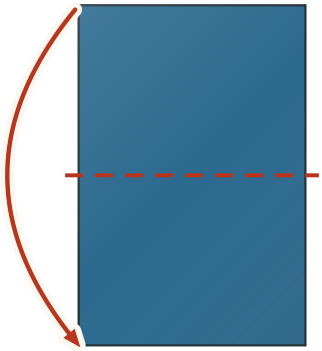


How to Fold an Origami Boat

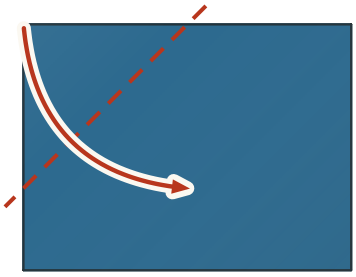
Medium level, 10 steps. Traditional. Sequence from The Popular Recreator (Cassell), 1873. Public domain.

Every fold is animated at orikatado.com/boat

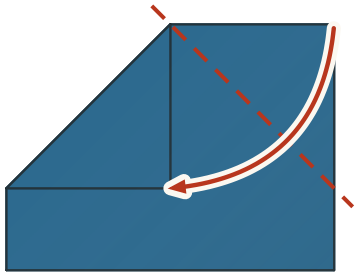
Valley fold: toward you Mountain fold: away from you



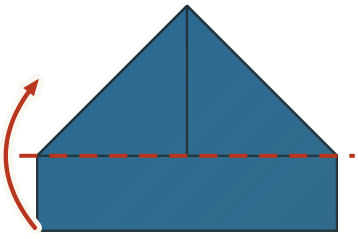
1 Start with a sheet half again as tall as it is wide (newspaper works well). Fold the top half down.



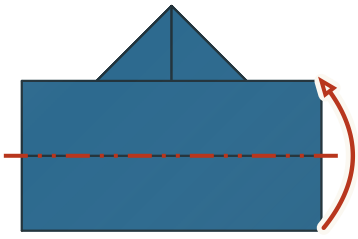
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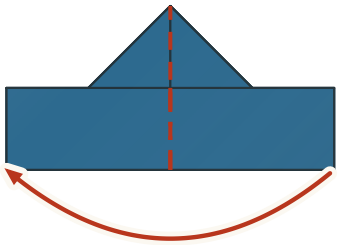
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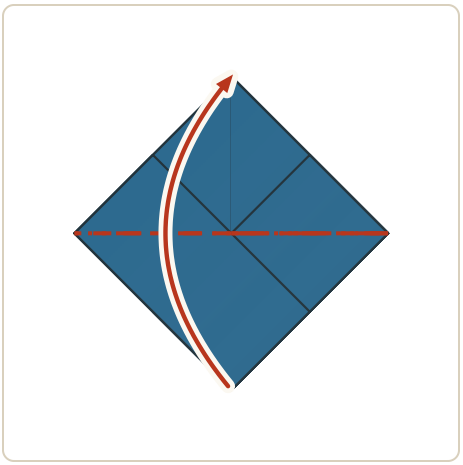
4 Fold the bottom strip of the front layer up over the triangle.



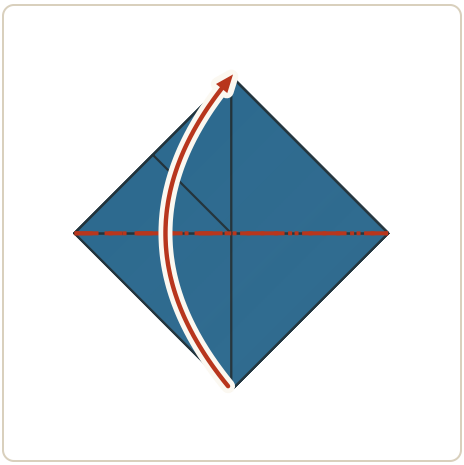
5 Fold the other strip up behind. This is a paper hat.



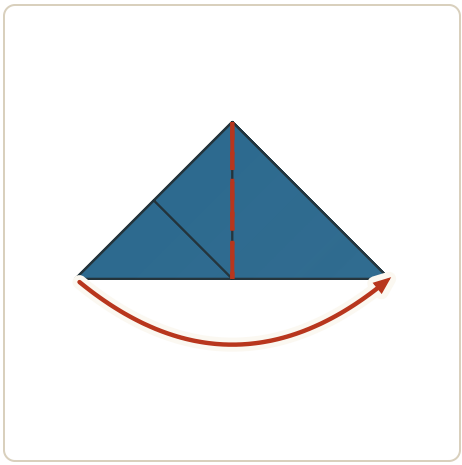
6 Put your thumbs inside the hat and pull the two bottom corners apart until they meet. Press it flat into a square.



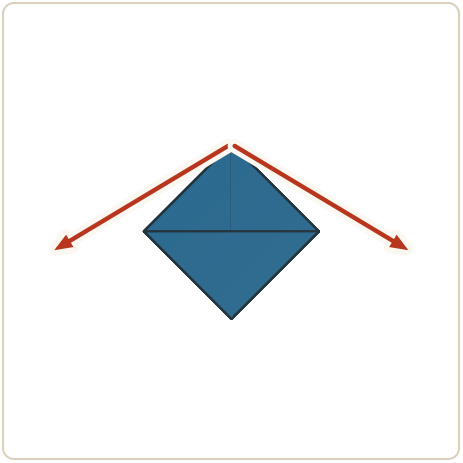
7 Fold the bottom point of the front layer up to the top point.



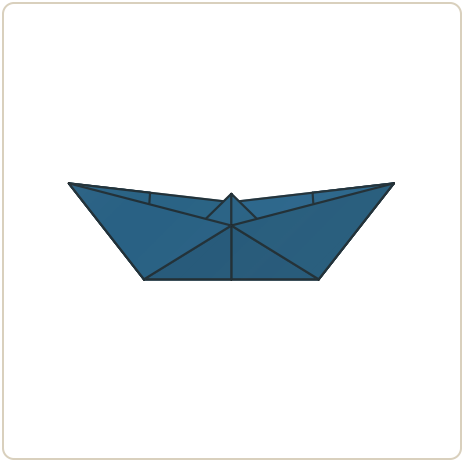
8 Fold the bottom point of the back layer up behind to the top point.



9 Put your thumbs inside the triangle and pull its two bottom corners apart until they meet. Press it flat into a smaller square.



10 Hold the two loose points at the top and pull them apart. The point in the middle rises as the sail.



Done The paper boat (The Popular Recreator, 1873). Set it on water.