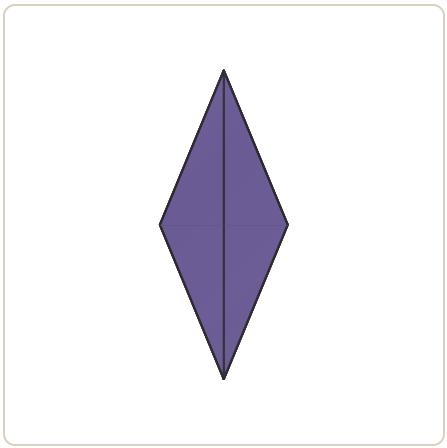
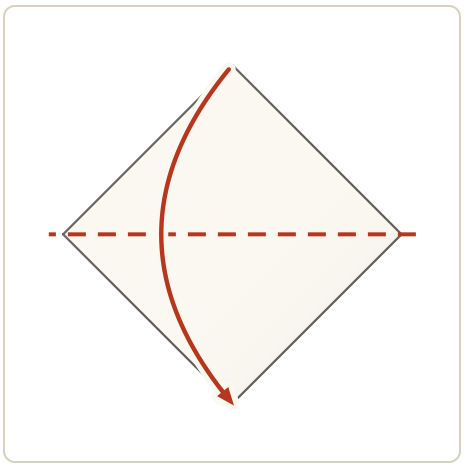


How to Fold an Origami Bird Base

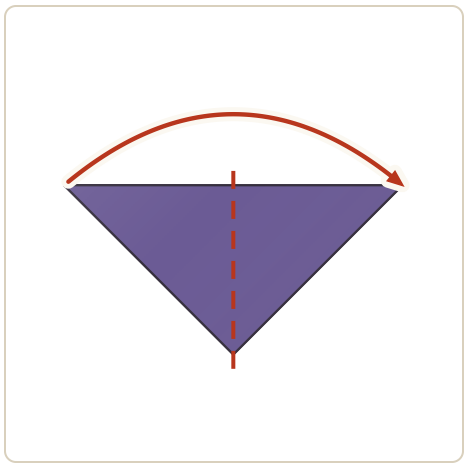
Medium level, 14 steps. Traditional base. Earliest record: Tokiwa Hinagata, 1700.

Every fold is animated at orikatado.com/bird-base

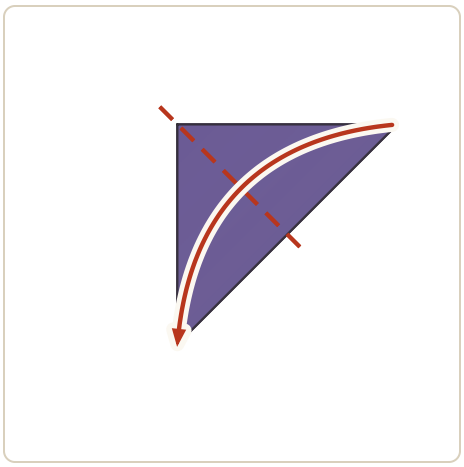
Valley fold: toward you Mountain fold: away from you



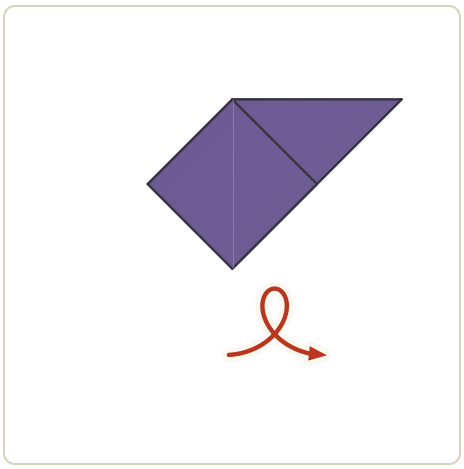
1 Start white side up. Fold the top corner down to the bottom corner.



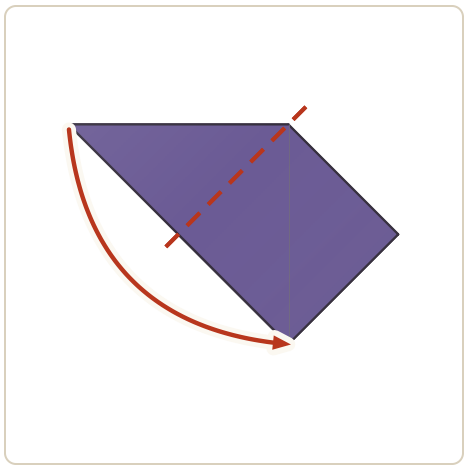
2 Fold the left corner over to the right corner.



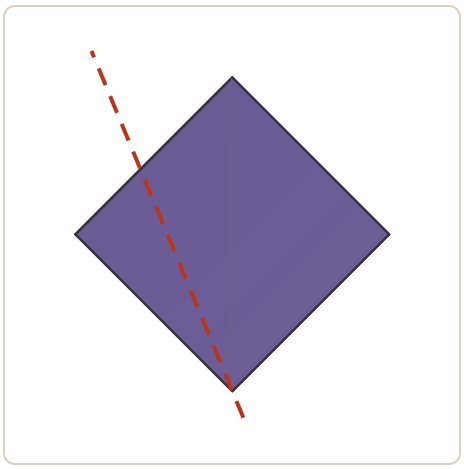
3 Lift the top flap, open it, and squash it flat into a square.



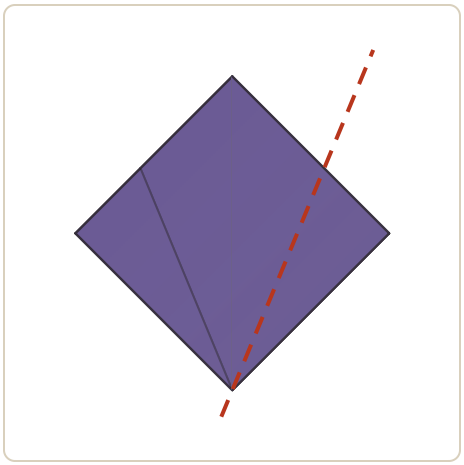
4 Turn the paper over.



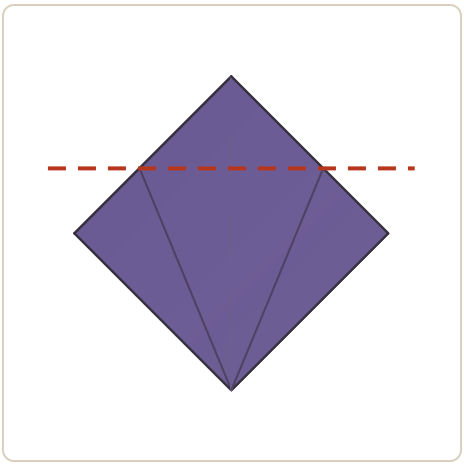
5 Squash this flap into a square to match.



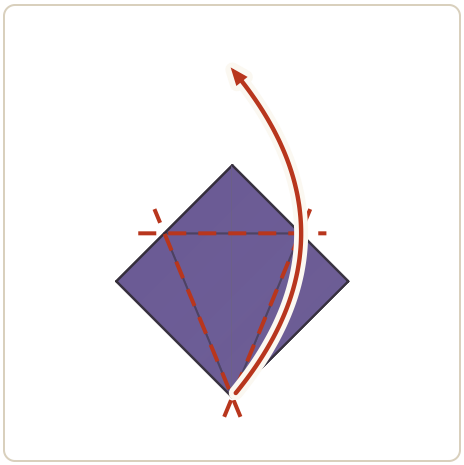
6 Fold the lower left edge of the top layer to the center line, then unfold.



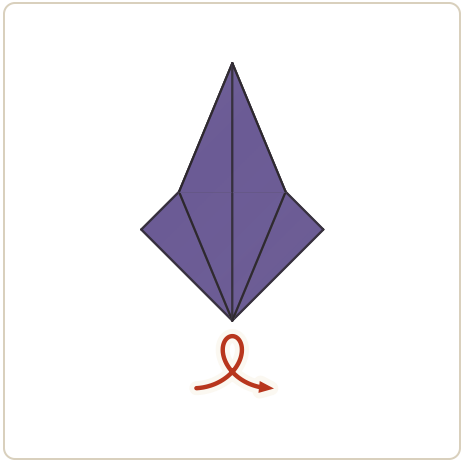
7 Fold the lower right edge to the center line, then unfold.



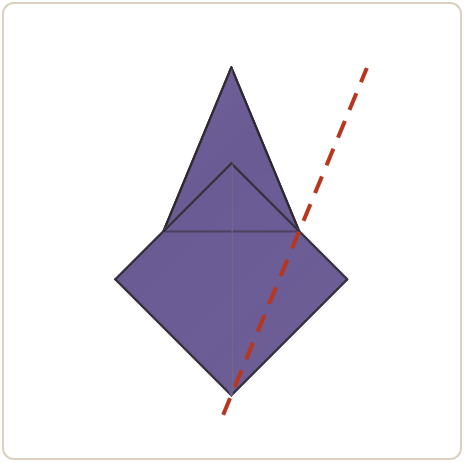
8 Fold the top triangle down over them, then unfold.



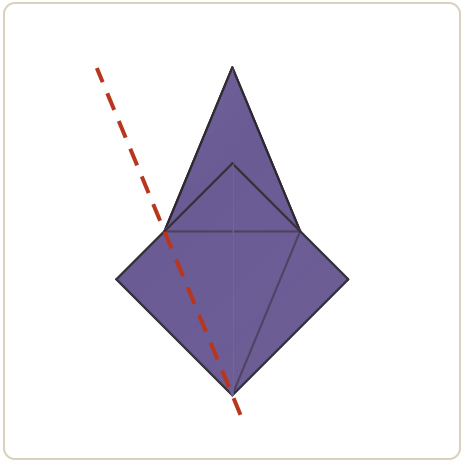
9 Lift the bottom corner of the top layer up along the crease. The sides fold in to meet at the center.



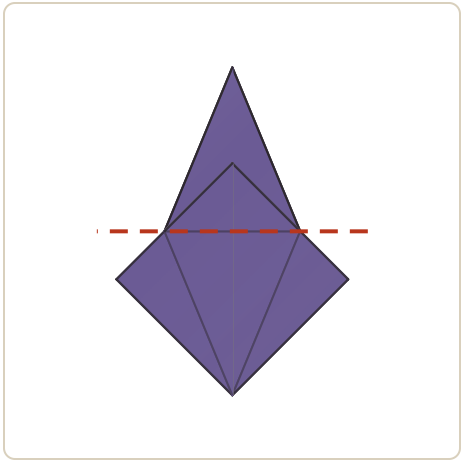
10 Turn the paper over.



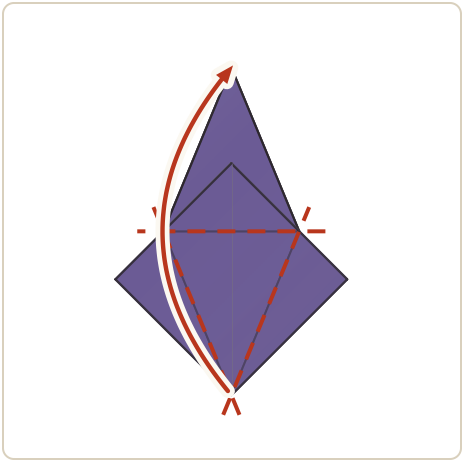
11 Fold the lower edges to the center line, then unfold.



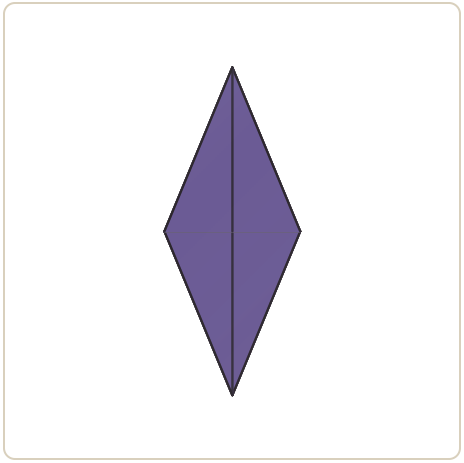
12 Fold the other lower edge to the center line, then unfold.



13 Fold the top triangle down, then unfold.



14 Petal fold this side the same way.



Done This is the bird base. The crane and the flapping bird start here.