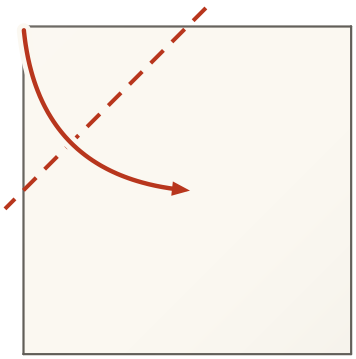


How to Fold an Origami Yakko-san

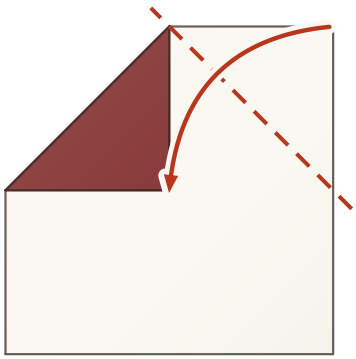
Medium level, 18 steps. Traditional. Earliest record: Kindergarten Shoho (Iijima), 1885.

Every fold is animated at orikatado.com/yakko-san

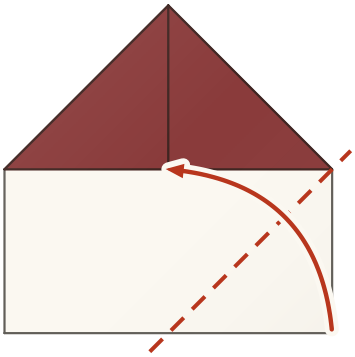
Valley fold: toward you Mountain fold: away from you



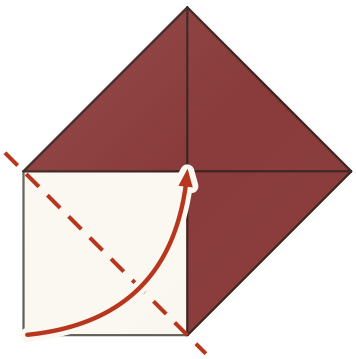
1 Start white side up. Fold one corner to the center.



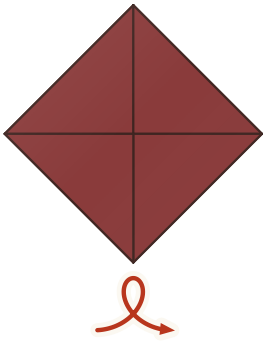
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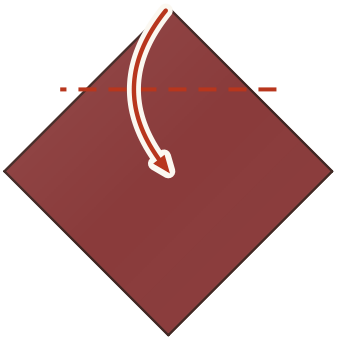
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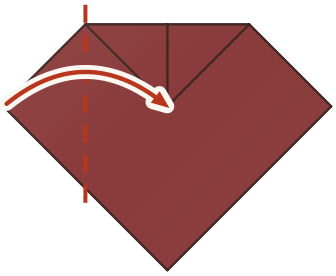
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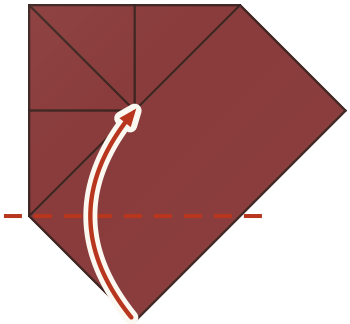
5 Turn the paper over.



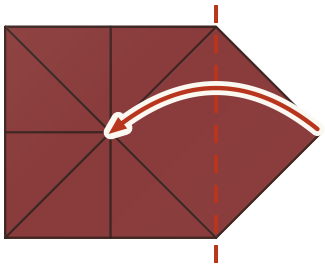
6 Fold one corner of the new square to the center.



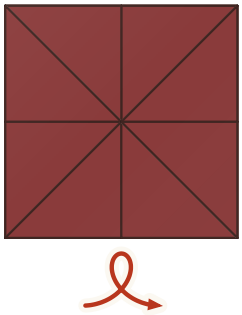
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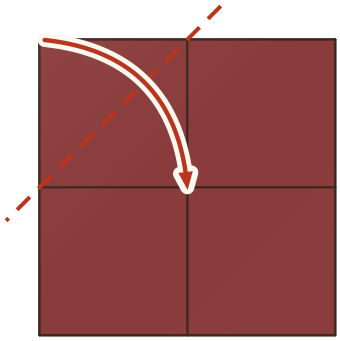
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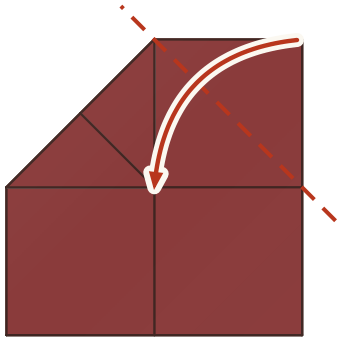
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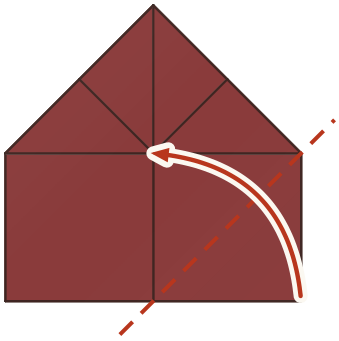
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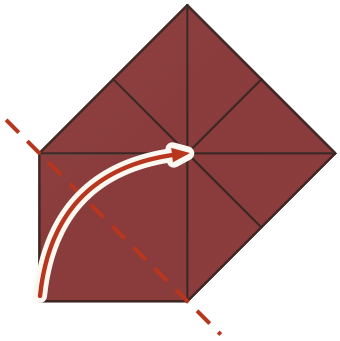
11 Fold one corner of the new square to the center.



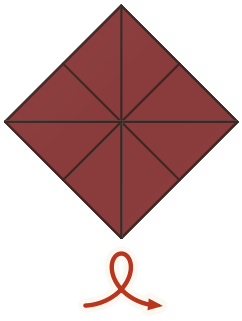
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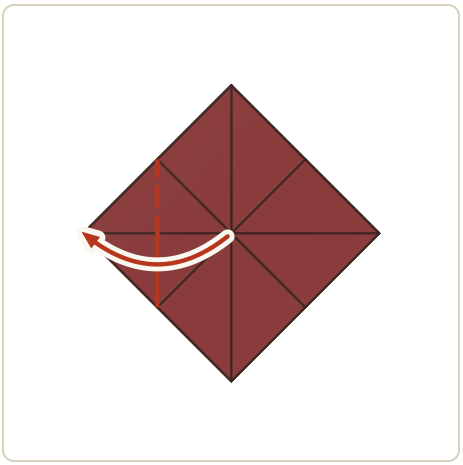
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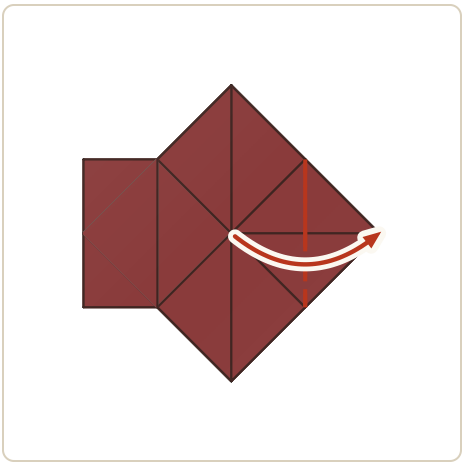
14 Fold the next corner to the center.



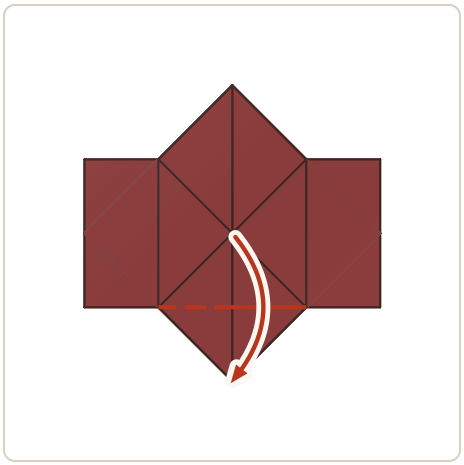
15 Turn the paper over. The front has four small squares, each with a slit.



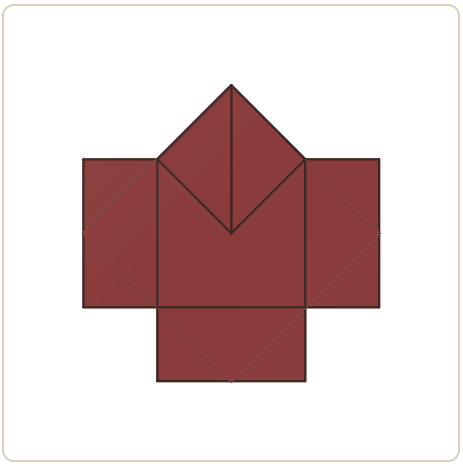
16 Open the left square at its slit and squash it flat into a rectangle. This is a sleeve.



17 Squash the right square the same way for the other sleeve.



18 Squash the bottom square for the hakama. The top square stays closed as the head.



Done Yakko-san, the footman (Iijima, Kindergarten Shoho, 1885).