

How to Make a Paper Boat

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Overview

Who

These instructions can be followed by a child as soon as she or he is interested in folding paper, as well as adults of any age that still enjoy working with their hands.

What

Making a paper boat by folding a piece of paper is known as [origami](#), the *art of paper folding*.

Where



Origami can be done literally anywhere, as long as you have a piece of paper(s).

How

By following a precise sequence of steps (folds) with a flat square sheet of paper, you can transform this sheet of paper into a tiny paper boat that will float! The steps and accompanying demonstration videos that follow will show you how to do it.

Folding Steps 1-14

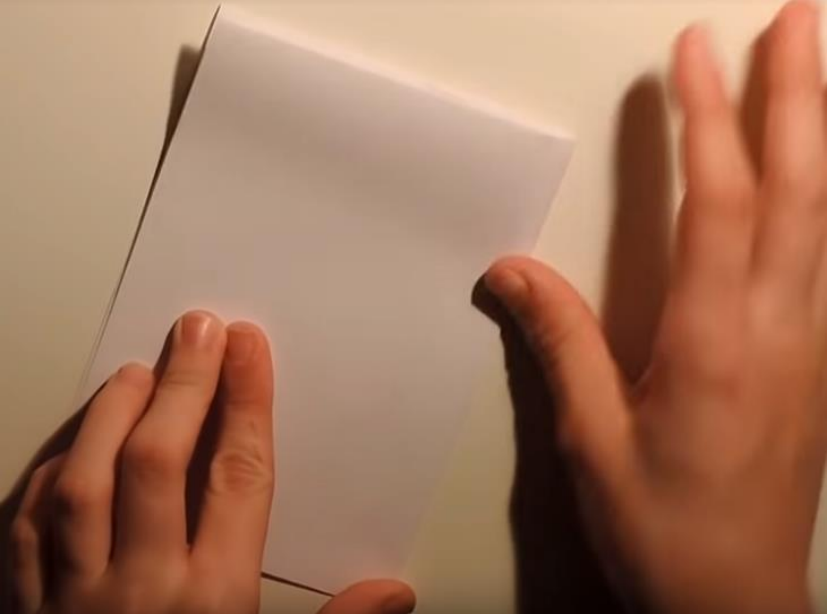
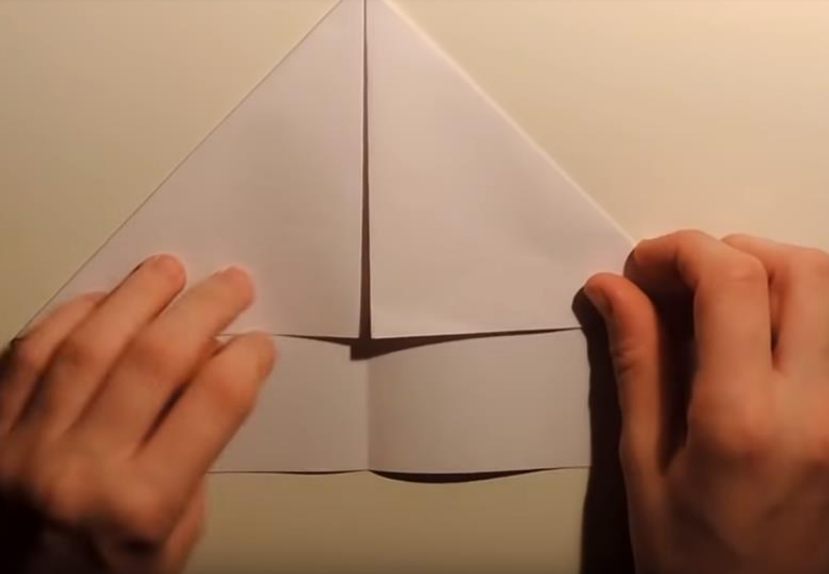
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Step	Action
1	Lay out a rectangular piece of plain paper. 
2	Fold the sheet of paper in half from top to bottom to create a horizontal crease in the middle. 

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Folding Steps 1-14, Continued

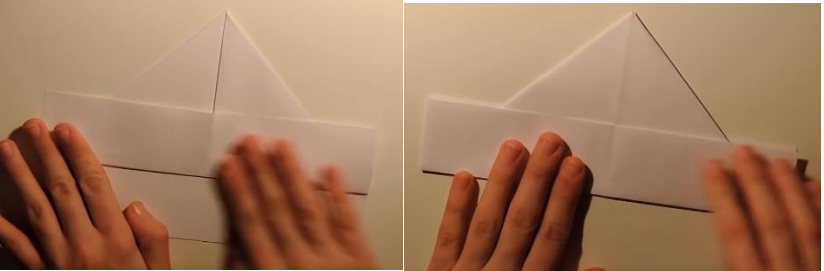

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Step	Action
3	Fold the paper in half again > video 
4	Fold the top corners in towards the middle so that they meet > video 

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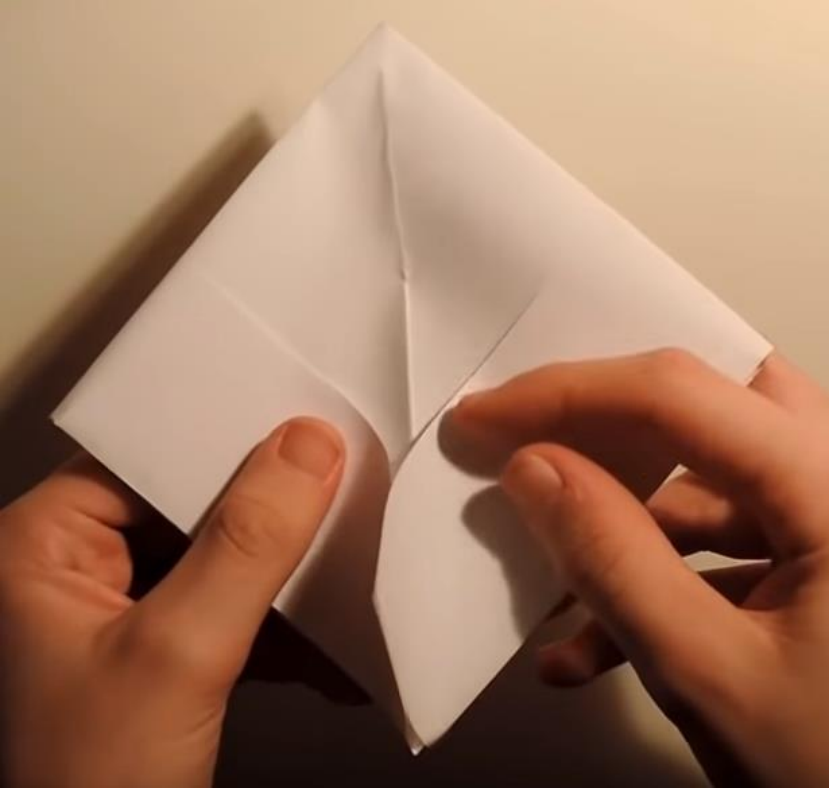
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Step	Action
5	Fold the flaps at the bottom of the triangle shape up on both sides > video 
6	Pop out the middle to make a hat shape > video 

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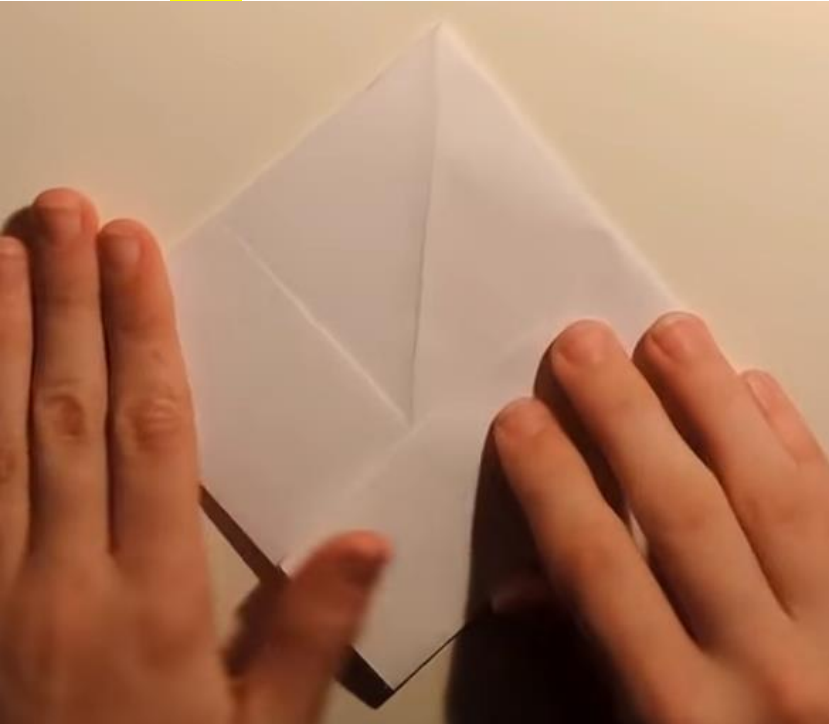
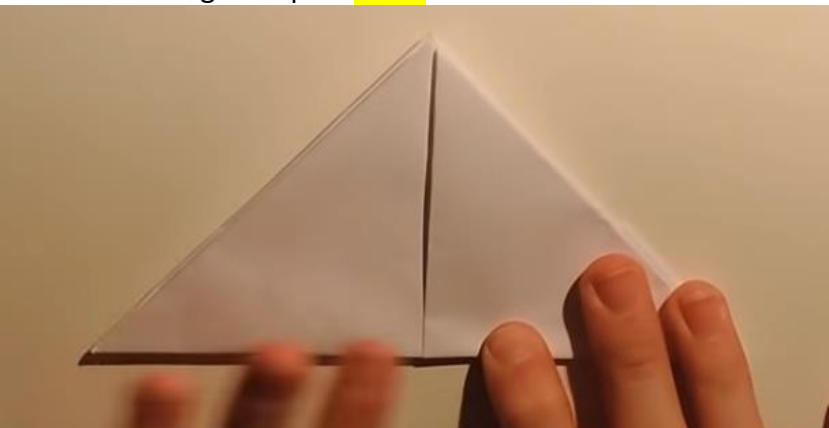
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Step	Action
7	<p data-bbox="581 403 1349 470">Open the hat shape out even more until it forms a square > video</p> 

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Folding Steps 1-14, Continued




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Step	Action
8	<p>Tuck the corners of one flap under the other, on both sides of the square > video</p> 
9	<p>Fold up the bottom flaps of the square on both sides so you are left with a triangle shape > video</p> 

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Folding Steps 1-14, Continued


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Step	Action
10	Pull out the middle of the triangle to form a square > video 
11	Pull out the middle of the square > video 
12	Press the shape flat > video 

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Folding Steps 1-14, Continued

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Step	Action
13	Open out the bottom to assemble your boat shape > video 
14	Get your colored pens and decorate your boat to make it look awesome! 