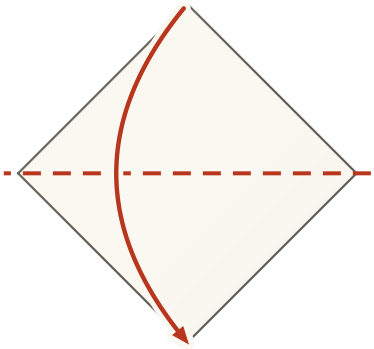


How to Fold an Origami Frog Base

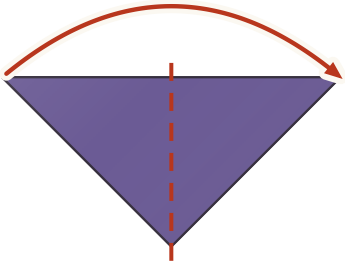
Hard level, 23 steps. Traditional base. Earliest record: Kan no Mado, c. 1845.

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

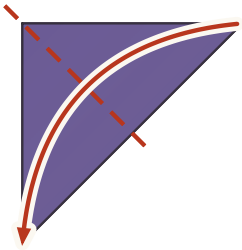
Valley fold: toward you Mountain fold: away from you



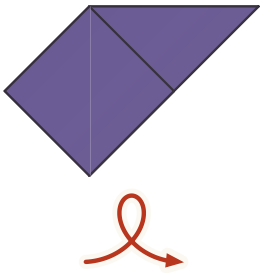
1 Start white side up. Fold the top corner down to the bottom corner.



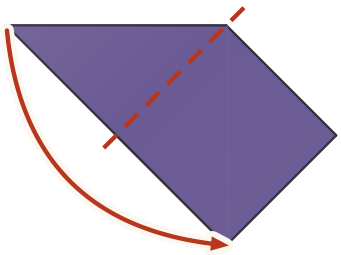
2 Fold the left corner over to the right corner.



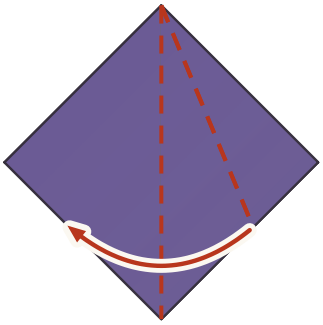
3 Lift the top flap, open it, and squash it flat into a square.



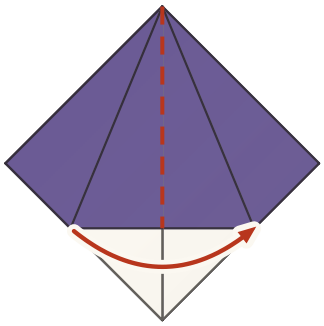
4 Turn the paper over.



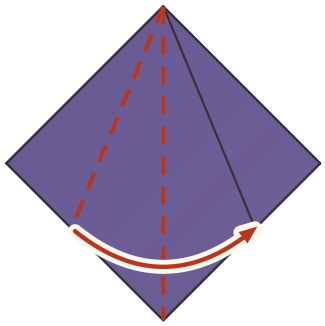
5 Squash this flap into a square to match.



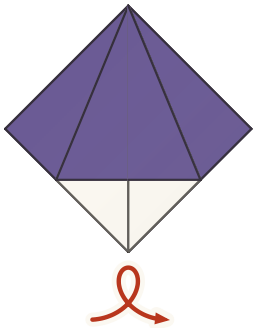
6 Lift the right flap upright, open it, and squash it flat so its crease lines up with the center.



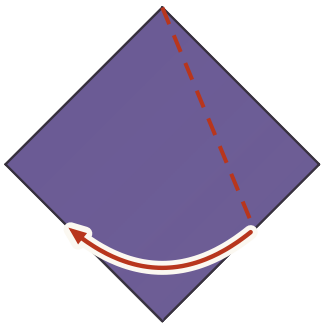
7 Fold the left half of the square you made over to the right, like turning a page.



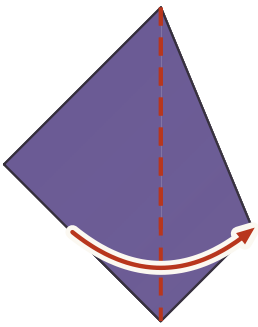
8 Lift the left flap upright and squash it the same way.



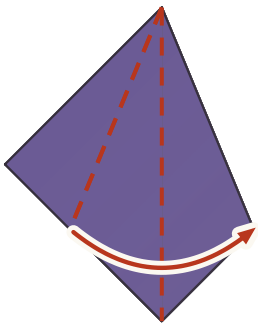
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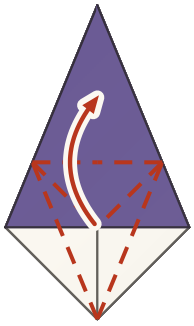
10 Squash the right flap the same way.



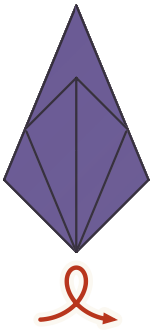
11 Turn the left half of this square over to the right.



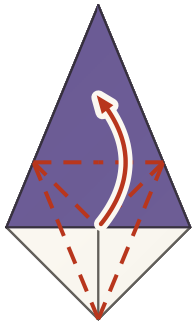
12 Squash the last flap.



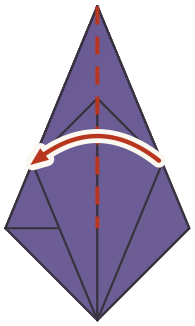
13 Petal fold: lift the point at the bottom of the colored triangle up along the line between the side corners. The white sides fold in to the center and stay down.



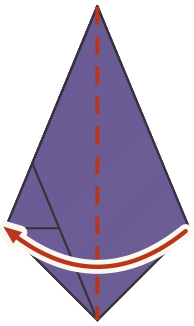
14 Turn the paper over.



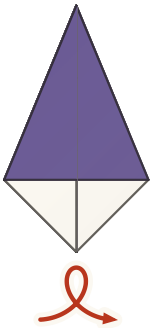
15 Petal fold this side the same way.



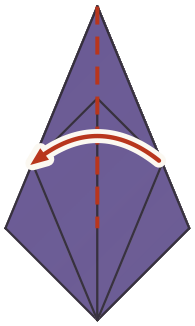
16 Turn one layer from the right over to the left, like turning a page.



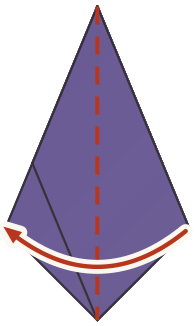
17 Turn one more layer from the right over to the left. A new kite shows.



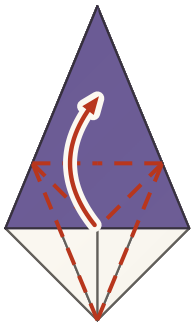
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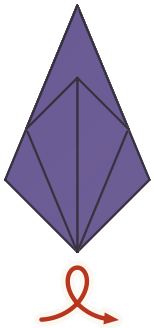
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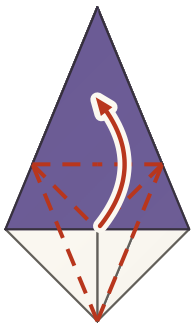
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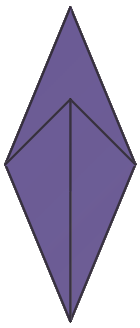
21 Petal fold this kite.



22 Turn the paper over.



23 Petal fold the last kite.



Done This is the frog base. Its petal folds match Rice's Easter lily (St. Nicholas, April 1914), which starts here.