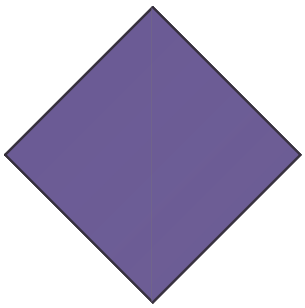
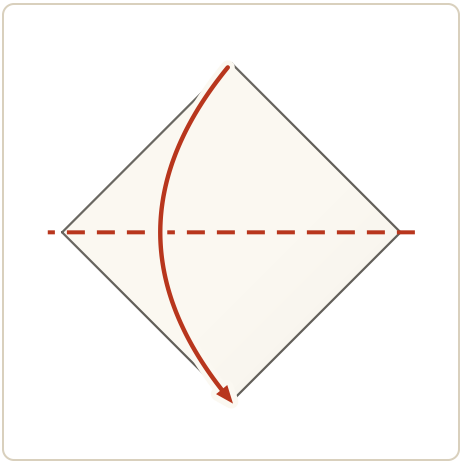


How to Fold an Origami Preliminary Base

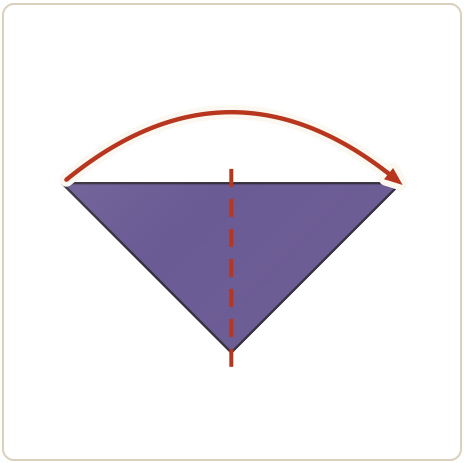
Easy level, 5 steps. Traditional base. Earliest record: Tokiwa Hinagata, 1700.

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

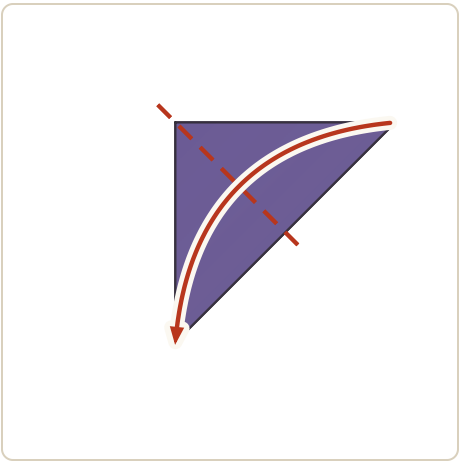
Valley fold: toward you Mountain fold: away from you



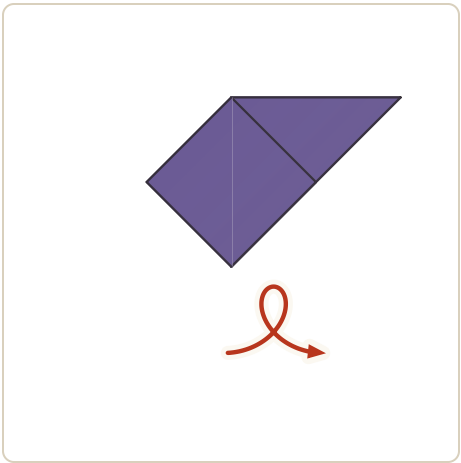
1 Start white side up. Fold the top corner down to the bottom corner.



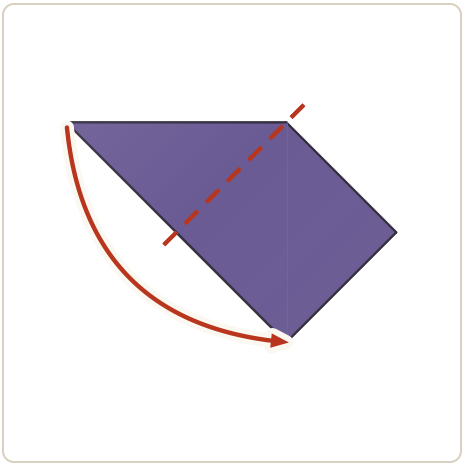
2 Fold the left corner over to the right corner.



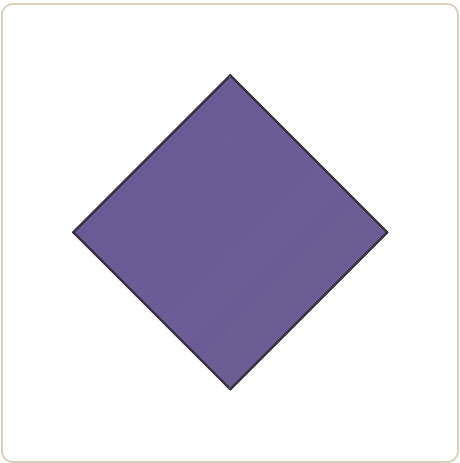
3 Lift the top flap, open it, and squash it flat into a square.



4 Turn the paper over.



5 Squash this flap into a square to match.



Done This square is the preliminary base, also called the square base. The crane, flapping bird and many flowers start here.