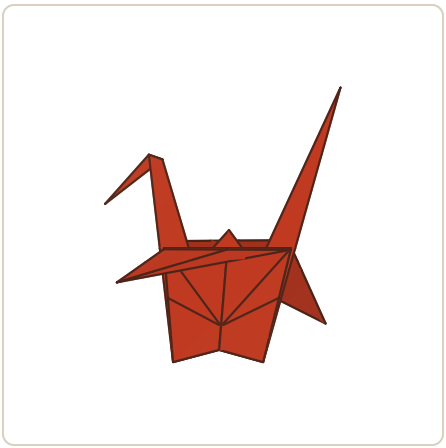
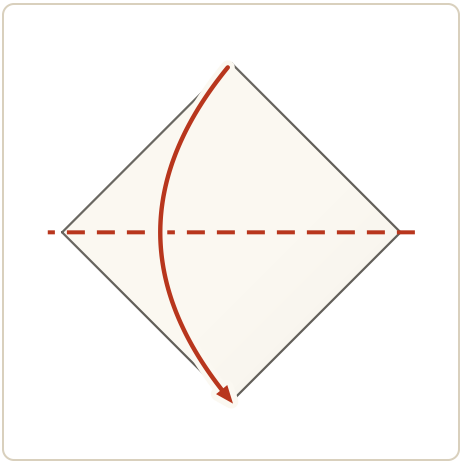


How to Fold an Origami Crane

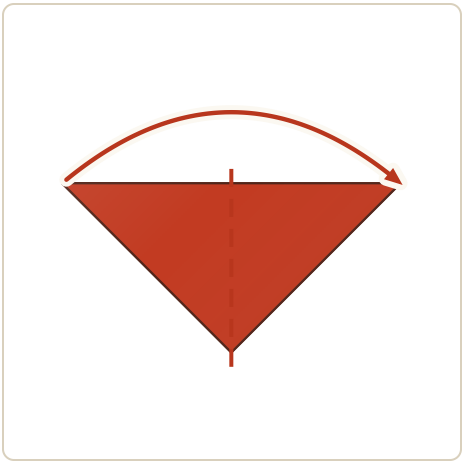
Medium level, 25 steps. Traditional. Earliest record: Tokiwa Hinagata, 1700.

Every fold is animated at orikatado.com/crane

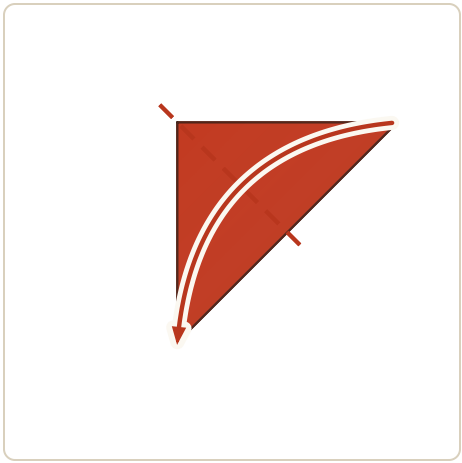
Valley fold: toward you Mountain fold: away from you



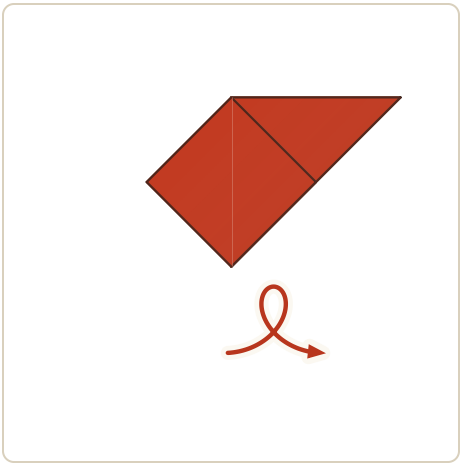
1 Start white side up. Fold the top corner down to the bottom corner.



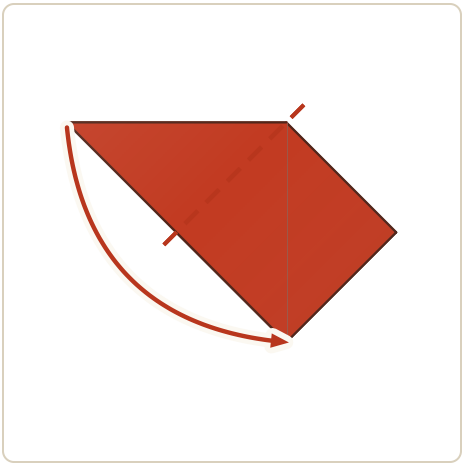
2 Fold the left corner over to the right corner.



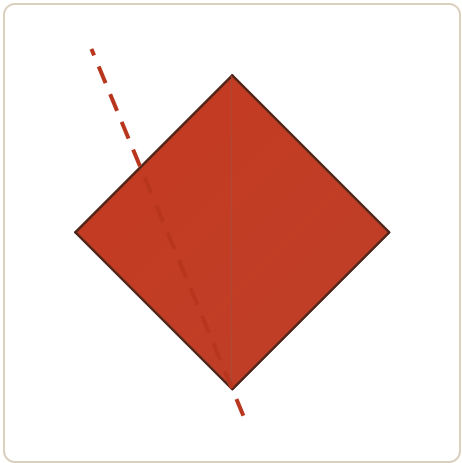
3 Lift the top flap, open it, and squash it flat into a square.



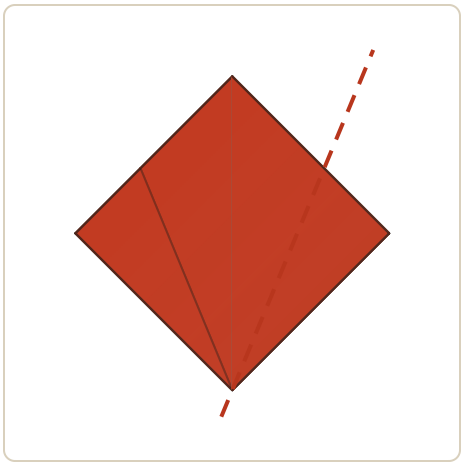
4 Turn the paper over.



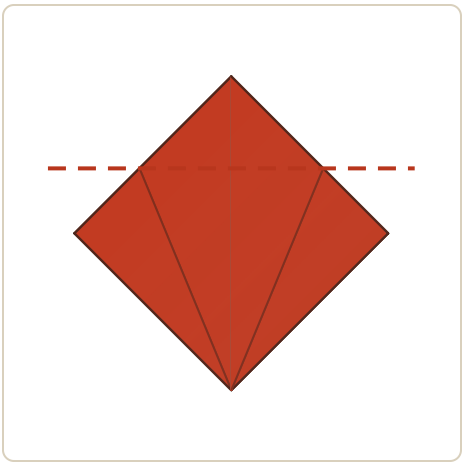
5 Squash this flap into a square to match.



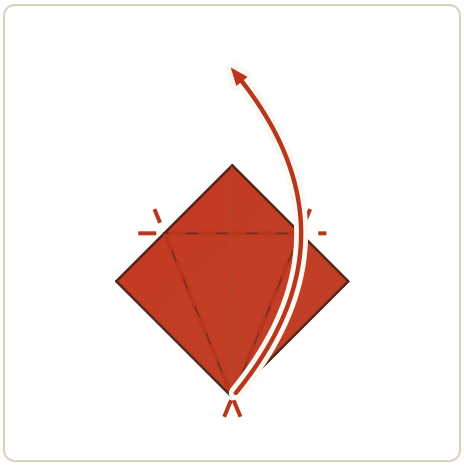
6 Fold the lower left edge of the top layer to the center line, then unfold.



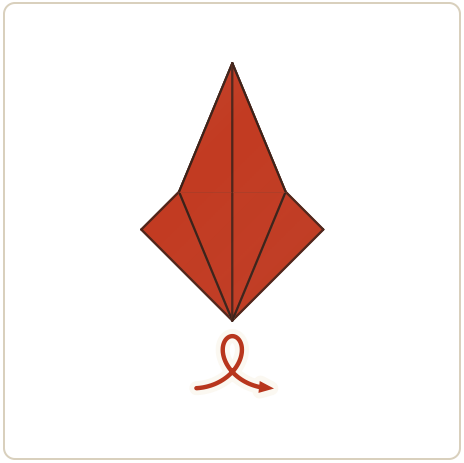
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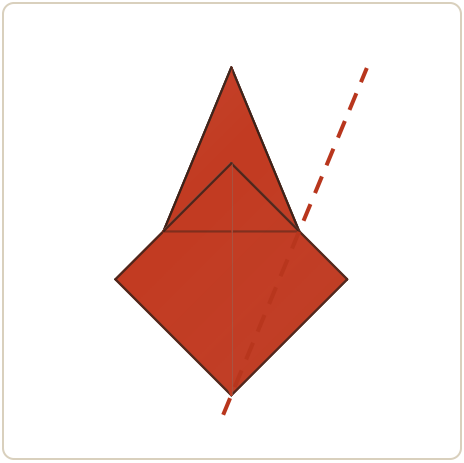
8 Fold the top triangle down over them, then unfold.



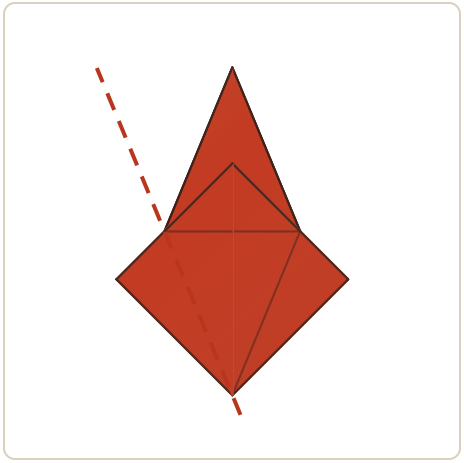
9 Lift the bottom corner of the top layer up along the crease. The sides fold in to meet at the center.



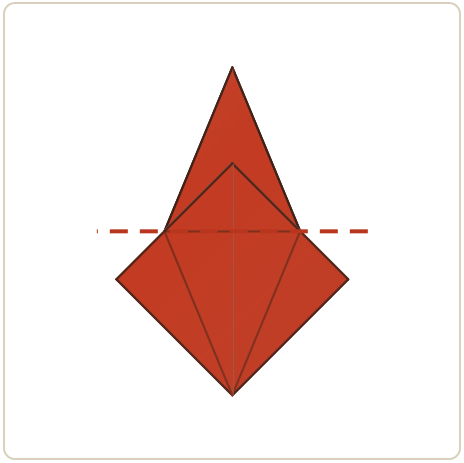
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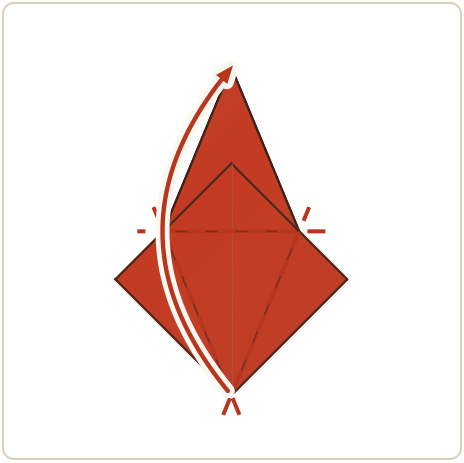
11 Fold the lower edges to the center line, then unfold.



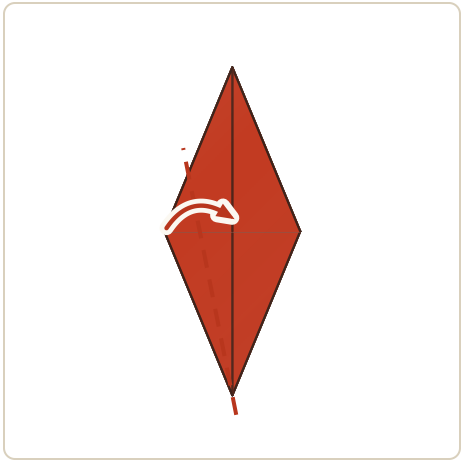
12 Fold the other lower edge to the center line, then unfold.



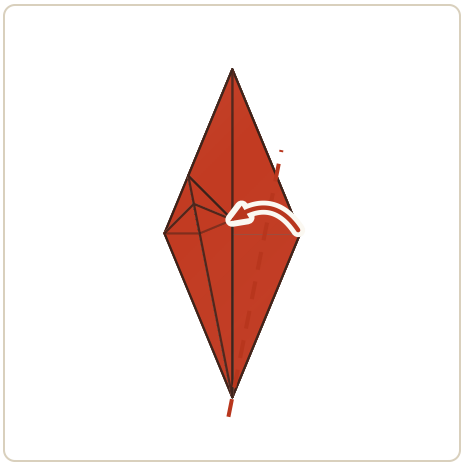
13 Fold the top triangle down, then unfold.



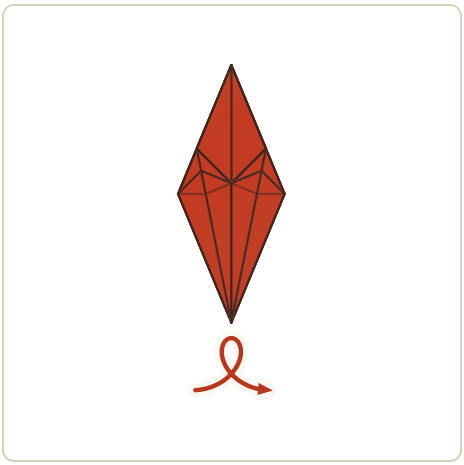
14 Petal fold this side the same way.



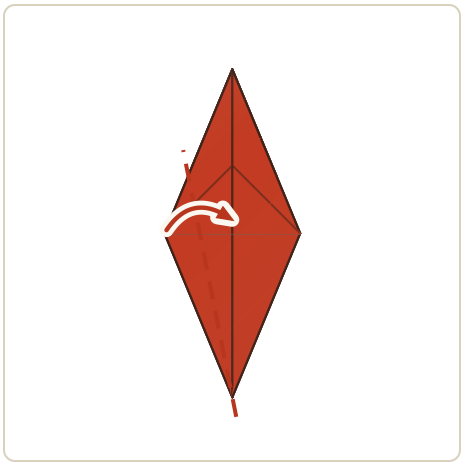
15 Fold the lower left edge of the top layer to the center line.



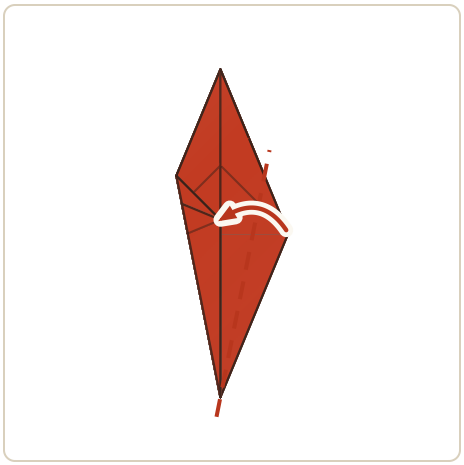
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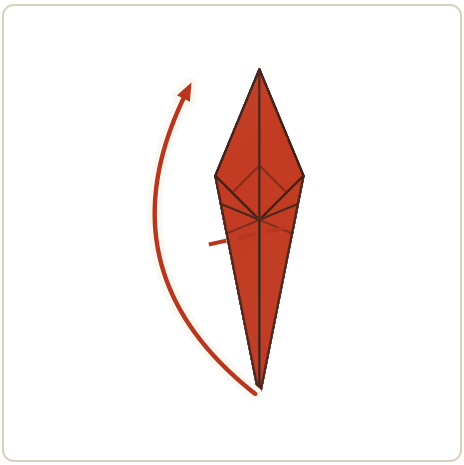
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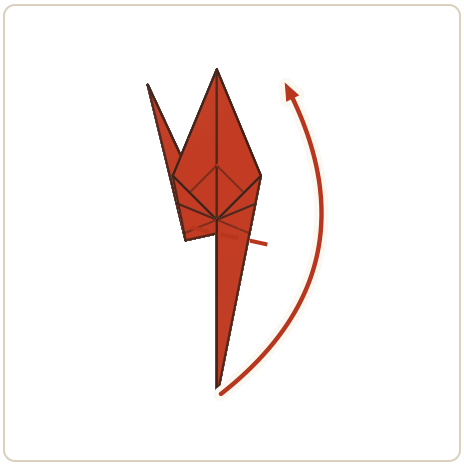
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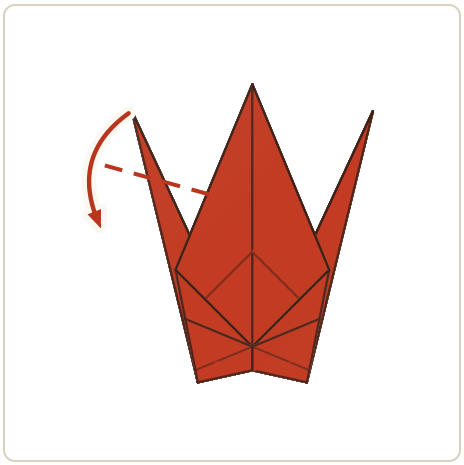
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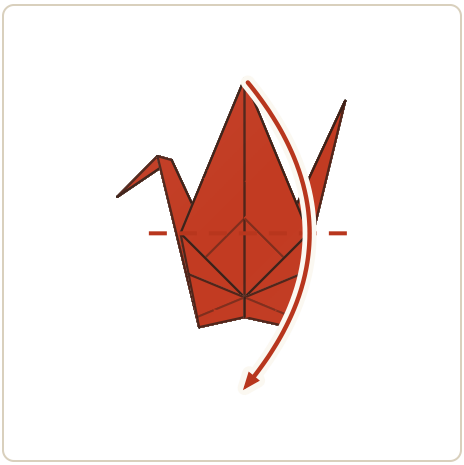
20 Inside reverse fold the left point up between the layers to make the neck.



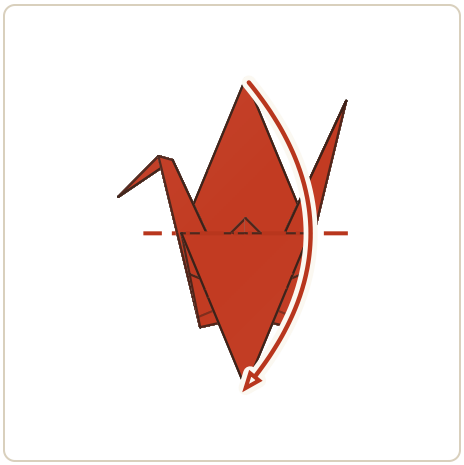
21 Inside reverse fold the right point up to make the tail.



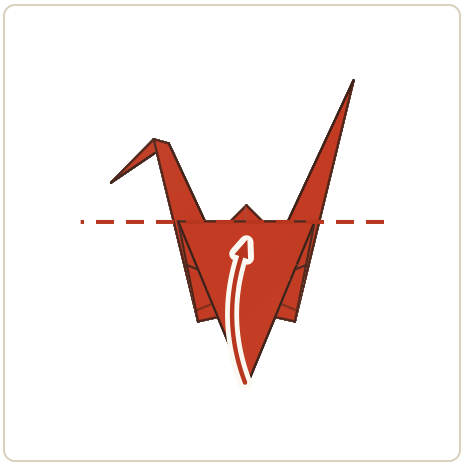
22 Inside reverse fold the tip of the neck down to make the head.



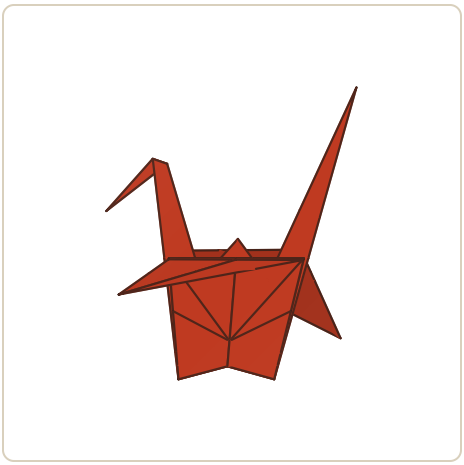
23 Fold the front wing down.



24 Fold the back wing down behind.



25 Gently pull the wings apart.



Done This is the traditional crane.