

MAKE YOUR OWN ORIGAMI BOAT

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WHAT IS ORIGAMI?

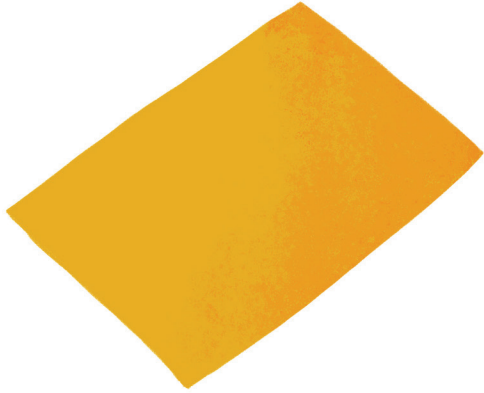
If you've ever seen paper folded into the shape of an animal, boat, box, flower, or any number of things, you were probably looking at a work of origami.

Origami is the ancient art of paper folding. It has been around since paper was invented—more than a thousand years ago! The magic of origami is that you don't need glue or scissors to create these mini works of art. Folding techniques transform a square or rectangular piece of paper into a 3D shape.

Origami is a practice in patience, fine motor skills, and creativity. It will help you develop important skills that can be used in math, art, science, and . . . making new friends!

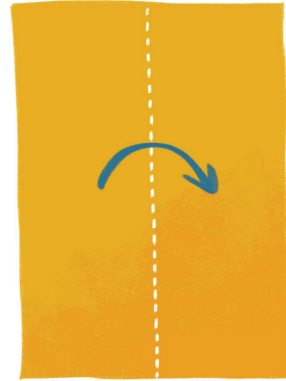
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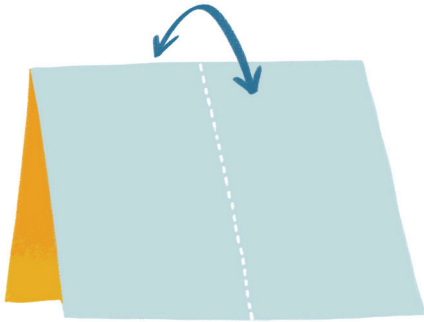
You'll need a rectangular piece of paper to make this boat. Choose your favorite color. (If your piece of paper only has color on one side, start with the colored side up.)

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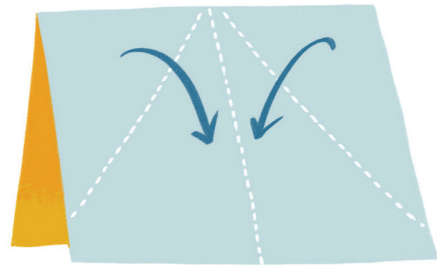
Fold it in half from left to right, then open it back up.

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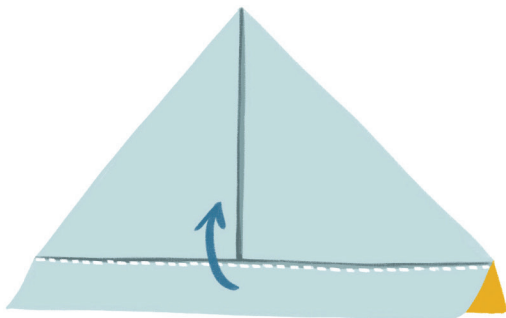
Next, fold it in half from top to bottom. Leave it folded.

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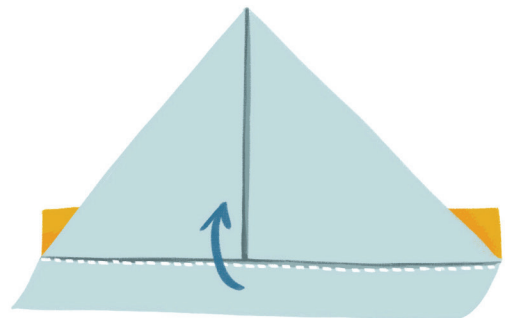
Bring the top two corners to the center line and crease well. The shape of your boat is beginning to reveal itself!

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Now, take the bottom edge of the upper layer and fold it upward.

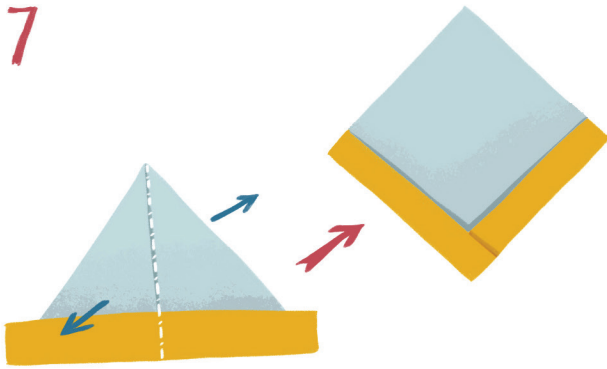
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Flip your paper and do the same to the other side. Crease well.

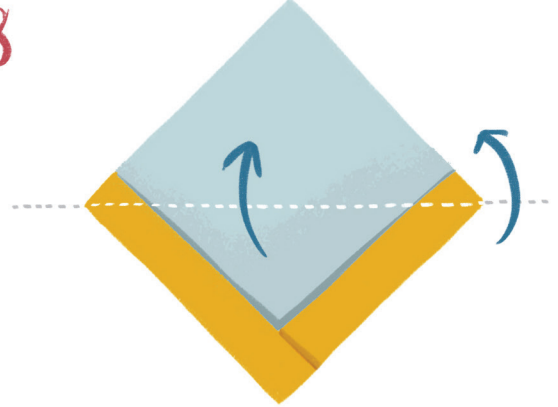
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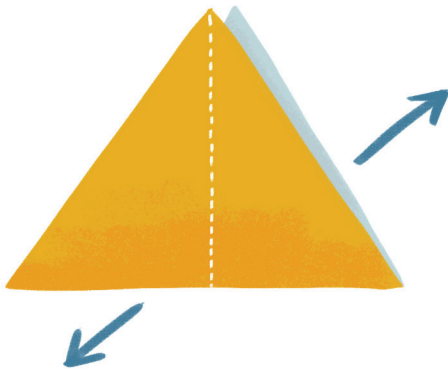
Pull the sides out and flatten. Your paper should now look like a square.

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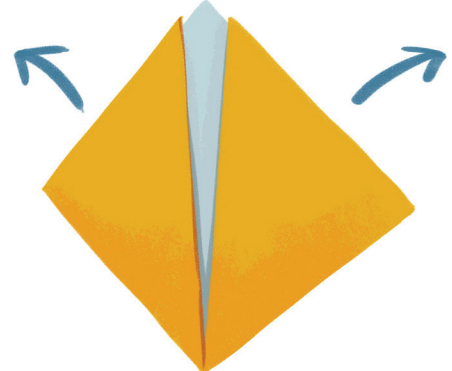
While looking at your paper like a diamond, fold the front layer up to the top, then do the same at the back.

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Pull the sides apart again and flatten.

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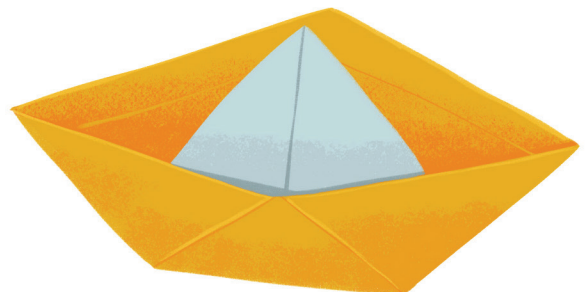
This is the fun part! Gently pull the top parts of the model outward. You should now see the shape of your origami boat.

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Flatten all the creases that need to be flattened, and give the boat's sail a gentle tug to straighten it out.

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There you have it! Where will you sail away to in your origami boat?