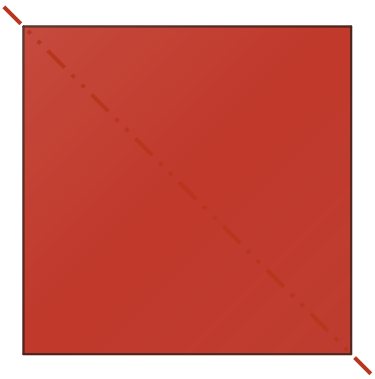


# How to Fold an Origami Japanese Lantern

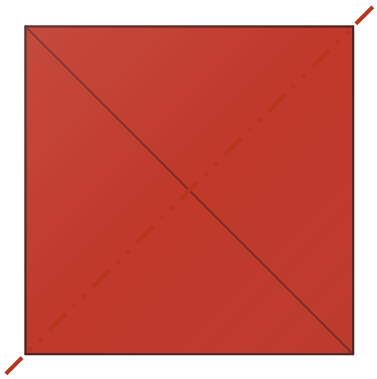
Hard level, 20 steps. From Fun with Paper Folding (Murray and Rigney), 1928. Public domain.

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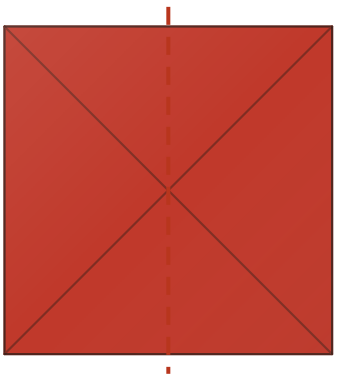
Valley fold: toward you  Mountain fold: away from you



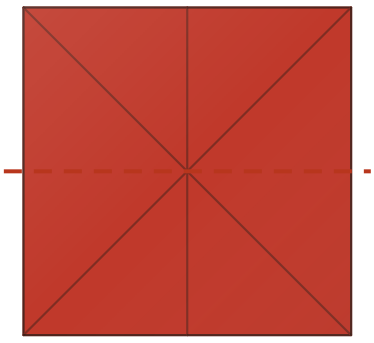
1 Start colored side up. Fold in half corner to corner behind, then unfold.



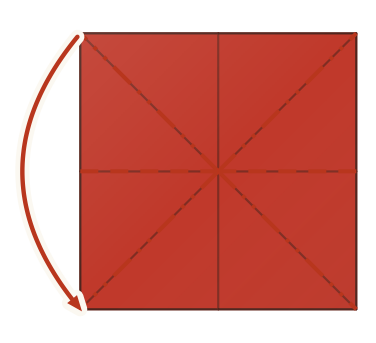
2 Fold in half along the other diagonal behind, then unfold.



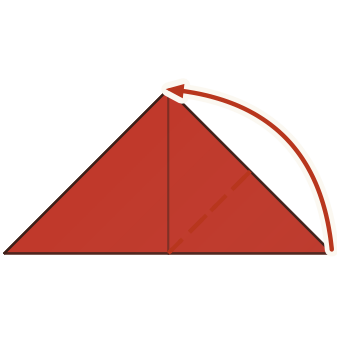
3 Fold in half from left to right, then unfold.



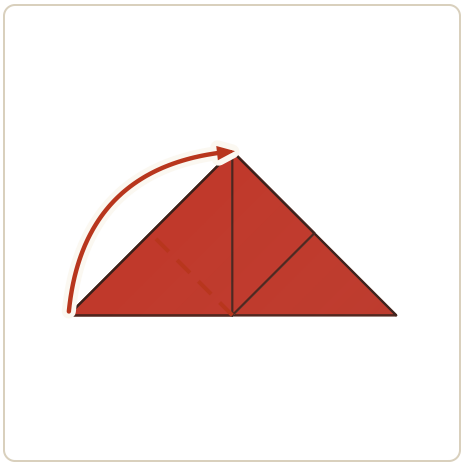
4 Fold in half from top to bottom, then unfold.



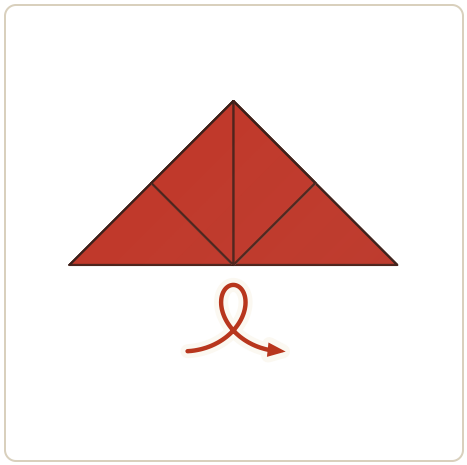
5 Push the left and right sides in along the middle crease and flatten the paper into a triangle.



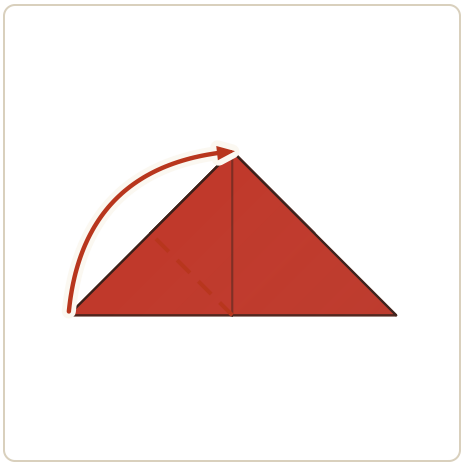
6 Fold the right corner of the front layer up to the top point.



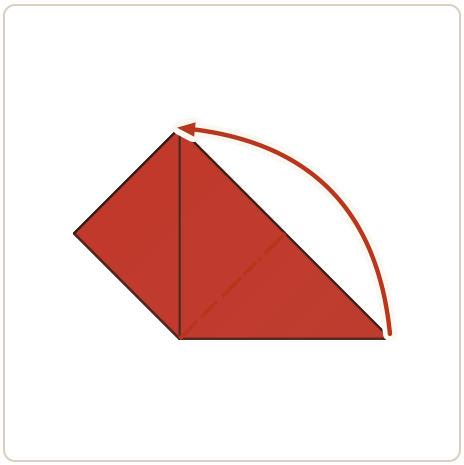
7 Fold the left corner up to the top point.



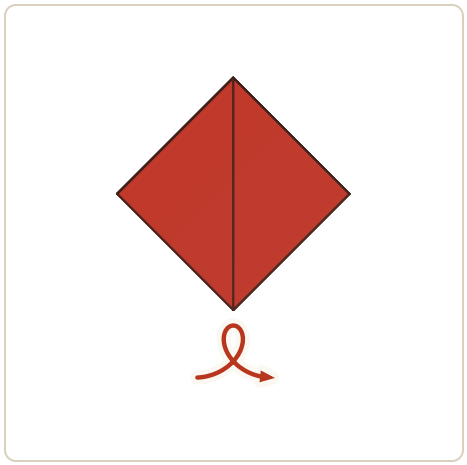
8 Turn the paper over.



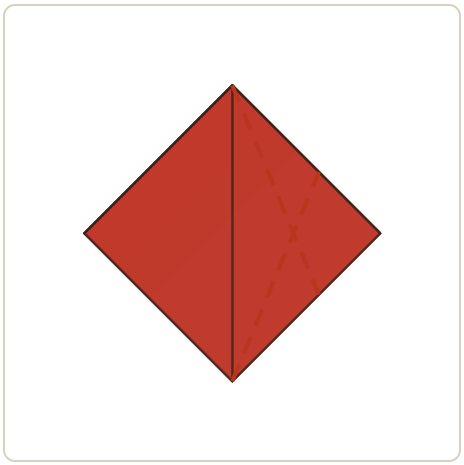
9 Fold the two corners of this side up to the top point too.



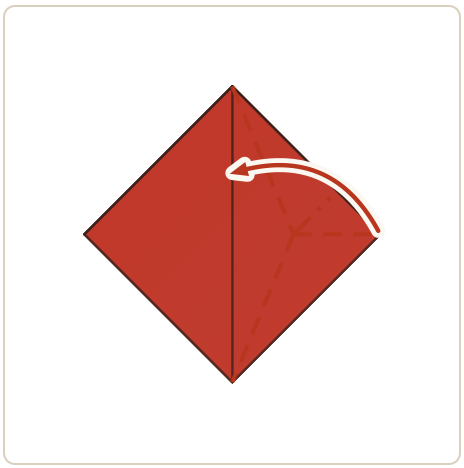
10 And the other corner.



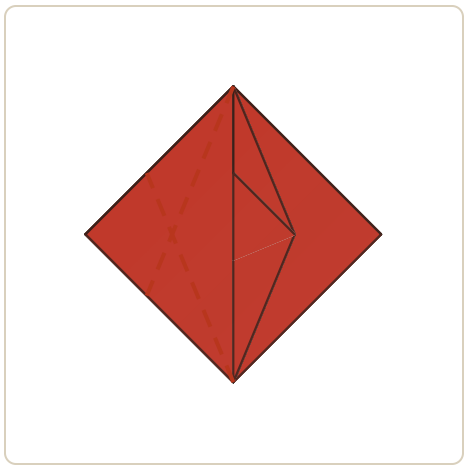
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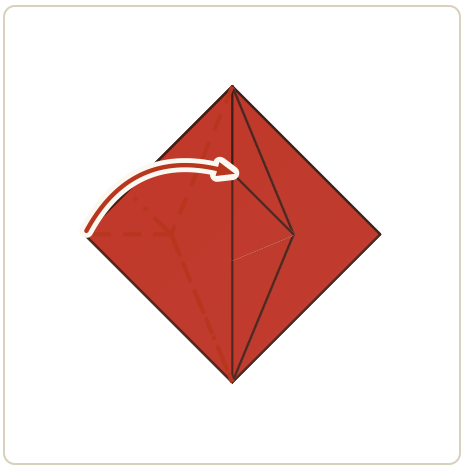
12 On the right half, crease the line that lays the upper right edge along the center line, and the line that lays the lower right edge along the center line.



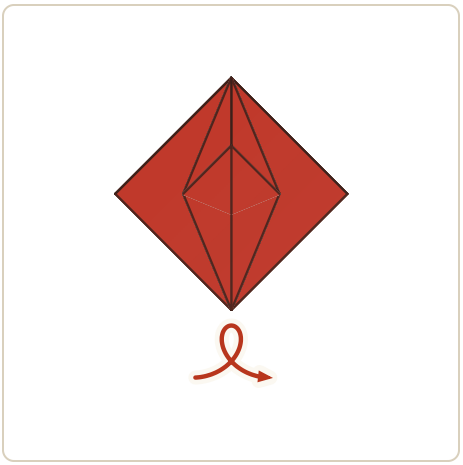
13 Fold both right edges in along those creases at once. The right corner stands up; flatten it down.



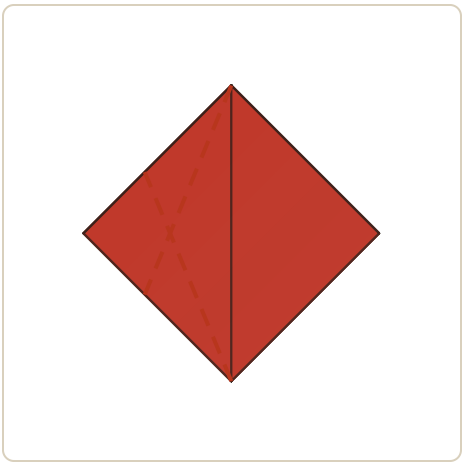
14 Crease the same two lines on the left half.



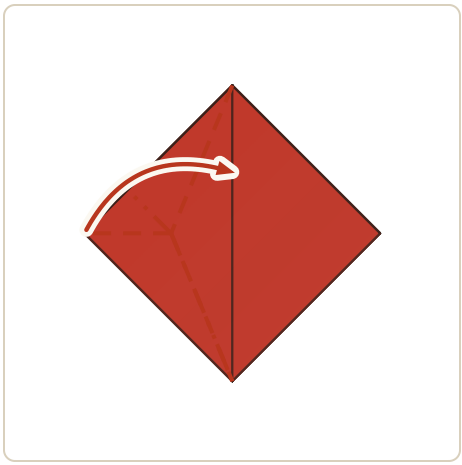
15 Fold the left corner in the same way and flatten it.



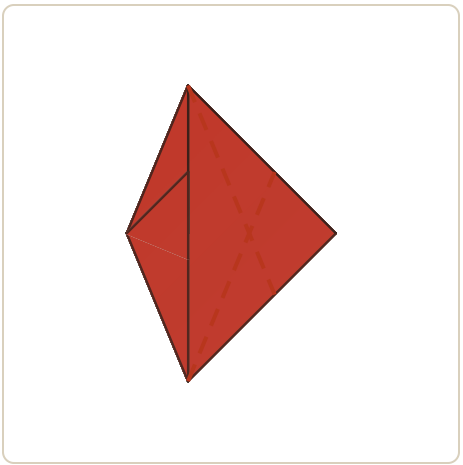
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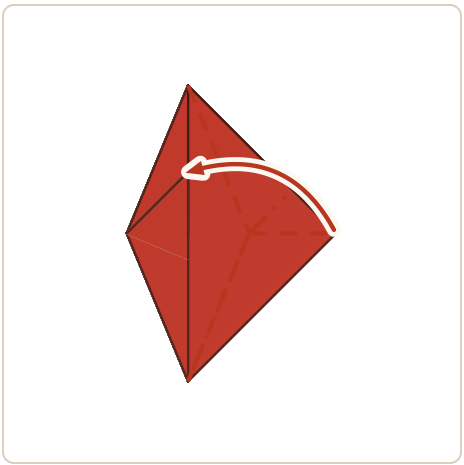
17 Crease the same lines on this side.



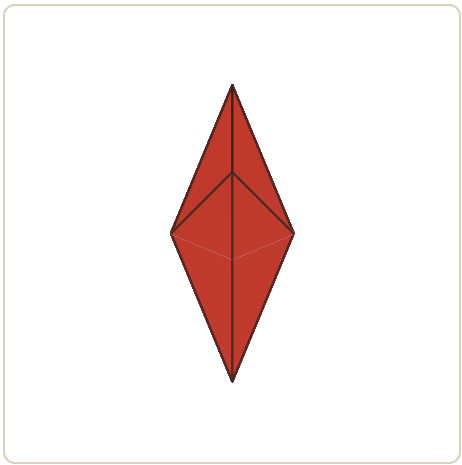
18 Fold one corner in and flatten it.



19 Crease the lines on the other half.



20 Fold the last corner in and flatten it.



Done Pull out the hidden points at the top. Blow hard into the small hole at the bottom and the lantern puffs up (Murray and Rigney, Fun with Paper Folding, 1928).