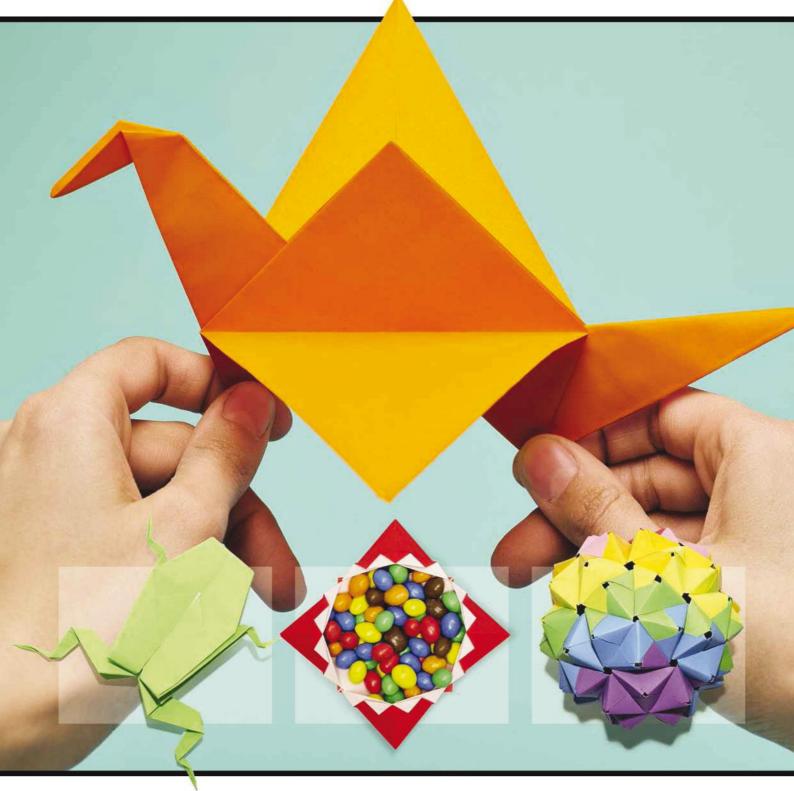
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WHAT IS ORIGAMI?

Origami is the art of paper folding, originating in Ancient Japan after the introduction of paper by the Chinese around 500-600 AD.

It was originally a ceremonial art reserved for the wealthy who could afford paper, but as paper became affordable for all, so the popularity of this art form grew in Japan.

Origami models were given as gifts, used in Shinto ceremonies and displayed as good luck charms at weddings.

Today, most regard cutting the paper as non-traditional, but this idea was only introduced when origami was popularised in America in the 1960s.

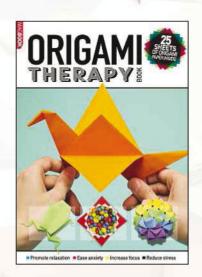
As early as the 19th century, teachers in Europe started to employ origami as a developmental aid for children. Today, it's used in both brain and physical injury rehabilitation. Hand-eye coordination and delicate motor skills are challenged as you follow a simple set of instructions to create something complex.

Origami is also internationally recognised for its therapeutic qualities. It's often used to reduce anxiety and help those diagnosed with ADHD, autism and dementia. It has also been used as a physical distraction for those wishing to quit smoking. The gentle focus on simple steps induces an almost meditative state, and is the perfect distraction from a stressful job or task. Learning to create a model almost without thinking brings on a peaceful state of mind, and the end result is a beautiful handmade gift or decoration!

One of the great things about origami is that it's inexpensive.

It's also a fun activity that you can share with your children.

I hope you get as much pleasure from this peaceful art form as I do.



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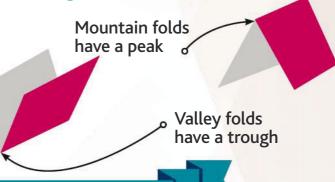
BASES

Origami bases are the simple building blocks from which all traditional origami is built. They are the foundation or starting point of many models.

In this book, we begin with the simplest bases and gradually add to them to make more complex origami models.

The language of folding

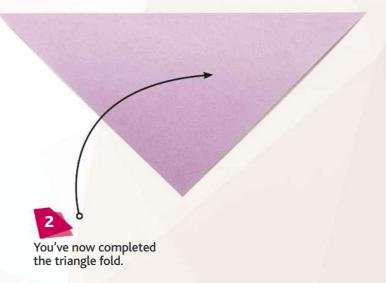
All origami begins with one of these folds. Understanding the difference between the two is key to success. But don't worry, as they're very simple to master.



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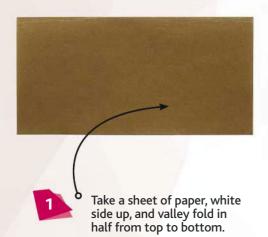
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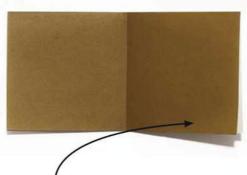


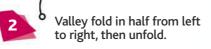


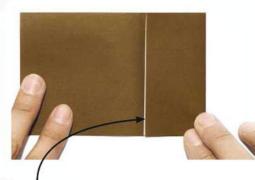
HOUSE BASE



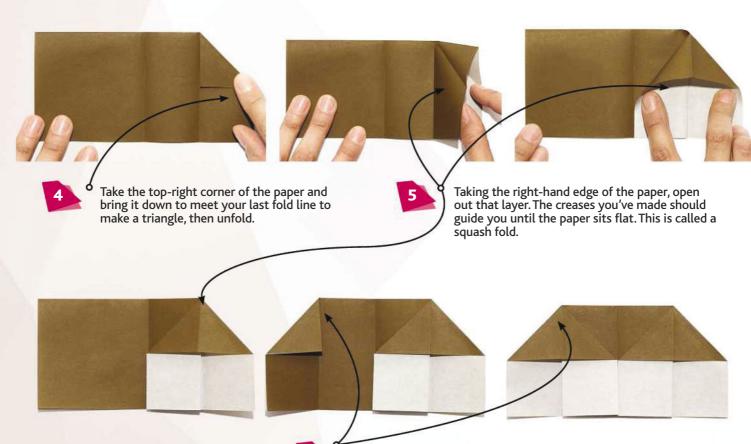






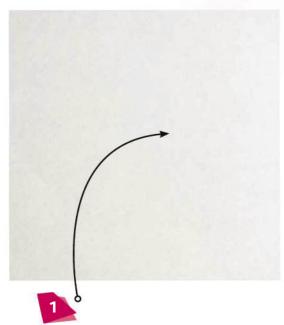


Valley fold the right-hand side in to meet the middle line and unfold.

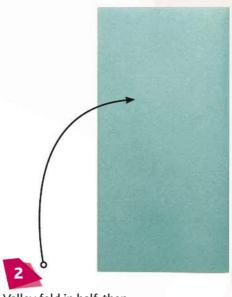


Repeat steps 3-5 with the left-hand side and you now have a completed house base.

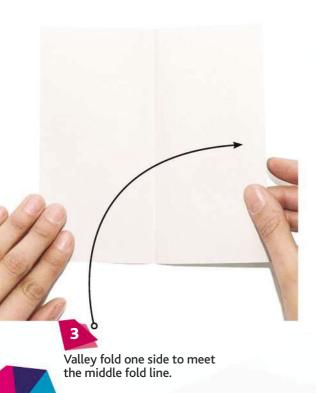
CUPBOARD FOLD

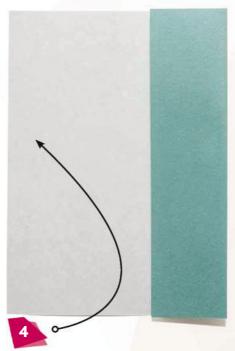


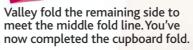
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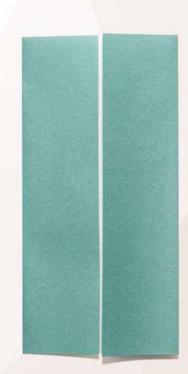


Valley fold in half, then unfold completely.

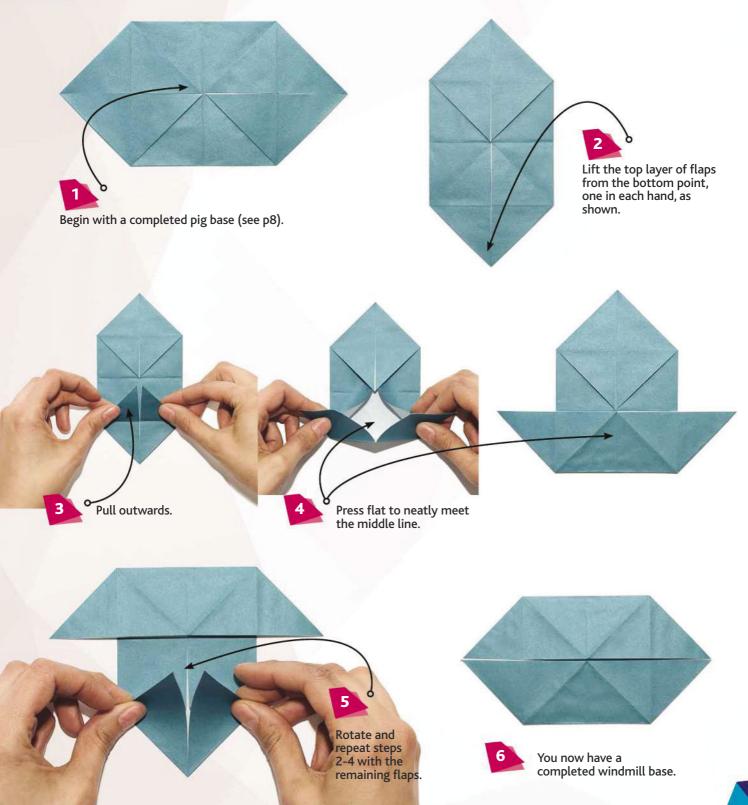




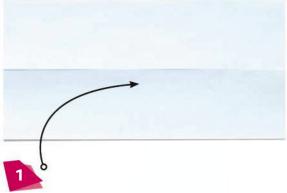




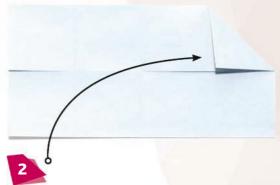
WINDMILL BASE



PIG BASE



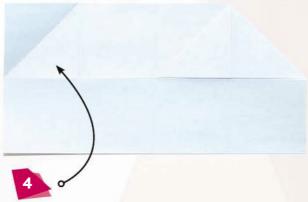
Begin with a completed cupboard fold (see p6).



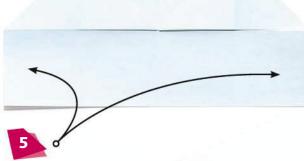
Fold down the top-right corner to meet the middle line and unfold.



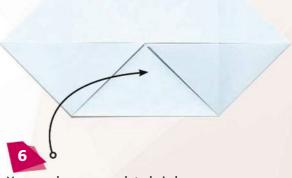
Open up the top layer from the right-hand side towards the left, performing a squash fold.



Now fold down the top-left corner and repeat step 3.

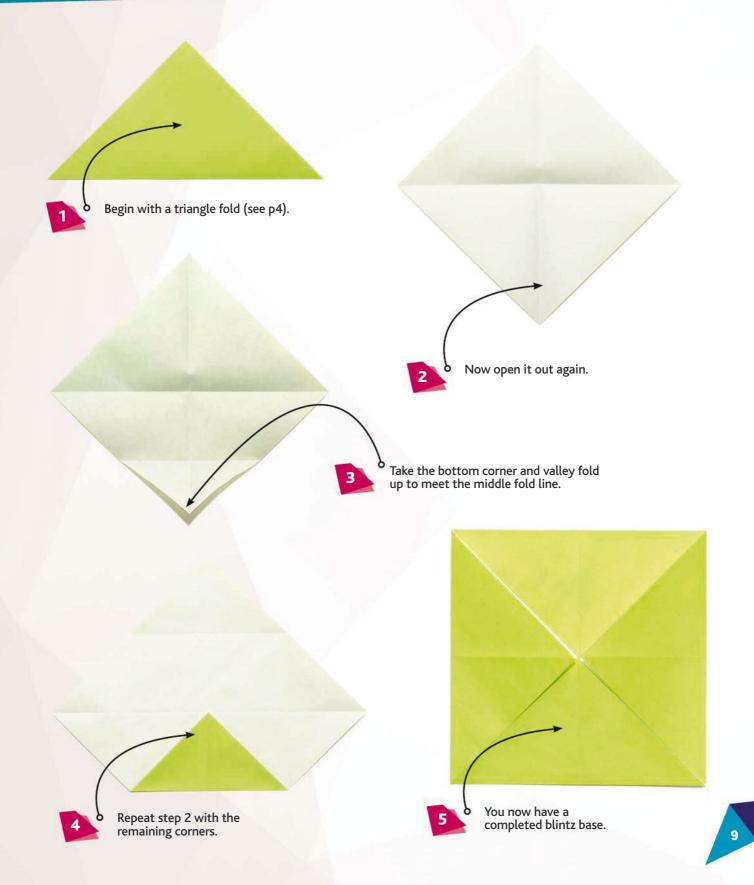


Repeat steps 2-4 on the remaining two bottom corners.

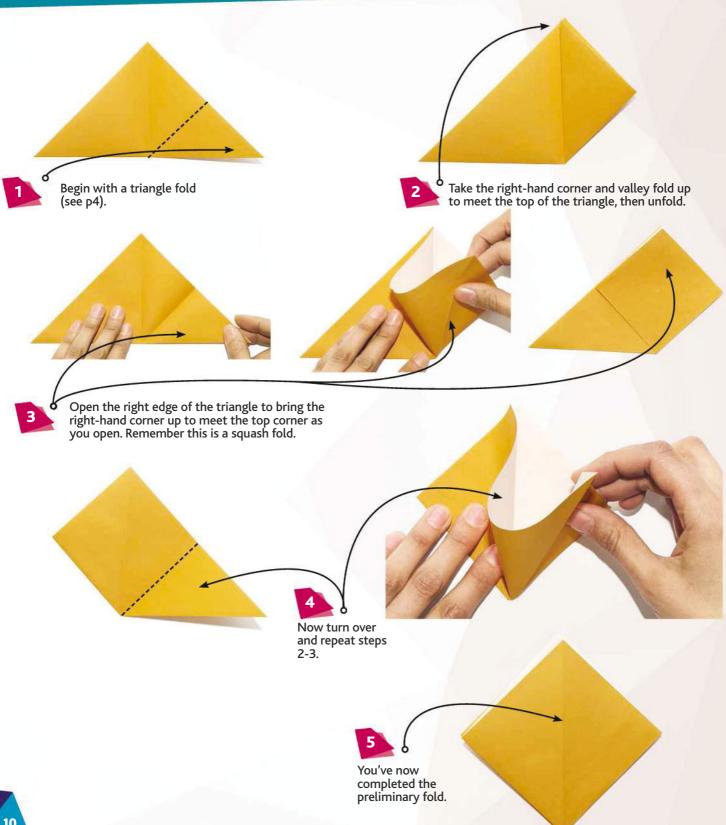


You now have a completed pig base.

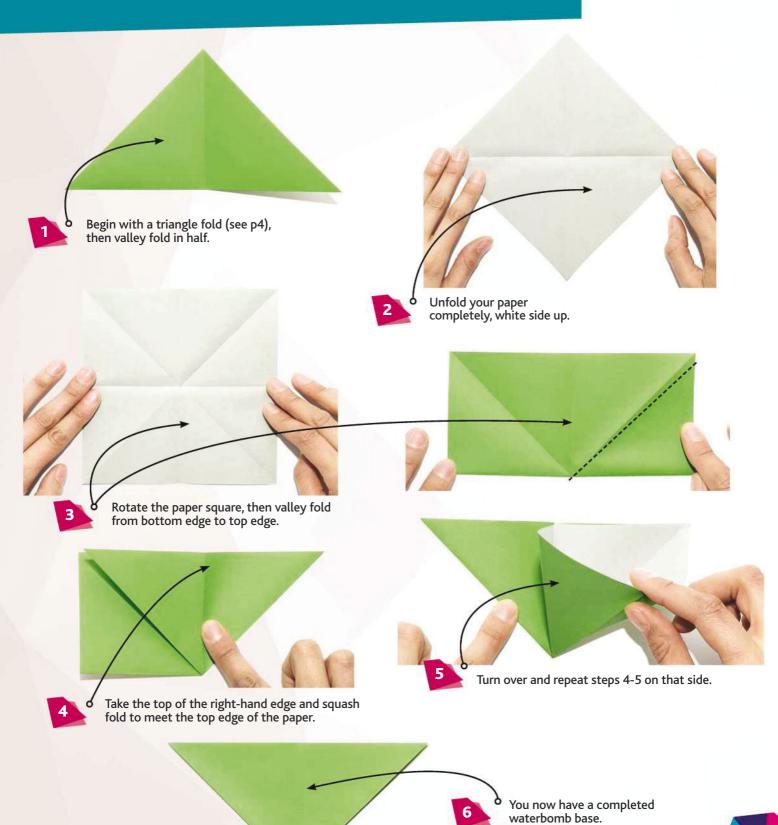
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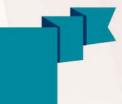
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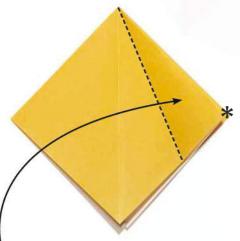


WATERBOMB BASE

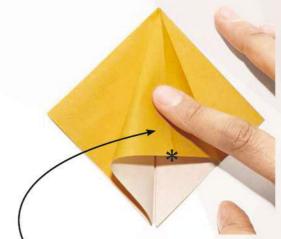


FROG BASE

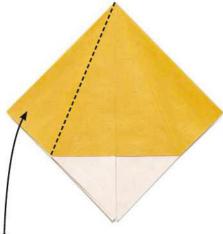




Begin with a preliminary fold (see p10), with the open edges pointing towards you. Valley fold the top-right edge to meet the middle line, then unfold.



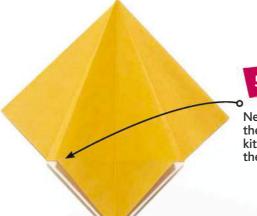
Taking the top layer of paper only, open out the bottom-right edge and squash fold.



It should look a bit like a kite. Take only the top layer marked with a star and turn it to the right-hand side. We will call this a page turn.



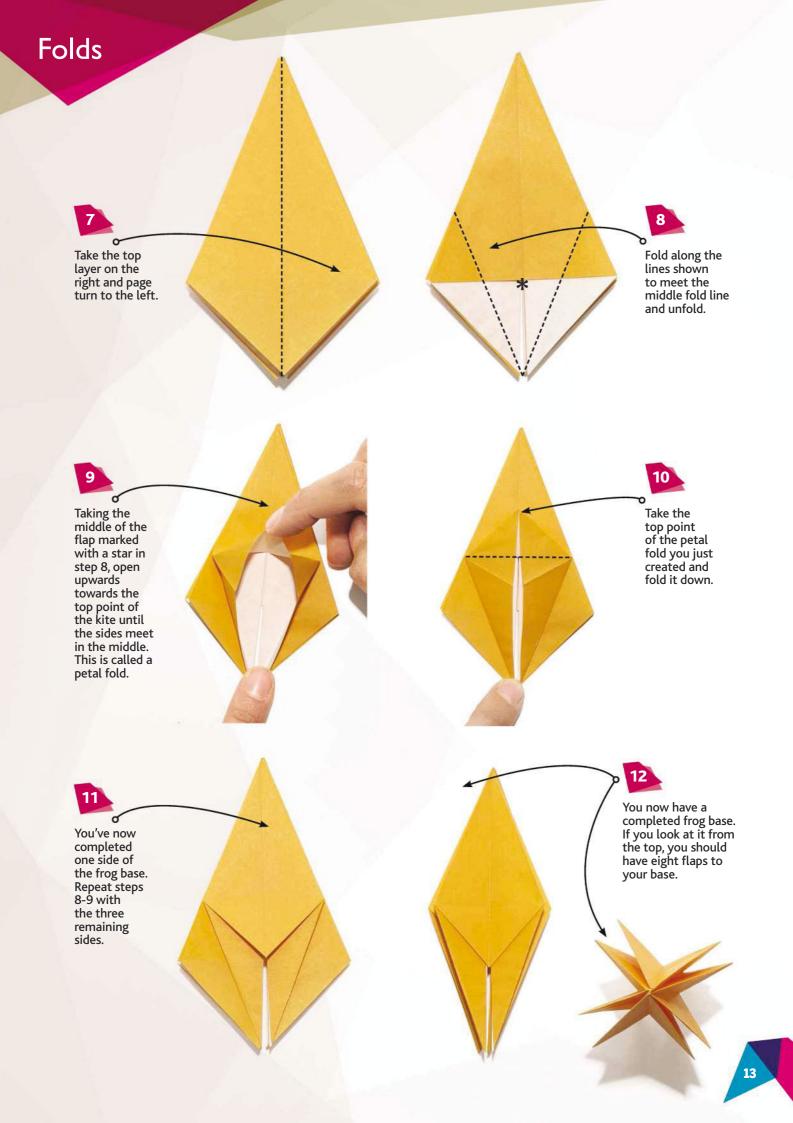
Now, taking the left-hand edge, repeat steps 1-2.



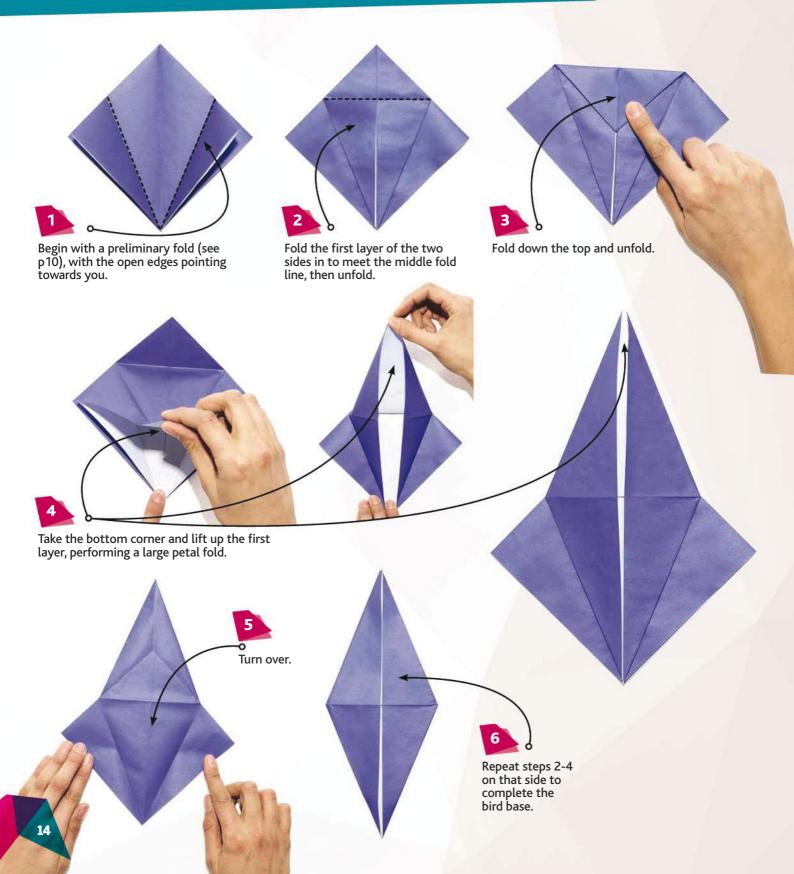
Next, page turn the right-hand kite layer to the left.



Turn over and repeat steps 1-5 with the remaining side.



BIRD BASE



SONOBE MODULE

Despite this base being named after Mitsunobu Sonobe, he doesn't claim to be the creator of this fascinating model. Alone, one Sonobe module is a simple fold, but when you combine multiple units, you can create complex and beautiful geometric models.



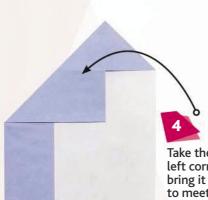
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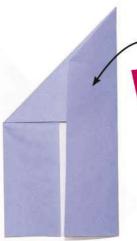
Cupboard fold (see p6), then unfold the right-hand flap.



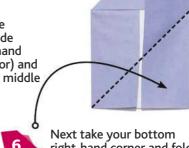
Fold down the top-right corner to meet the cupboard fold line.



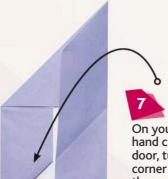
Take the topleft corner and bring it down to meet the edge of your last fold.



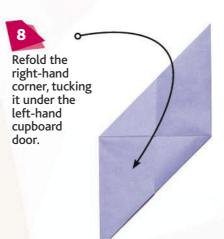
Now take the right-hand side (your right-hand cupboard door) and fold it to the middle fold line.



Next take your bottom right-hand corner and fold it up to meet the left-hand edge, then unfold.



On your lefthand cupboard door, tuck the corner under the crease you just made.







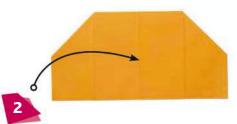
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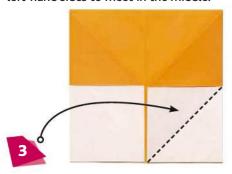
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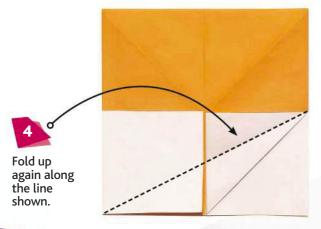
Begin with a completed house base (see p5).

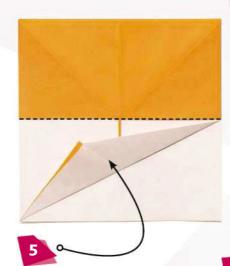


Turn over. Cupboard fold the right- and left-hand sides to meet in the middle.



Fold the bottom-right corner up to meet the coloured edge.





Fold the entire white flap up over the coloured portion and press flat.

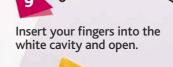


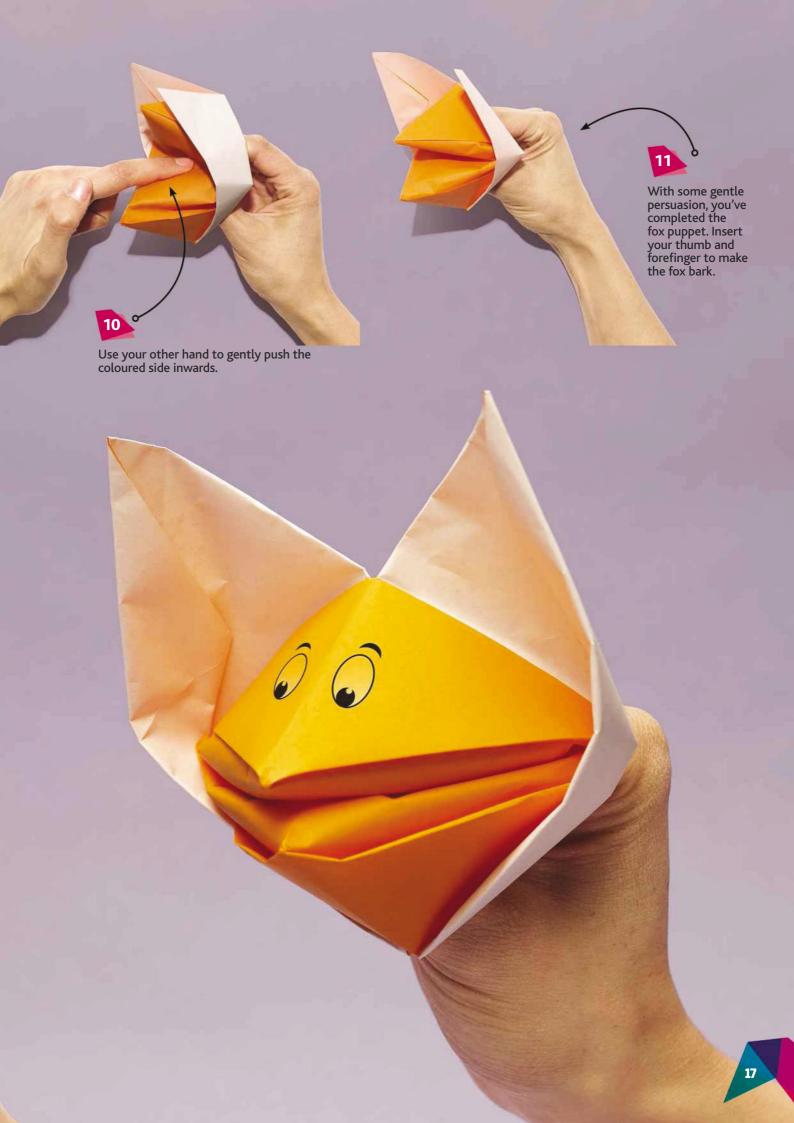
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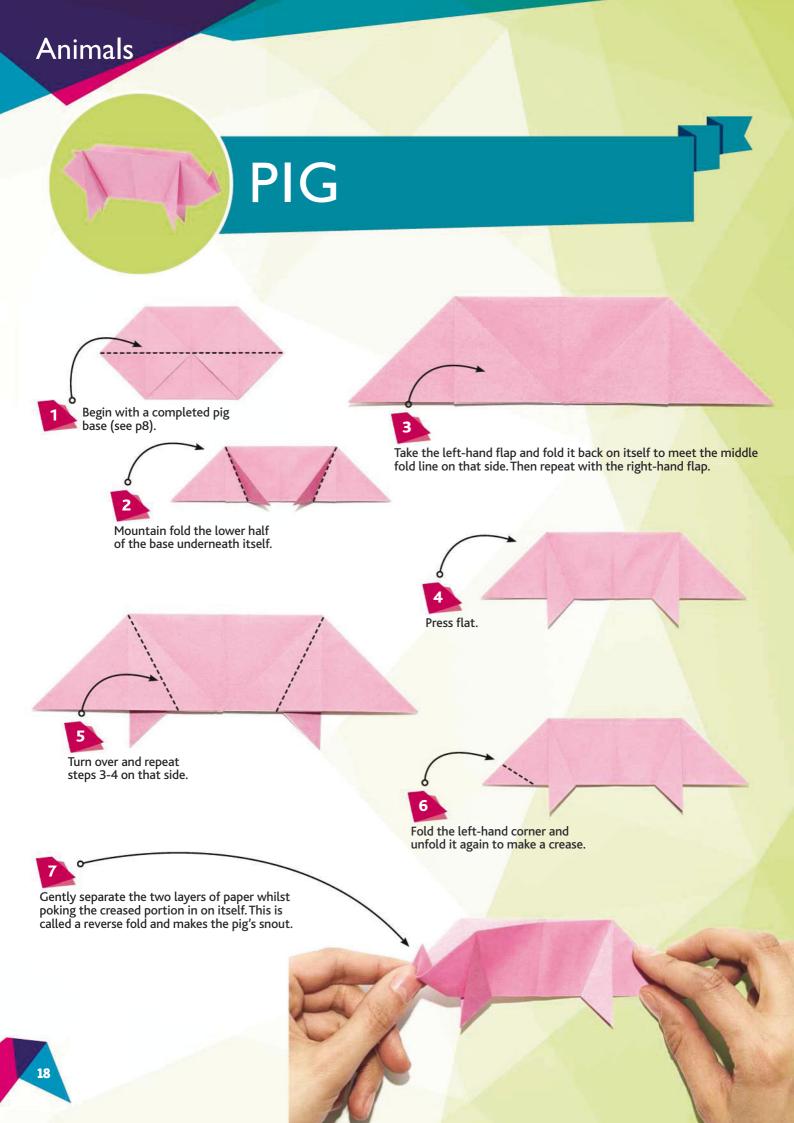


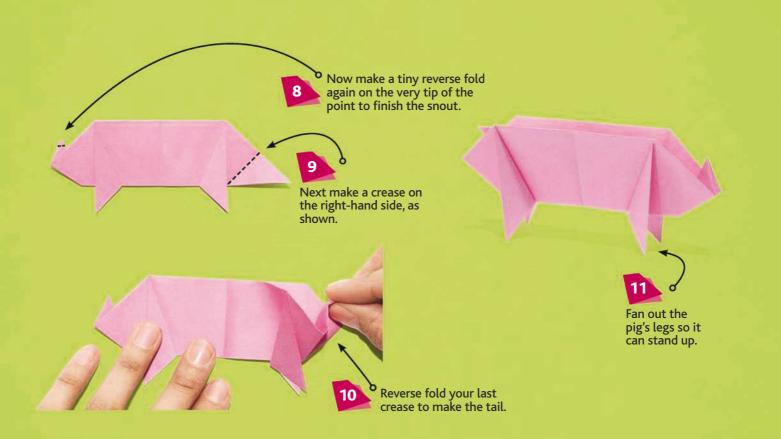
Repeat steps 5-7 with the bottom-left corner.

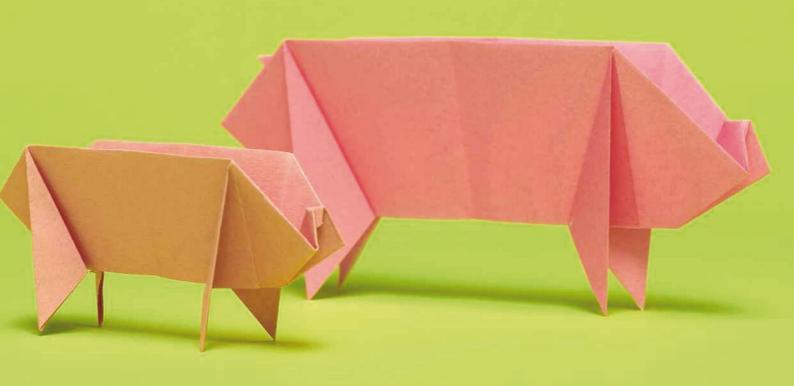


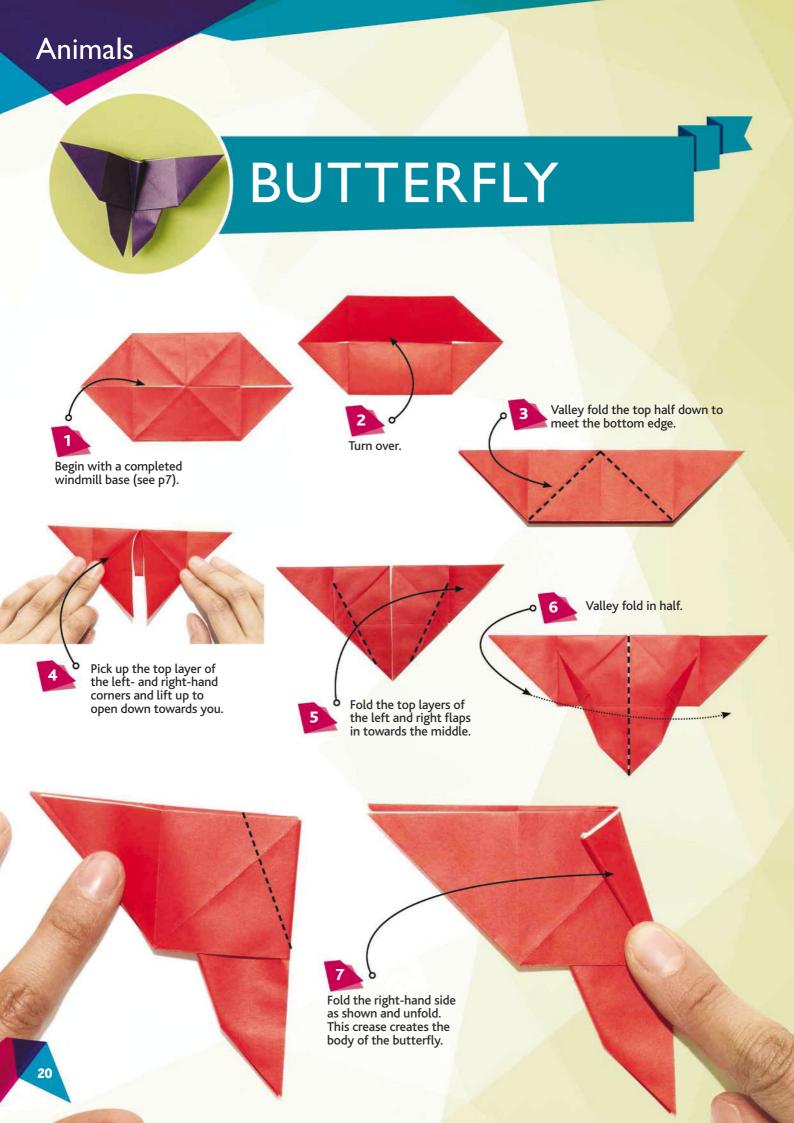




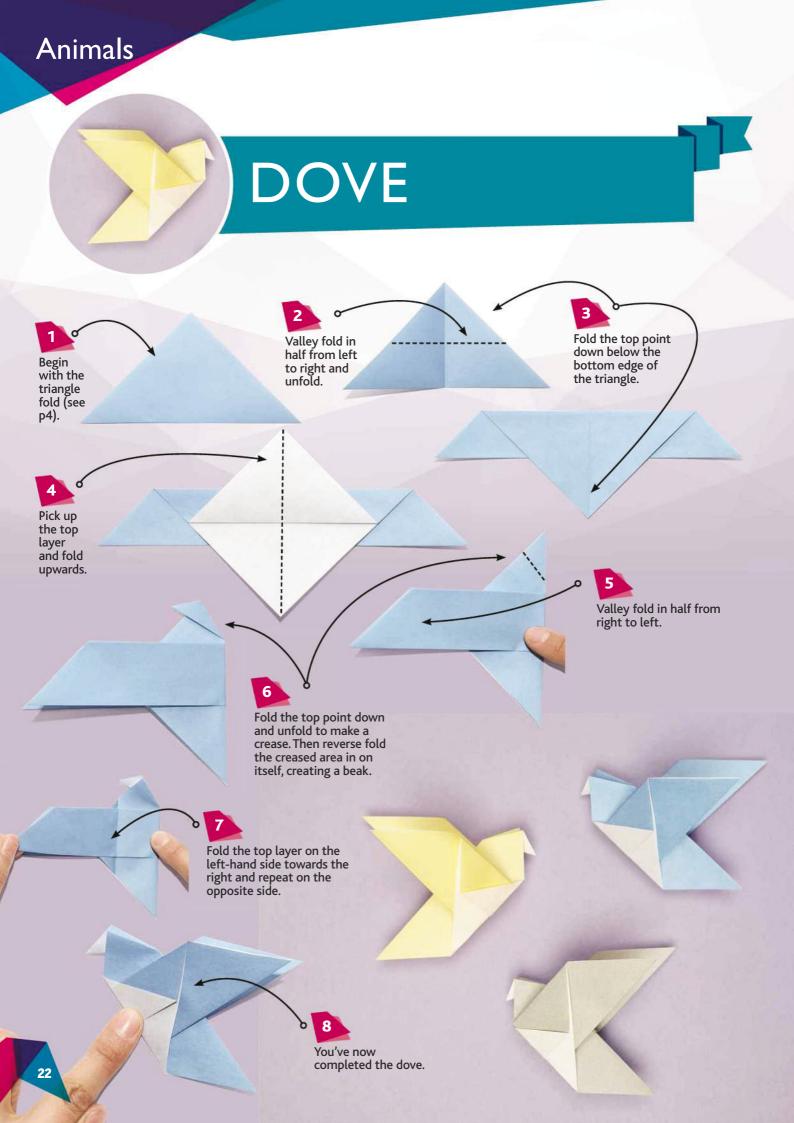


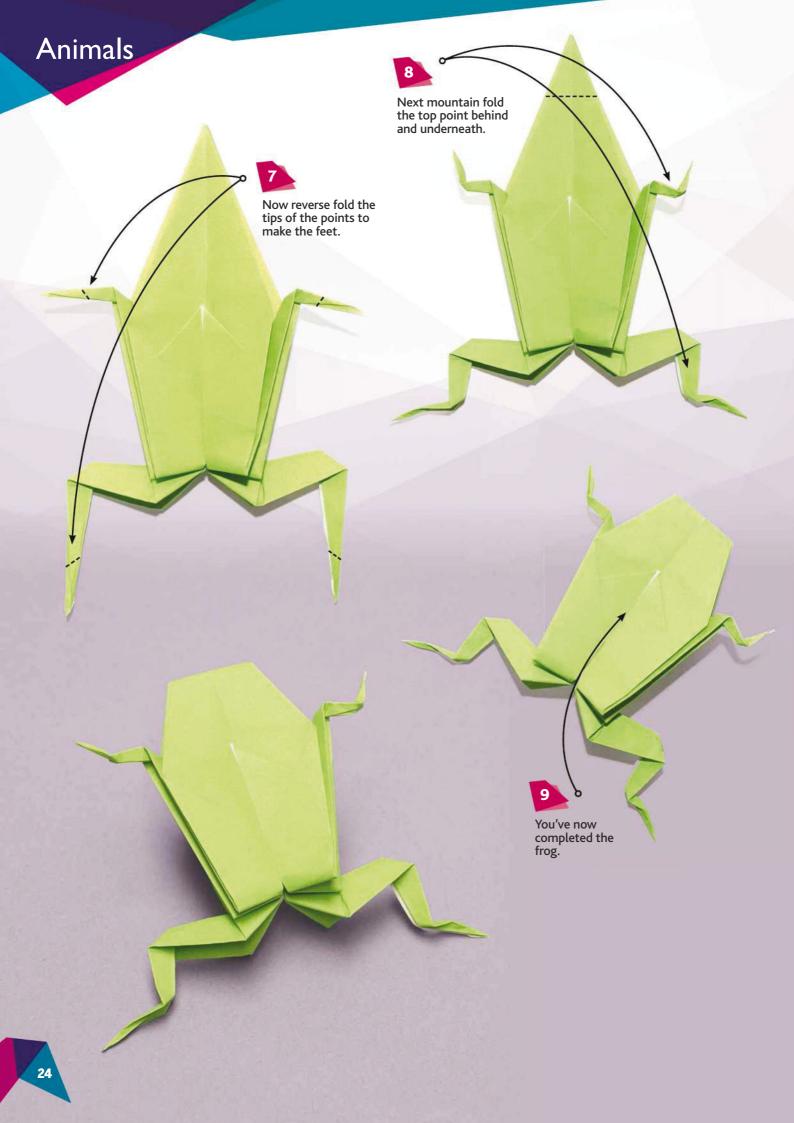


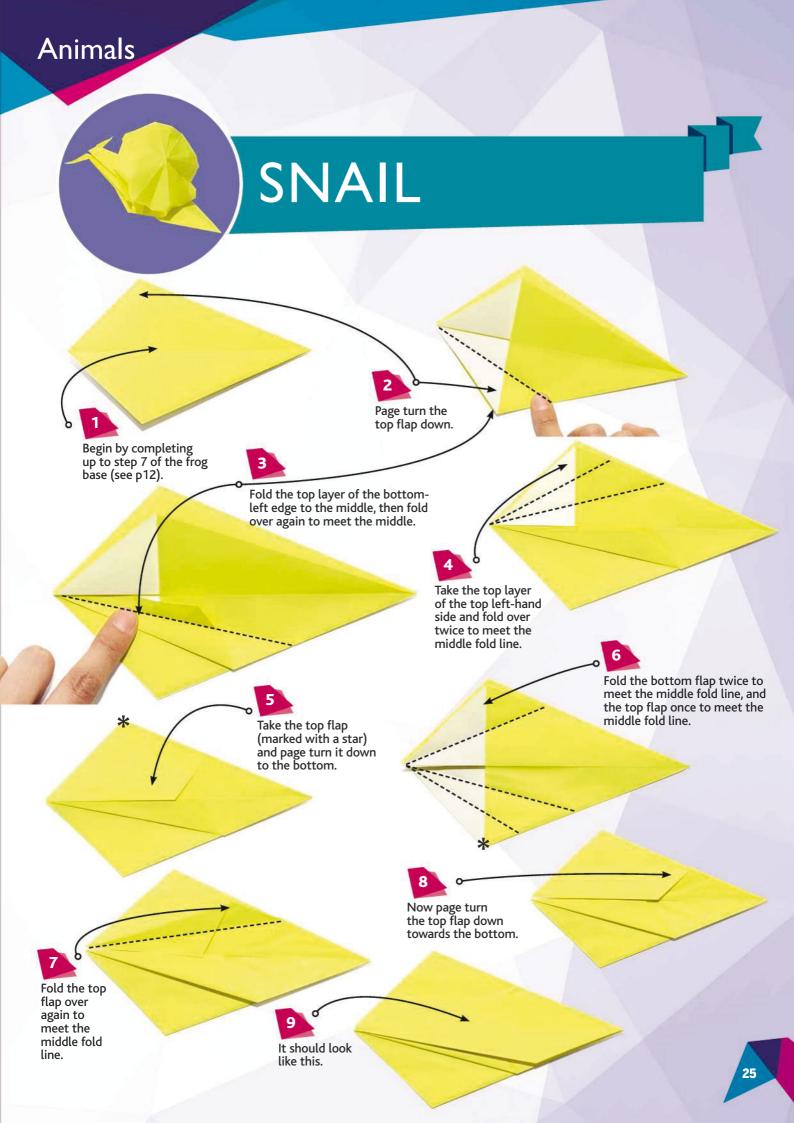


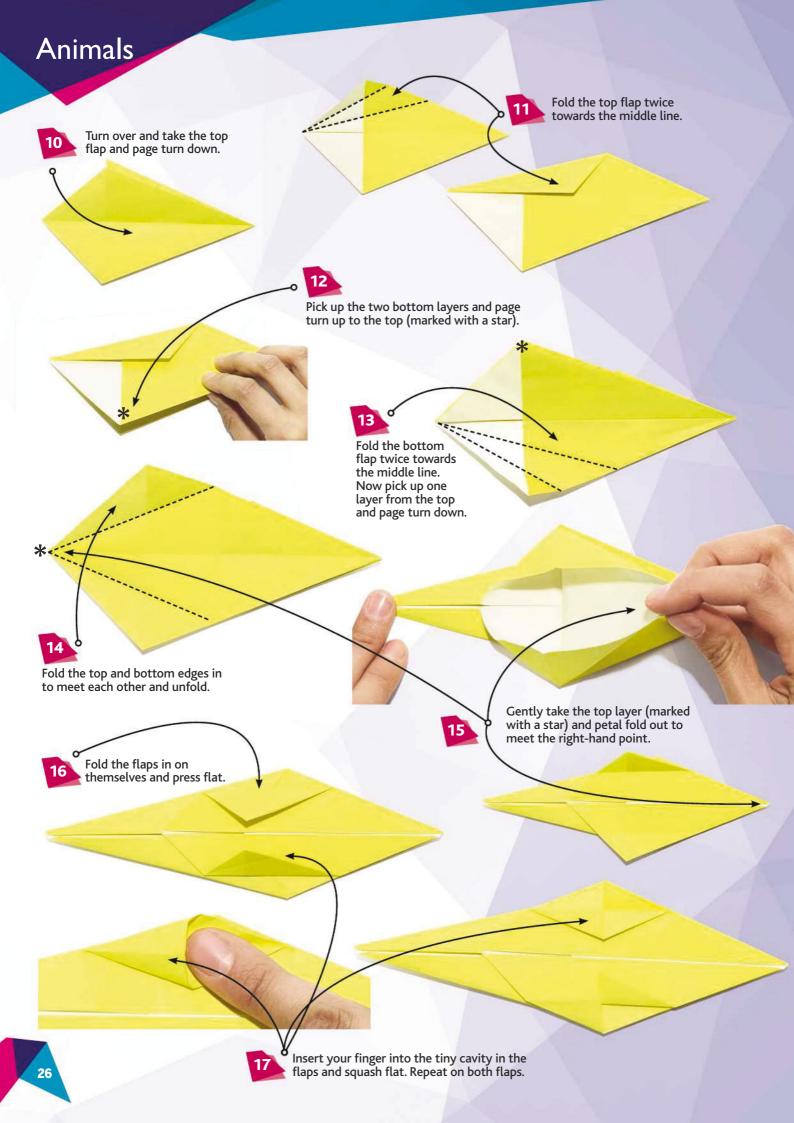


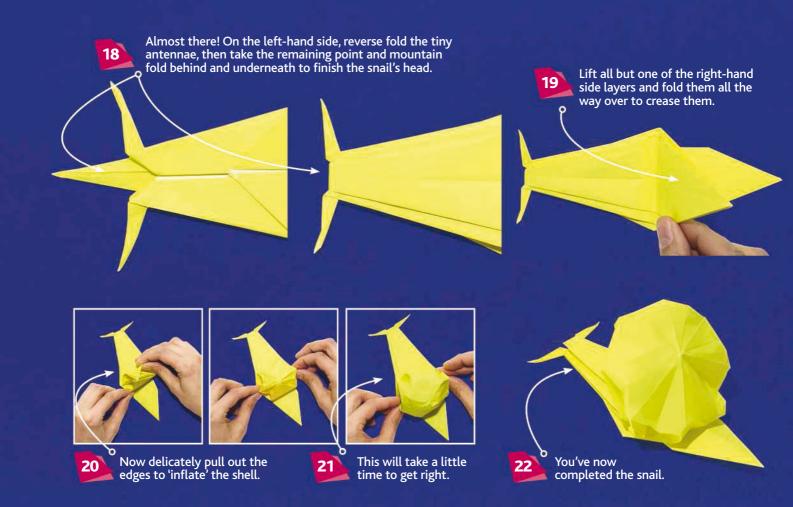


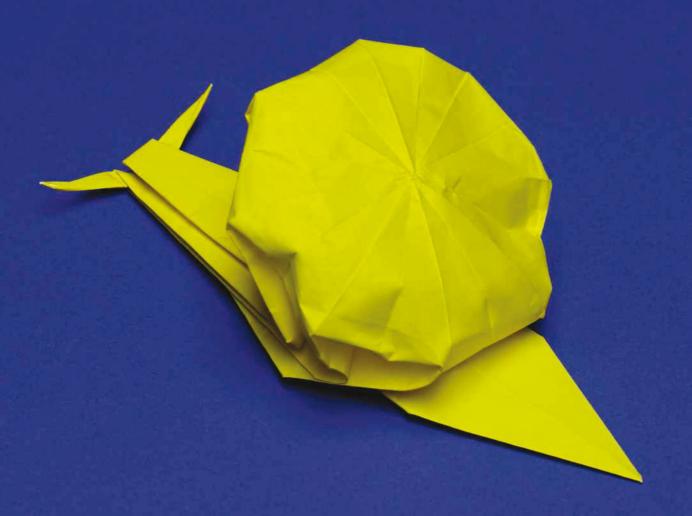


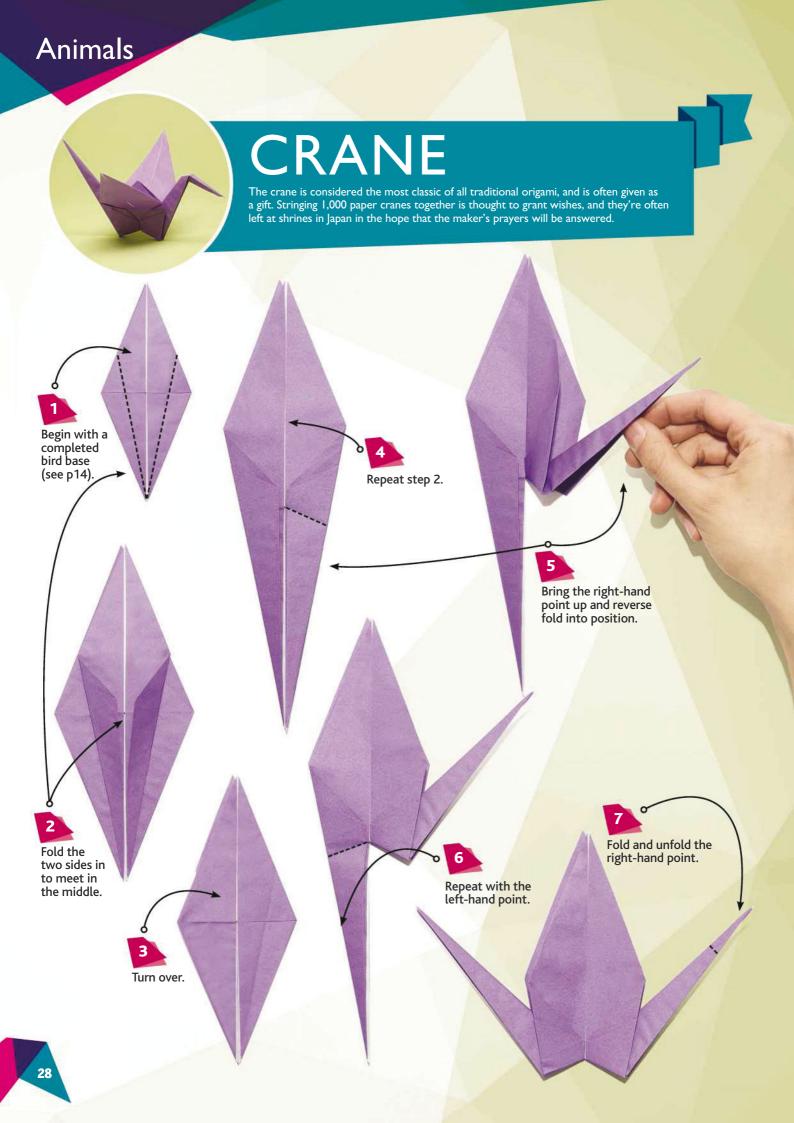


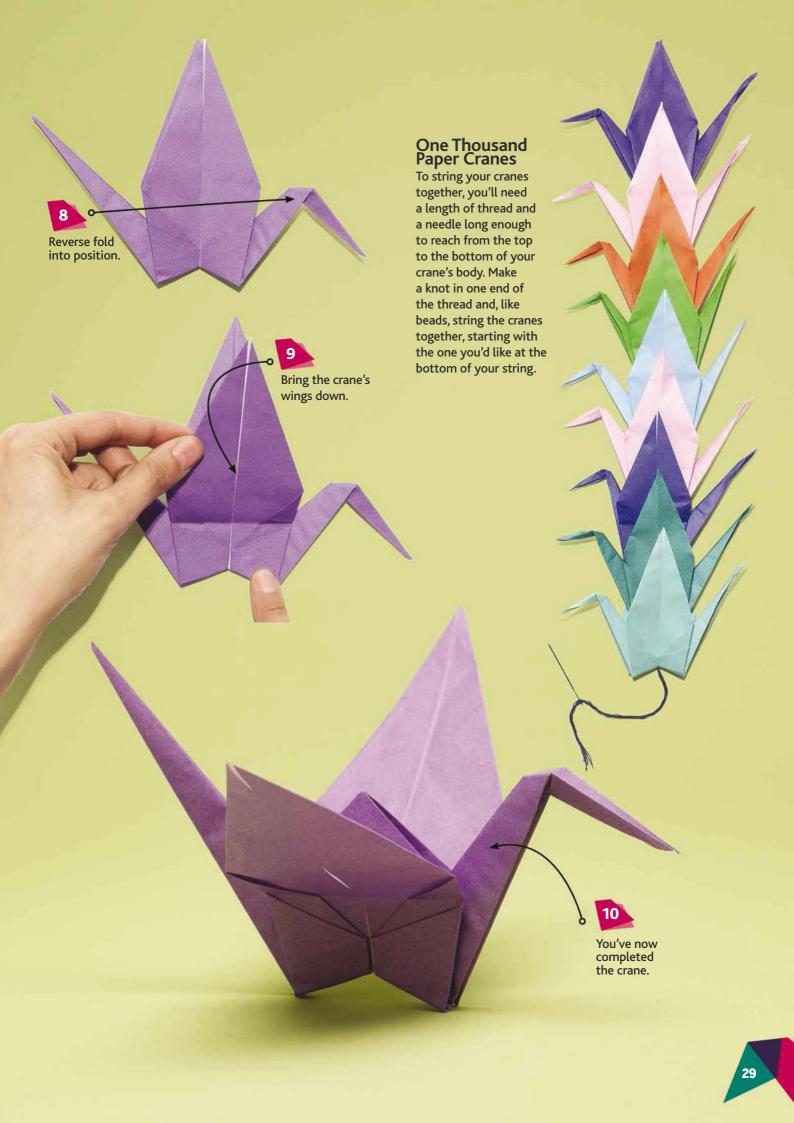




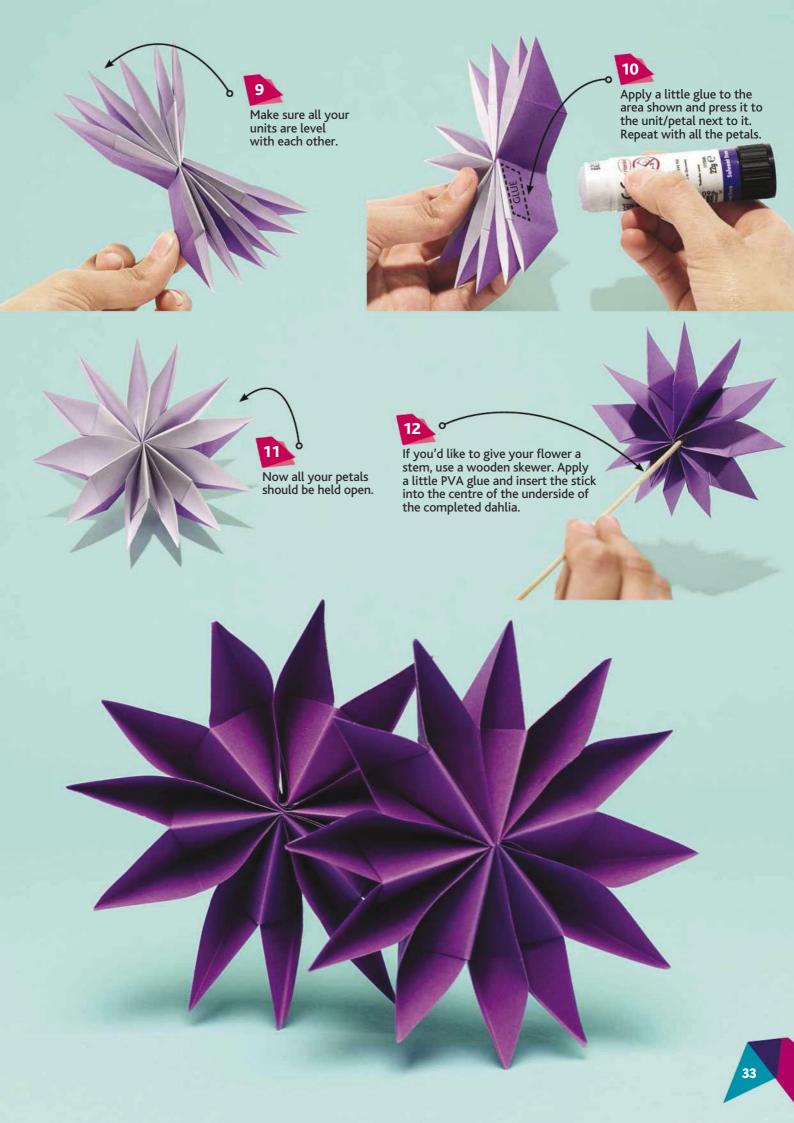


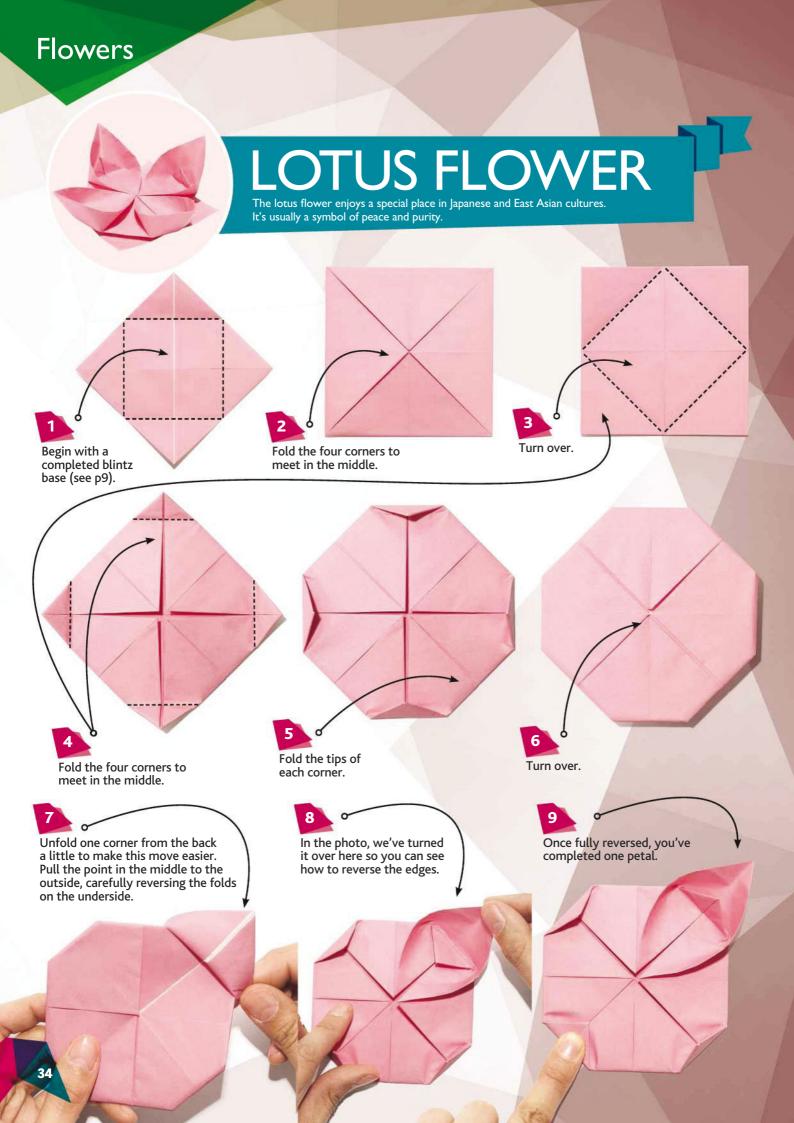


















KUSUDAMA FLOWI

The Japanese word kusudama actually refers to the ball you can make using 12 of these flowers by stitching or gluing them together. They were traditionally made from real flowers to scent a room. Now they're made from paper and used as decorations or given as gifts. Even individual flowers make lovely gifts.



Begin with a triangle fold (see p4).



Valley fold the left and right points up to meet the top of the triangle.



Open the flaps out and squash fold flat.





Valley fold the points back on themselves.



Valley fold the flaps in half.



Apply some glue to one edge then press the opposite edge to it. Be careful not to fold, and you should end up with a cone shape.



Fold the new flaps from the middle to the outside edge.





TULIP

Begin with a completed waterbomb base (see p11), with the opinting towards you towards you.

Fold the left and right points up to meet the top of the triangle.

Turn over and repeat step 2. This should be your result.

Page turn one flap over. You should have a blank side.

Valley fold the left-hand flap to the right, just past the middle fold line, and press flat.



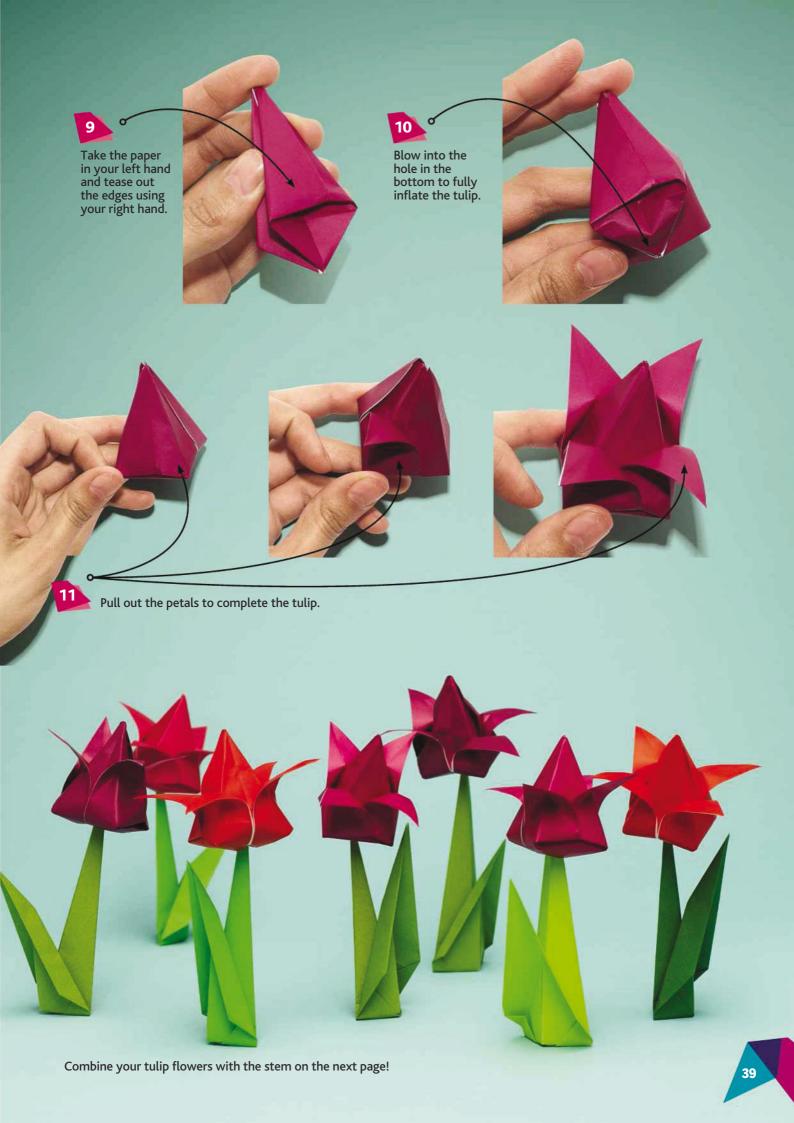
Valley fold the right-hand flap to the same point on the opposite side.

Insert the right-hand flap into the cavity in the left-hand flap as far as it will go and press flat.



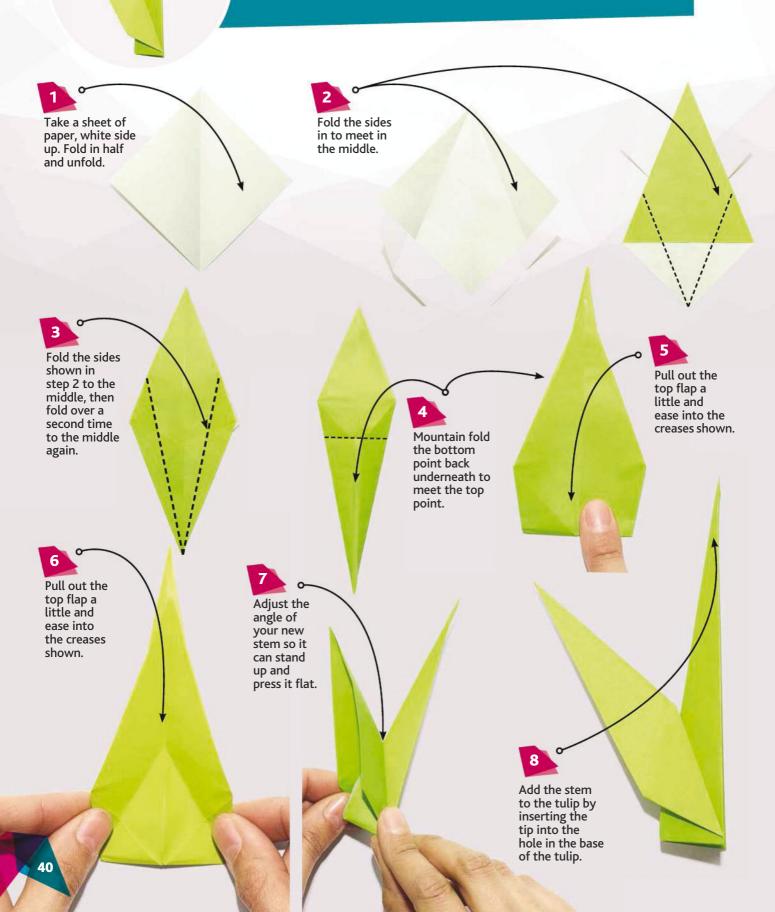
Turn over and repeat steps 5-7 on this side.







STEM



Flowers



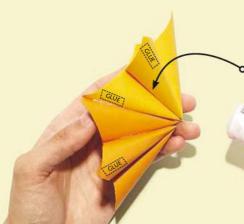
KUSUDAMA BALL



Make 12 kusudama flowers (see p36).



Join together two flowers, as shown, using a bit of glue.





Add glue to the three areas shown in preparation for the third flower.





of the third flower to the existing two.



Continue to surround the central flower until is has flowers on each of its five sides.



Repeat steps 2-5 with your remaining six flowers to create the other half of your kusudama ball, then glue the two halves together.

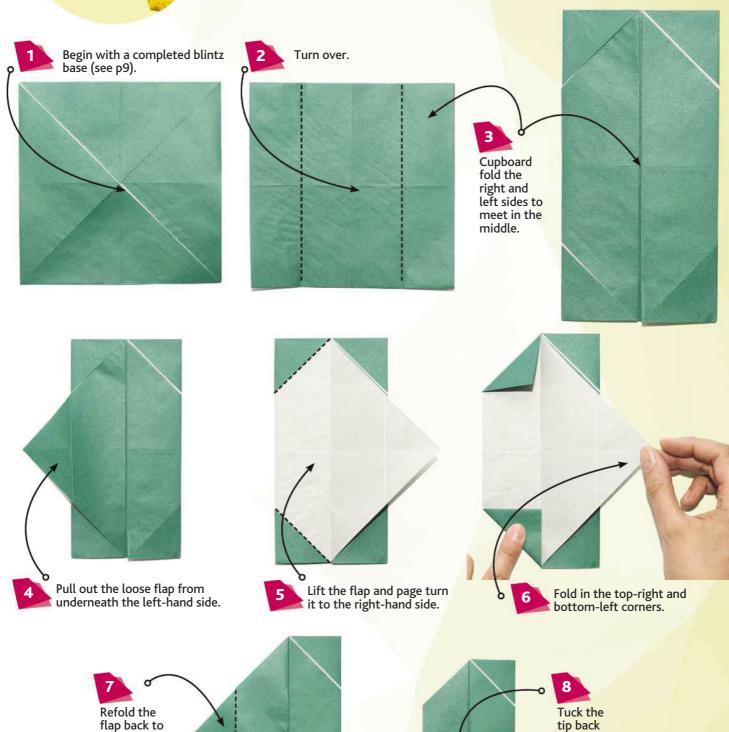


Add a string to your kusudama ball to hang as a decoration.



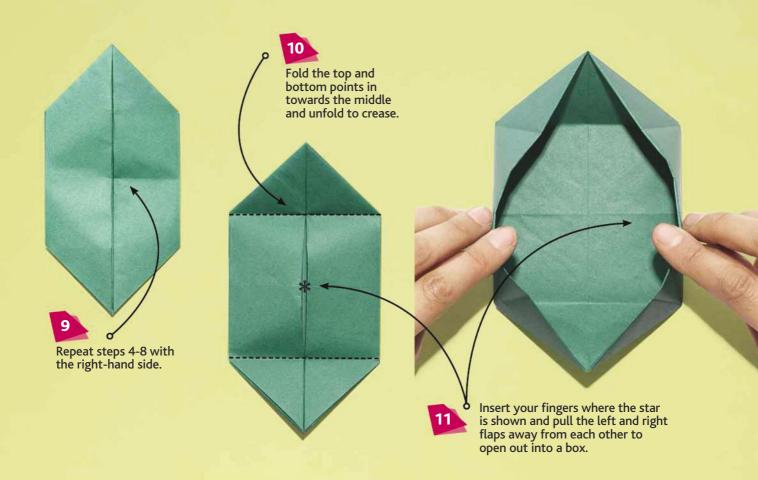


OPEN BOX



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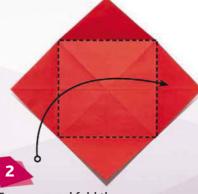


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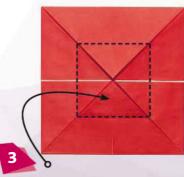
This shallow box is great for putting sweets in.



Begin with a completed blintz base (see p9).



Turn over and fold the corners into the middle.



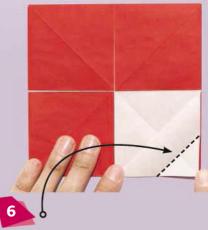
Fold the points of those corners back out so the tips align with the paper's edge.



This is how it should look.



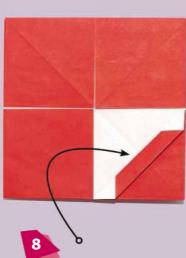
Take the bottom right-hand quadrant and open the flap out towards the edge.



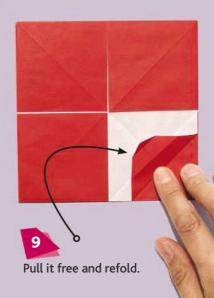
Now fold that corner back in to meet the previous fold line.

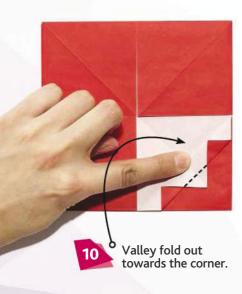


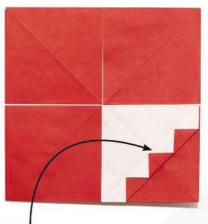
Fold the edge in half to meet the middle of that quadrant.



Gently unfold the last fold to pull out the corner that had been tucked under.





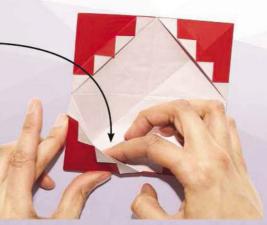


Then valley fold in towards the middle of that quadrant. You've now completed one quadrant.



Repeat steps 5-11 with the remaining quadrants.











8 POINTED STAR

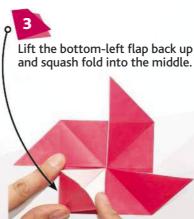
This model is really two four-pointed stars joined together.



Begin with a completed windmill base (see p7).



Take the top-right point and lift it to point away from you, then press flat. Do the same to the bottomleft point, only point it towards you. You've now made a pinwheel shape.



Press flat and repeat step 3

with the remaining points.



On each corner, fold in the outside edges to meet each other, then unfold to make a crease.



Take the bottom-right flap (shown by a star) and open it out away from the middle towards its respective corner.



Keep going until the edges meet. This is a petal fold.







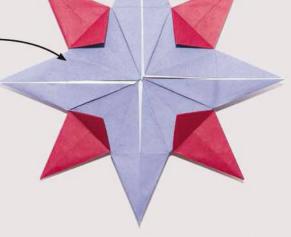
You've now created a four-pointed star.



Make a second star.



Turn one star the right side again, then join them by folding over the triangle flaps to hold the two starstogether. You've now completed the eight-pointed star.





WATERBOMB



Begin with a completed waterbomb base (see p11), with the open edge facing towards you.

2

Fold the top layers of the left and right corners up to meet the point at the top.



Fold the right- and left-hand flaps in towards the middle fold line.



Now take the two flaps at the top of the triangle and fold them into the cavity, as shown.



This is how it should look.



Turn over and repeat steps 2-4 on that side.

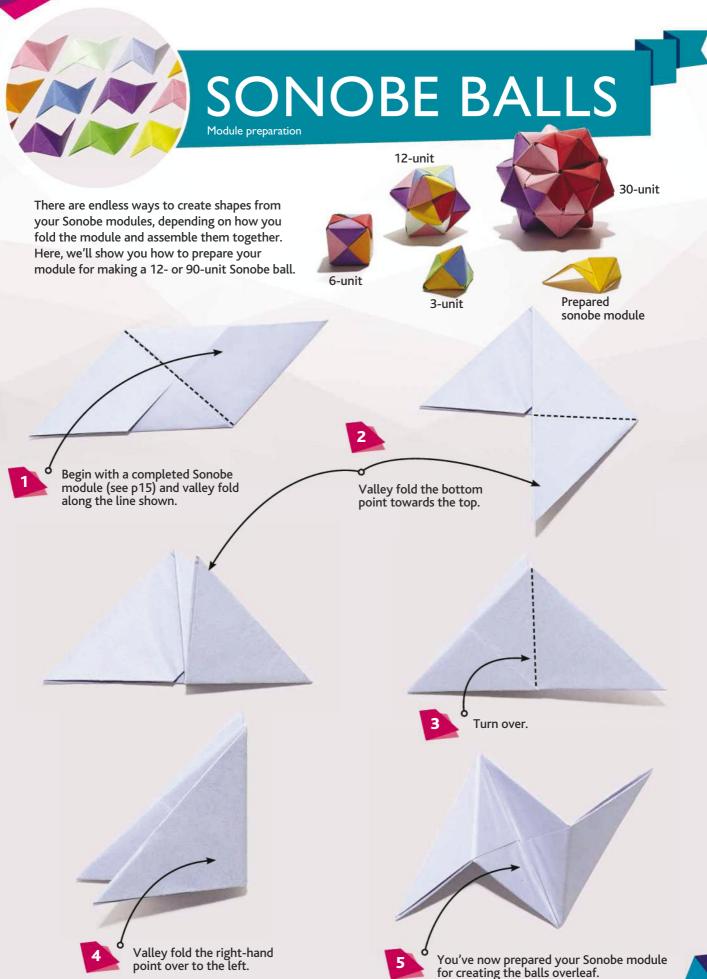




Now gently separate the layers and blow into the hole to inflate and complete the waterbomb.







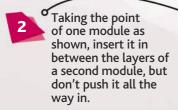


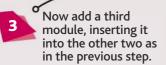
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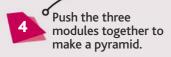
12-unit ball (octahedron)

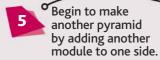


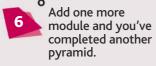
Make 12 Sonobe modules and prepare as on p49.

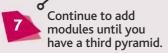














Now tuck a point from your first pyramid into your last, as shown, to begin a fourth pyramid.

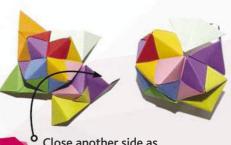


Finish the fourth pyramid by adding one more module, and you'll have completed one side. By now, you should see a pattern in how you assemble the modules.





Now let the pyramids fold inwards to start creating the curve of the ball.



Close another side as you did in step 9.



Turn over the ball and you'll see the open side more clearly. You should have three points. By adding your final two modules, you'll turn these into your final pyramid.



Adding the last module can be fiddly, but then you'll have completed the 12-unit octahedron.



Here's another side of the same octahedron.



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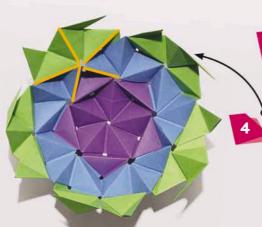
90-unit hal



Start by folding 90 Sonobe modules. We've shown ours in different colours to help you identify the different steps.



Create a pentagon of five pyramids using the same technique you've learned in the 12-unit ball. Look at them from the inside this time and notice your point in the centre has five lines leading out of it like a five-pointed star. We will call this the first 'ring'.



Add three units to each side of the pentagram. This will form your second ring, which will be five groups of six-pointed stars – one coming off each point of the star in step 1.

In the next ring, you'll create five groups of five-pointed stars.



If you turn the ball over, you can see you're at the halfway point.



Turn it over again to see the opening, and with the next ring you'll begin to pull your pyramids in to close the second half of the ball. This ring will be made of six-pointed stars, then five.



Closing the ball is fiddly and requires patience but the principle is the same as on the 12-unit ball.



IDEA:

How about folding one of these from tracing paper and putting fairy lights inside, or an LED lightbulb to make a fantastic designer lamp?

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