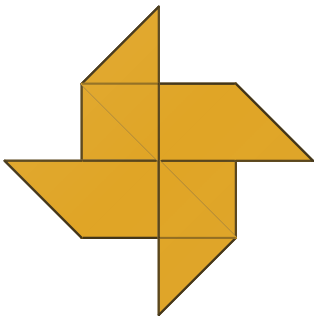
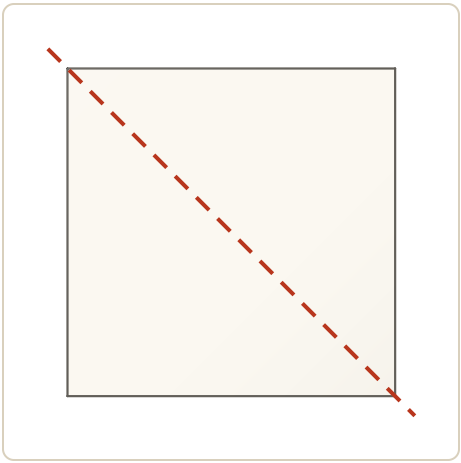


How to Fold an Origami Pinwheel

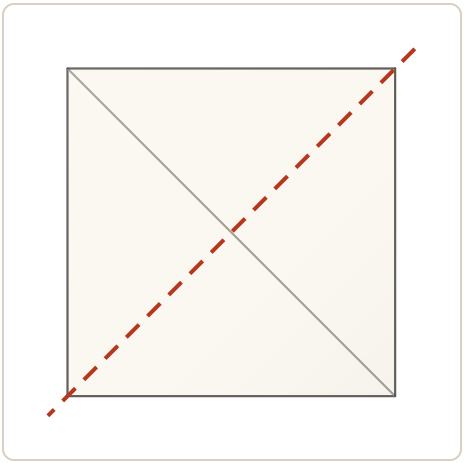
Medium level, 13 steps. Traditional. Earliest record: Die Kindergärten (Middendorf), 1848.

Every fold is animated at orikatado.com/pinwheel

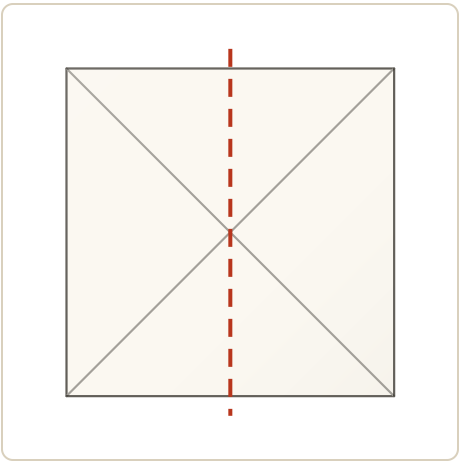
Valley fold: toward you Mountain fold: away from you



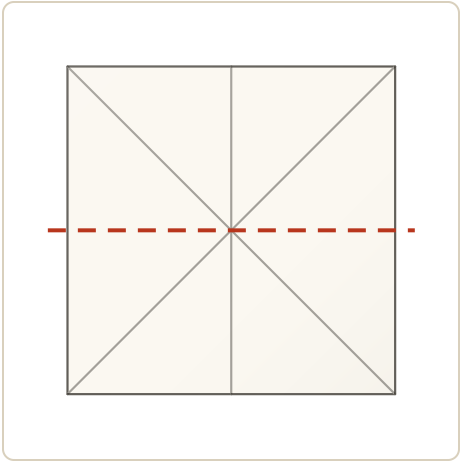
1 Start white side up. Fold in half corner to corner, then unfold.



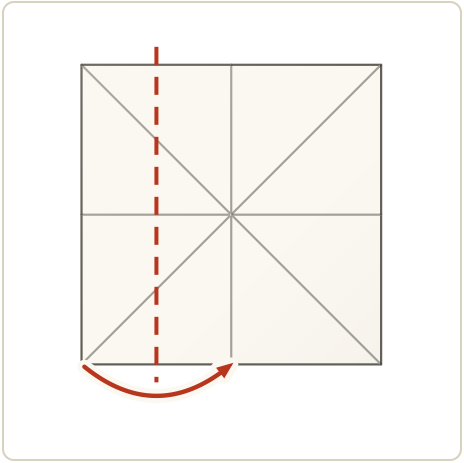
2 Fold in half along the other diagonal, then unfold.



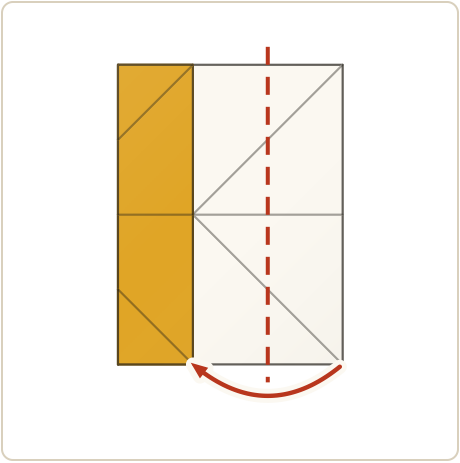
3 Fold in half from left to right, then unfold.



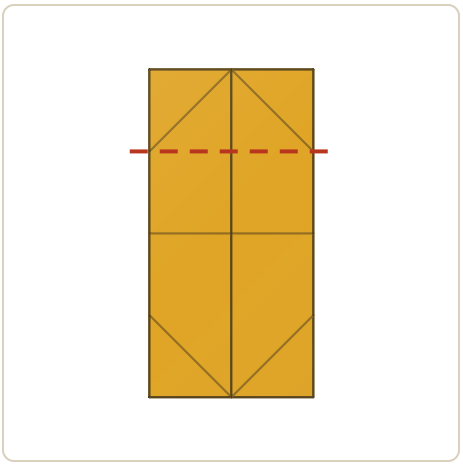
4 Fold in half from top to bottom, then unfold.



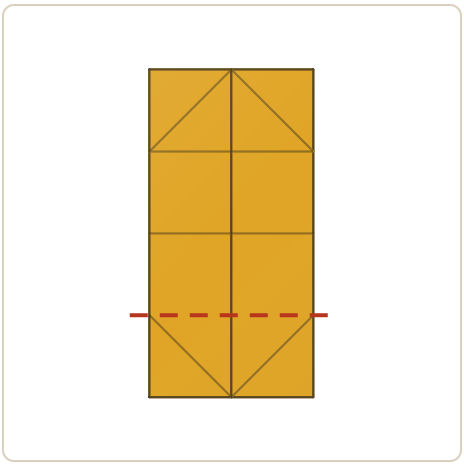
5 Fold the left edge to the center line.



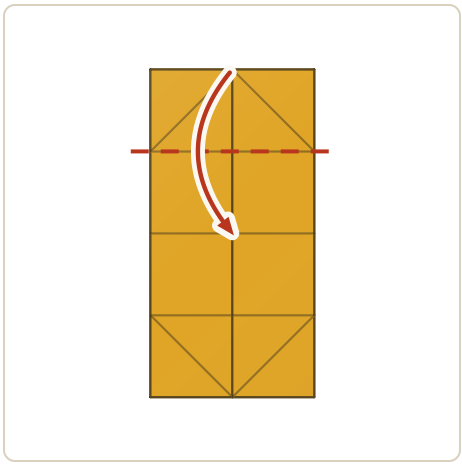
6 Fold the right edge to the center line.



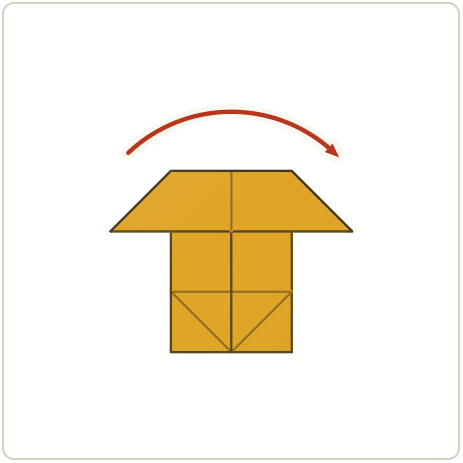
7 Fold the top edge to the center line, then unfold.



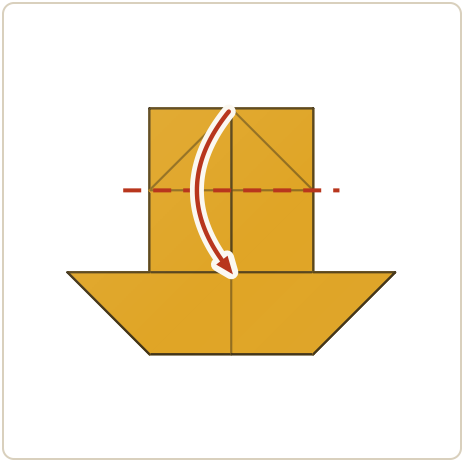
8 Fold the bottom edge to the center line, then unfold.



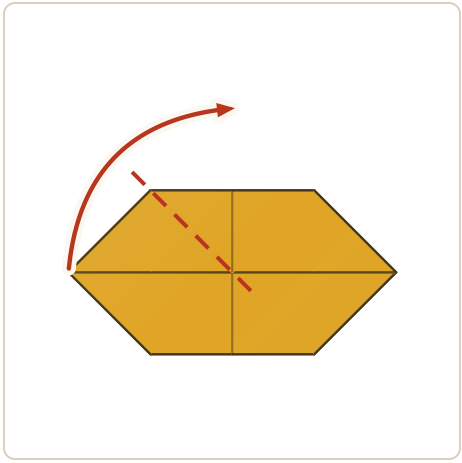
9 Fold the top edge down to the center line. Pull the hidden corners out to the sides and flatten them into points.



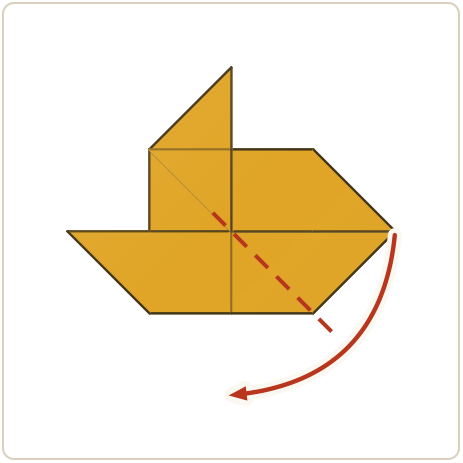
10 Turn the paper around.



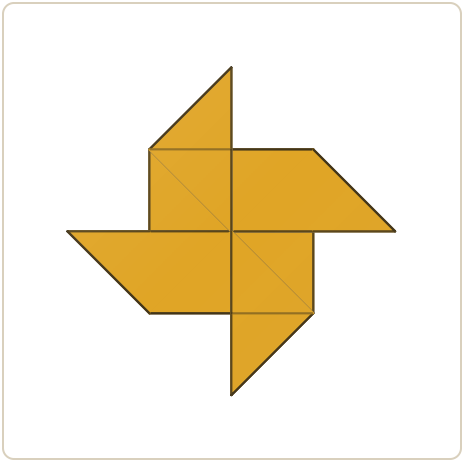
11 Fold this edge down the same way, pulling its corners out.



12 Fold the upper left point up along the diagonal.



13 Fold the lower right point down along the diagonal.



Done Push a pin through the center into the end of a pencil eraser. Blow on the points to spin it.