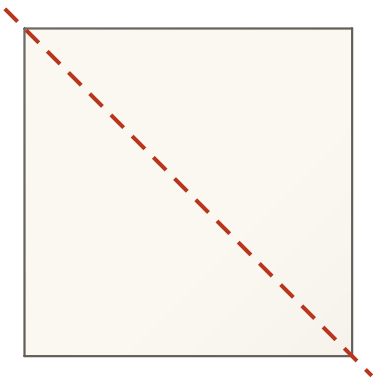


How to Fold an Origami Secret Envelope

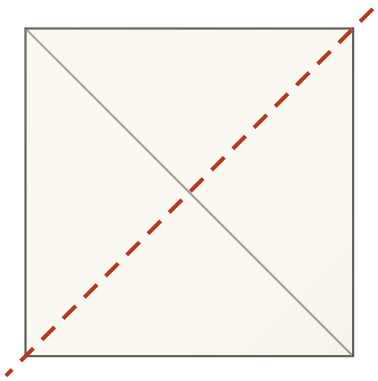
Medium level, 12 steps. From Fun with Paper Folding (Murray and Rigney), 1928. Public domain.

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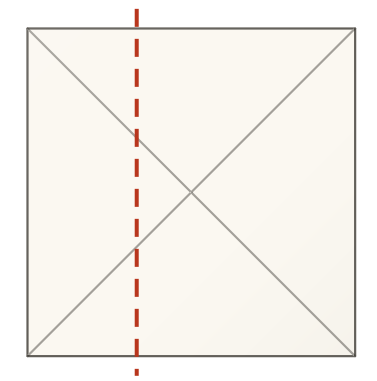
Valley fold: toward you Mountain fold: away from you



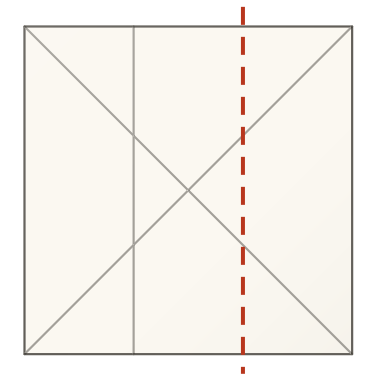
1 Start white side up. Fold in half corner to corner, then unfold.



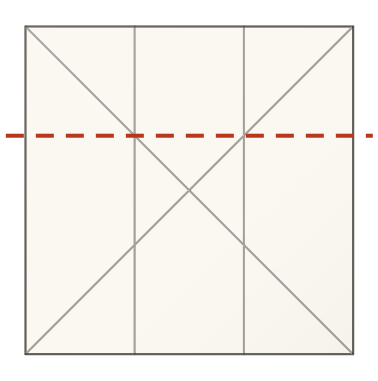
2 Fold in half along the other diagonal, then unfold.



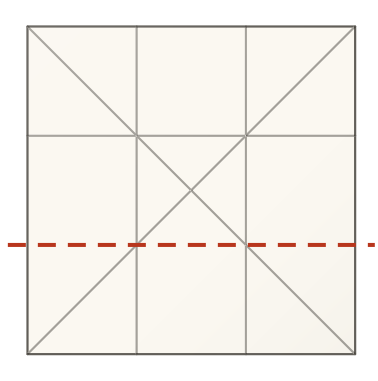
3 Fold the left edge in by one third of the width, then unfold.



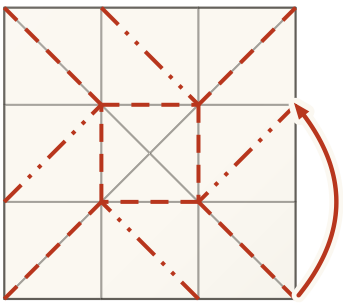
4 Fold the right edge in by one third, then unfold.



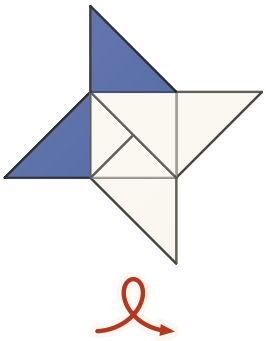
5 Fold the top edge in by one third, then unfold.



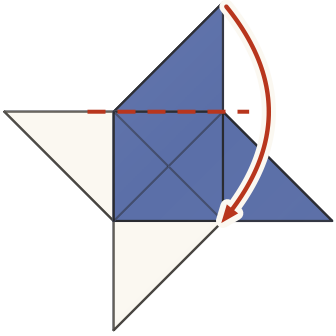
6 Fold the bottom edge in by one third, then unfold. The creases make nine squares.



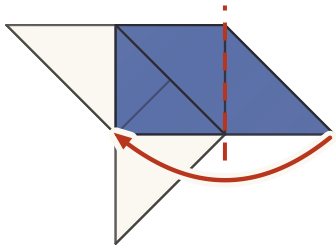
7 Fold the sides of the middle square up and twist them flat: each edge square folds in half along its diagonal, and the four corners stick out as points.



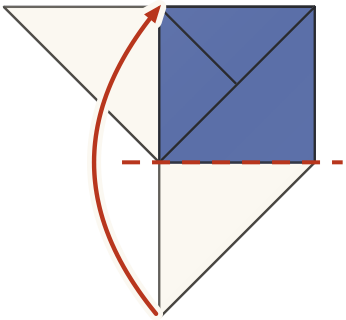
8 Turn the paper over.



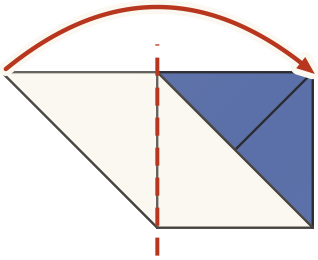
9 Fold the top point down over the middle square.



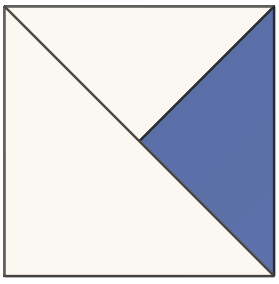
10 Fold the right point over onto it.



11 Fold the bottom point up over the right one.



12 Fold the left point over the bottom one and tuck its tip under the top point.



Done The secret envelope (Murray and Rigney, Fun with Paper Folding, 1928). It looks the same on both sides.