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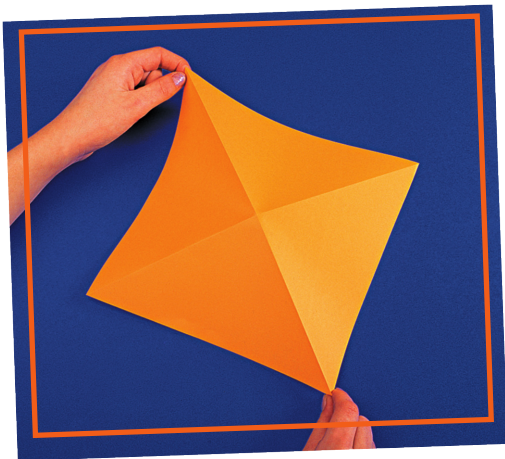


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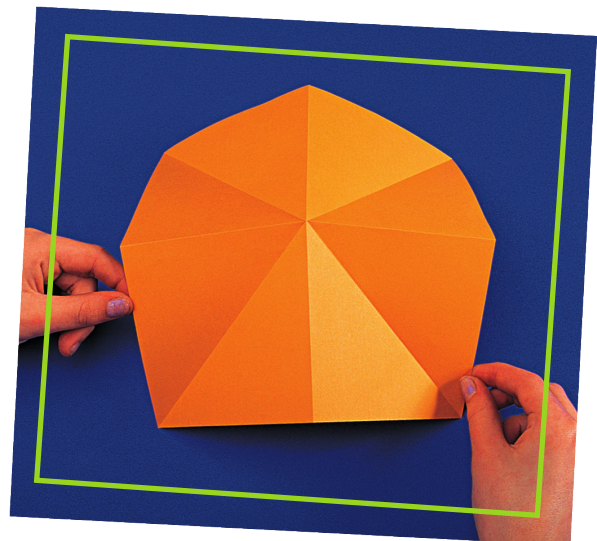
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Origami: Flapping Bird

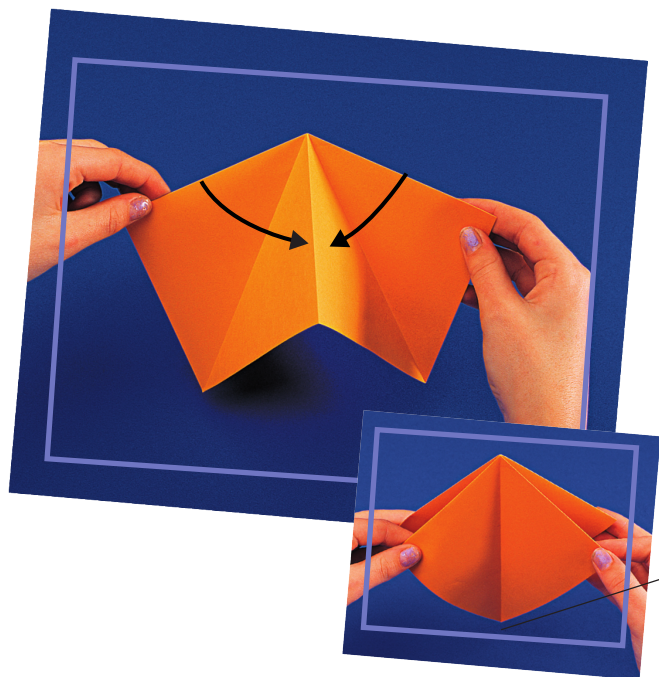
This bird is a variation of the traditional origami crane, a bird that is a Japanese symbol for peace. The crane is also the symbol for many international origami societies. This is the simpler version. If you hold it in the right place, it actually flaps its wings.



- 1 Take a square of paper. Fold the square diagonally. Crease it firmly and open. Fold on the other diagonal, crease and open. Turn the paper over so that your diagonal folds are mountain folds, as shown above.

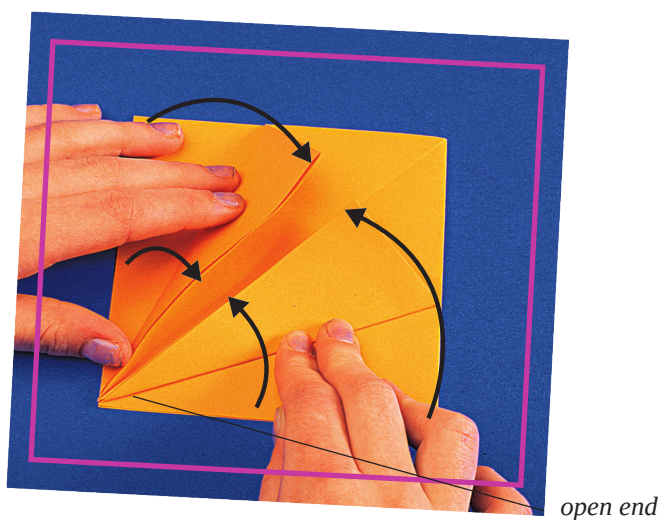


- 2 Now fold up the bottom two corners to meet the top two corners and fold the paper in half horizontally. Crease, unfold, and then fold in half the other way to make a cross shape. Turn the paper over and place it as shown, so that the horizontal folds are mountain folds, and the diagonal folds are valley folds that dip down.



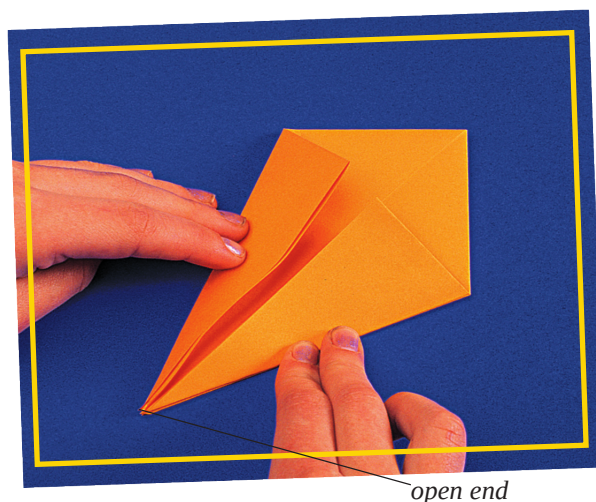
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Hold the edges of a horizontal fold as shown. Move your hands in together until the paper forms a square. There should be two flaps on either side of the square as shown.



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Fold the front flaps, bringing the edges in to the middle. Make sure the open end of the shape is at the bottom as shown.



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Turn over and repeat on the other side.

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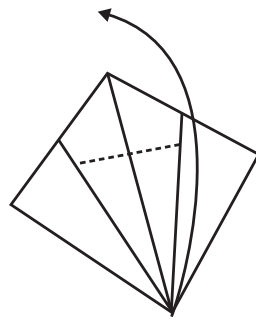
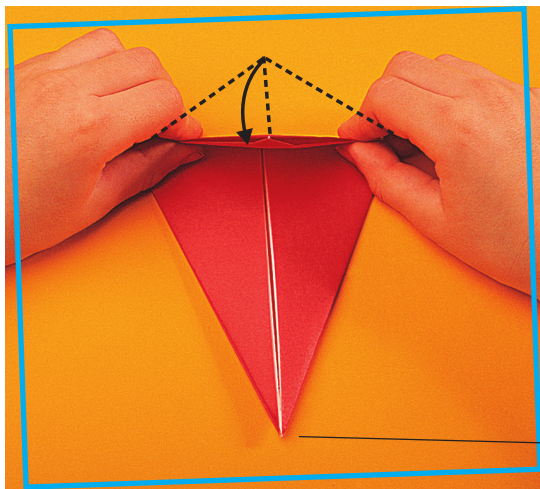
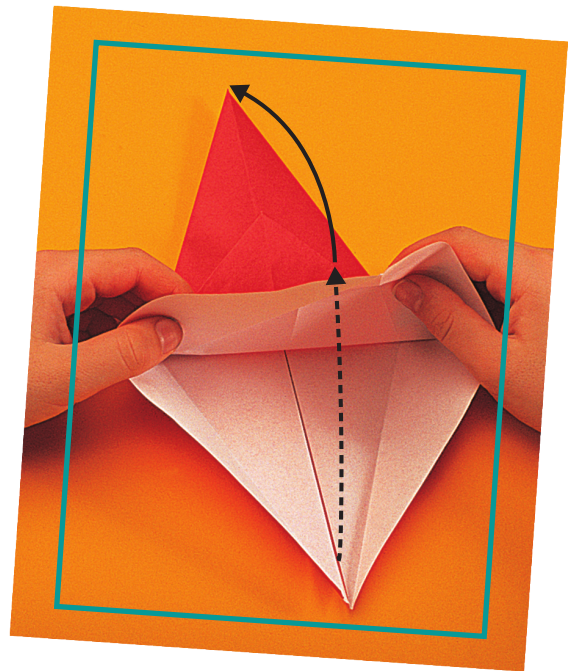


diagram 1

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With the open end at the bottom, fold the smaller triangle down. Crease and fold back to its original position.



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Unfold the side flaps as in diagram 1. Fold the bottom point up, covering the small triangle from step 1. Fold the point right up to the top, reversing the diagonal folds to form a diamond. Turn over and repeat this step on the back to make the shape shown in diagram 2.

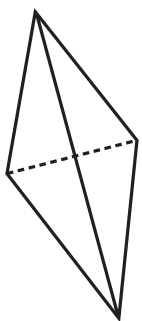
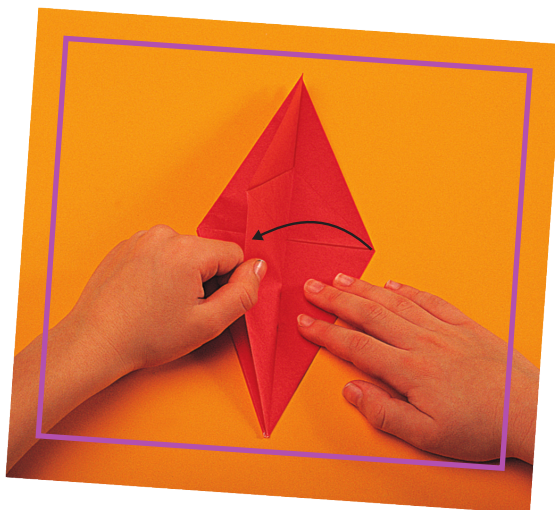


diagram 2

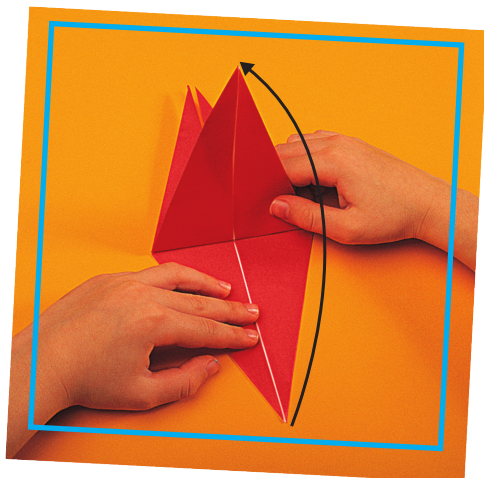


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Fold the top flap on the right over to the left. Turn the paper over and repeat, folding the top right flap only to the left.

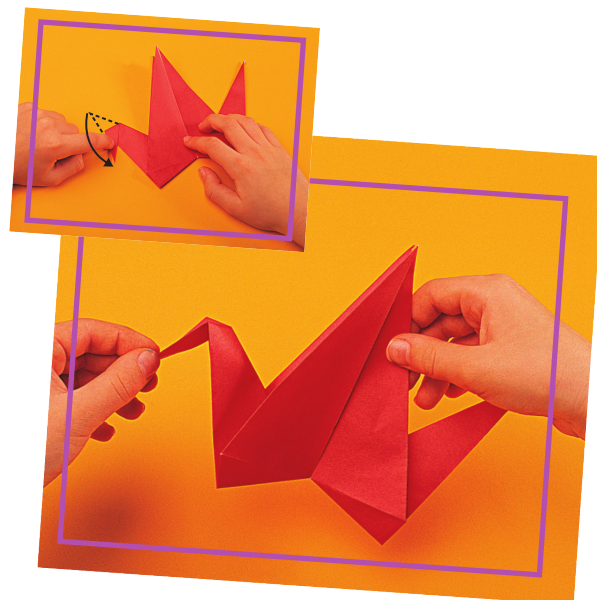
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Fold the bottom flap up. Turn over and repeat.



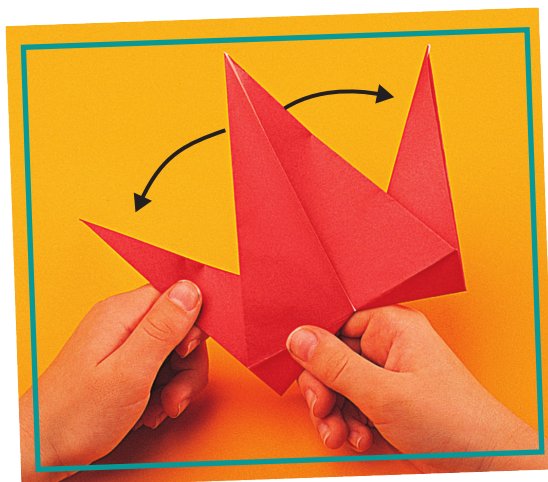
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Fold the head down as shown, unfold it then make an internal reverse fold. To make your bird flap its wings, hold the two bottom points and gently pull them apart.



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Pull the hidden points in the middle out and down, and crease them in the position shown. These will make the bird's head and tail.



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