



Origami Symbols

The diagrams for the Origami Angel of the North use the following symbols. These are based on a standard set of symbols which are used in origami diagrams published all over the world.

Fold in this direction

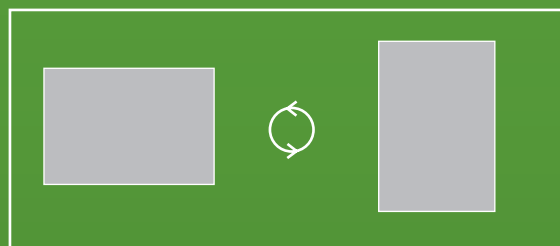
Fold behind

Unfold

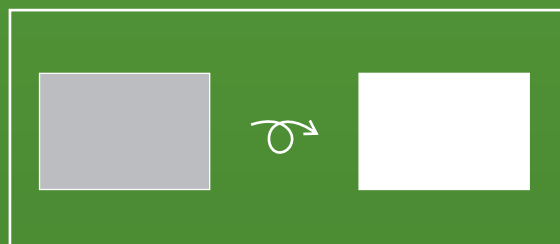
Fold and unfold

Apply pressure here; "squash"

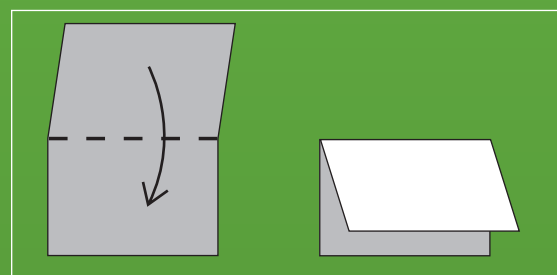
Rotate



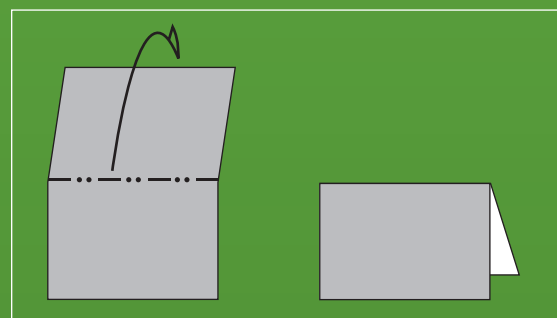
Turn over



Valley fold
(fold the paper towards you)



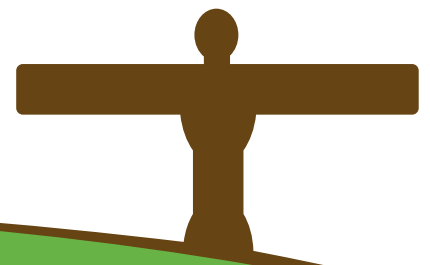
Mountain Fold



X-ray line
shows the position of a hidden fold or edge

Repeat

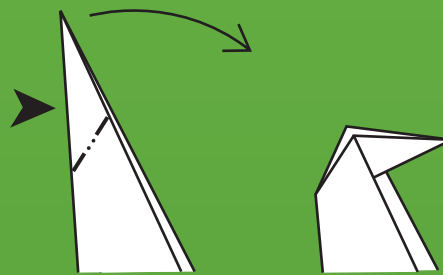
Repeat twice, three times



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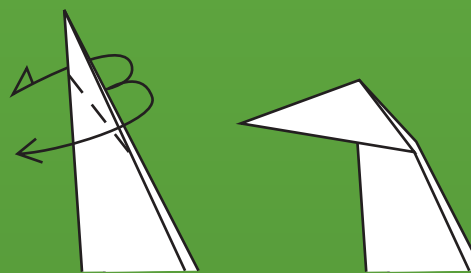
Inside reverse fold
(sometimes just called a “reverse fold”)

The tip gets folded in between two layers,
so that it “reverses” in on itself



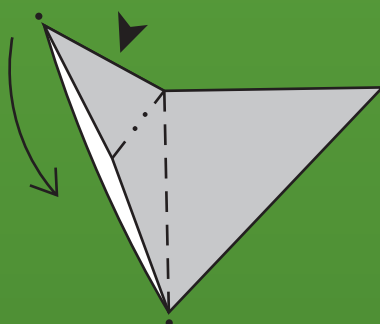
Outside reverse fold

Here the tip is turned inside-out and reversed
so that it forms a kind of “hood”

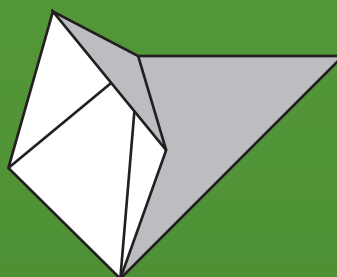


Squash fold

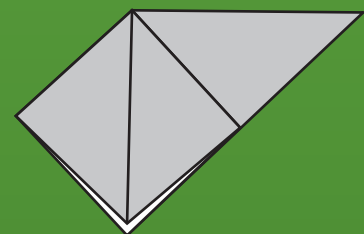
Open the flap and squash it down so
that the two corners meet each other



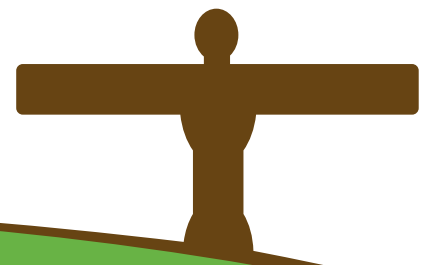
step 1



step 2



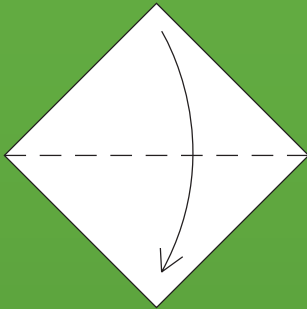
step 3



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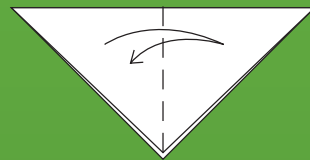
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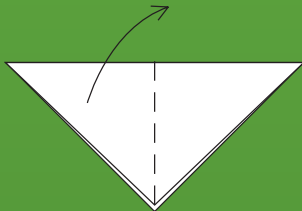
Start with a square of paper 20cm x 20cm or larger. Fold in half along the diagonal.

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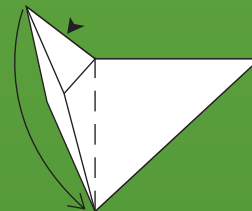
Fold and unfold.

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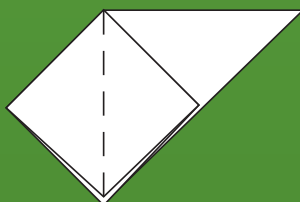
Lift up the flap.

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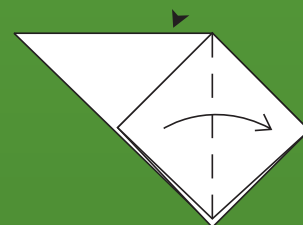
Squash the flap so that the two corners meet.

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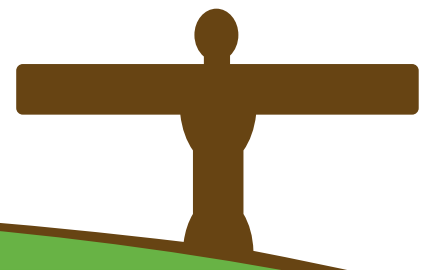


Like so. Turn over.

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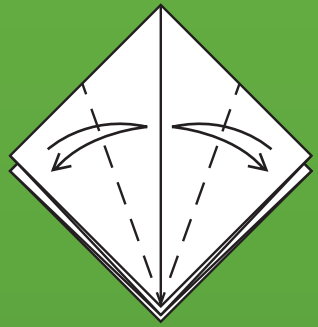


Squash fold at this side.



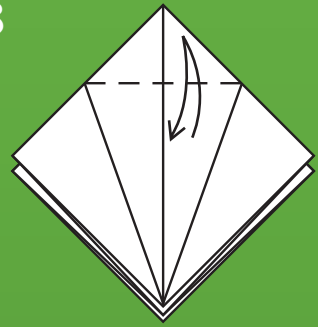
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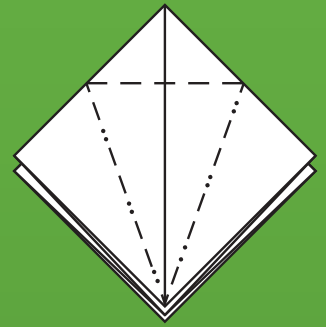
Fold the sides to the centre line and unfold.

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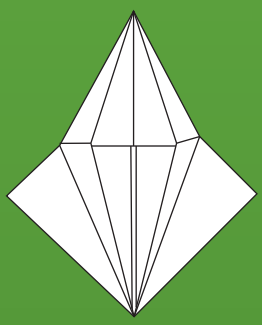
Fold and unfold.

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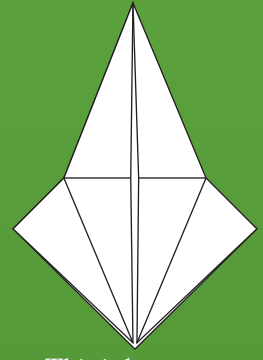
Lift the bottom corner and stretch it upwards using the creases you just made.

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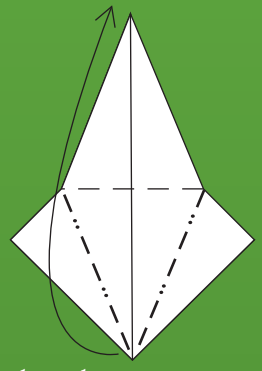
In progress.

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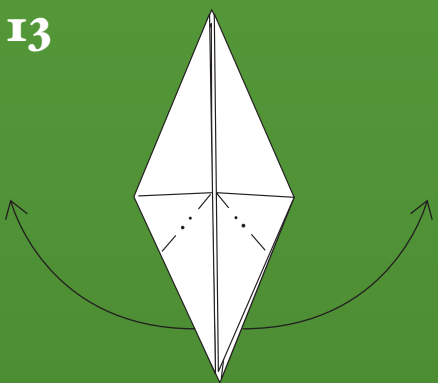
Complete. This is known as a petal fold.

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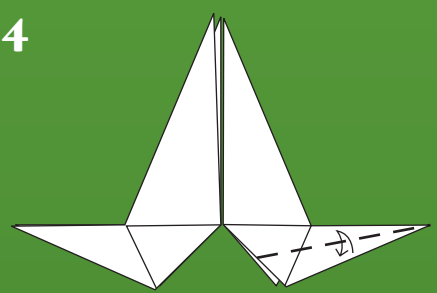
Turn over and petal fold at this side.

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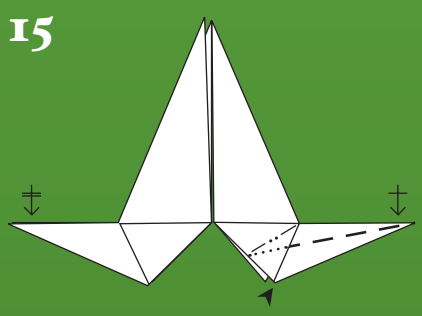
Reverse fold the two bottom points so that their top edges lie along the line of the horizontal crease.

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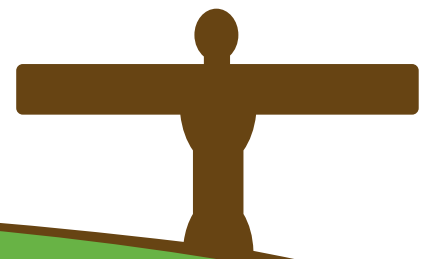


Fold and unfold.

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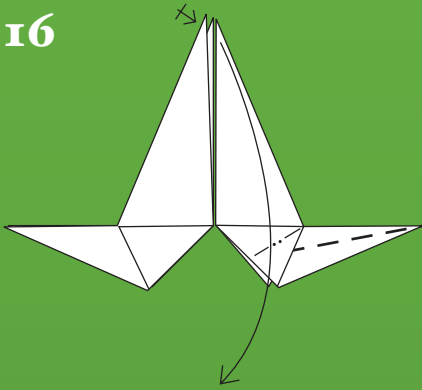


Reverse fold. Repeat behind and at the other side.



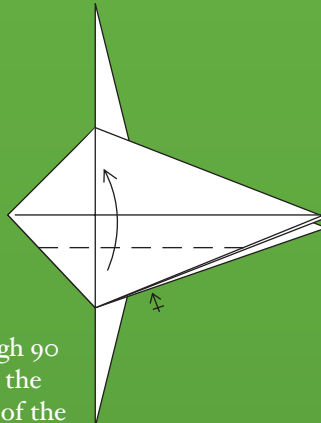
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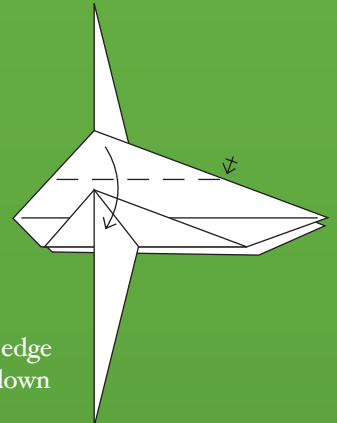
Fold the wing down. Repeat behind.

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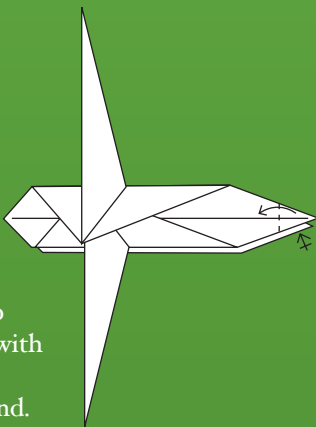
Rotate through 90 degrees. Fold the bottom edge of the wing up as far as possible. Repeat behind.

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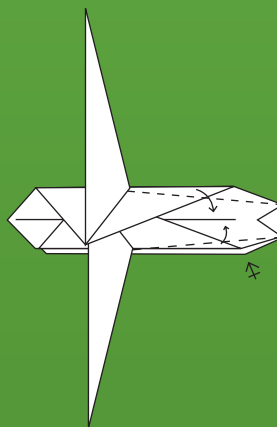
Fold the top edge of the wing down to overlap. Repeat behind.

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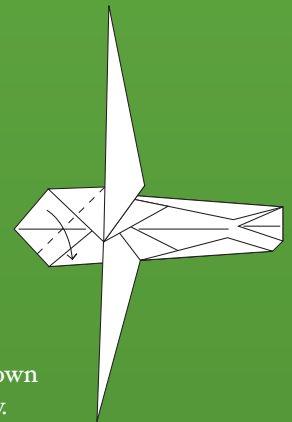
Blunt the tip of the wing with a valley fold. Repeat behind.

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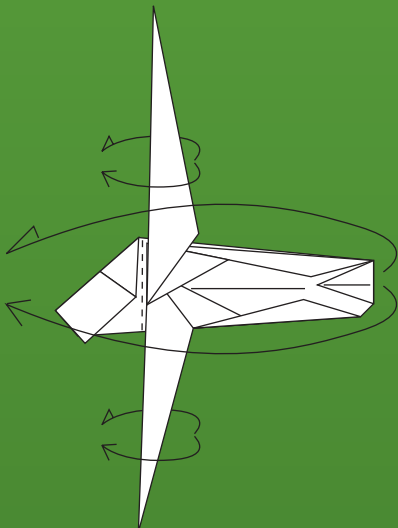
Narrow the wings slightly. Repeat behind.

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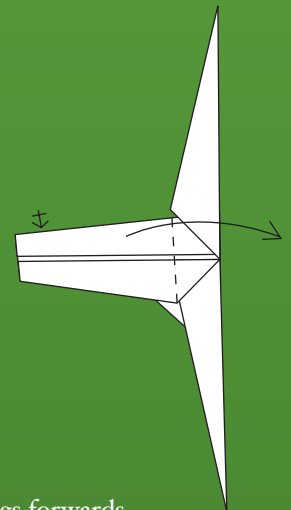
Fold this flap down on one side only.

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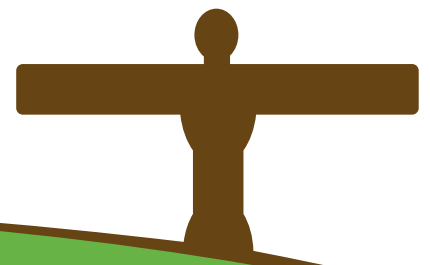


Open up the wings and body and wrap them around completely. The layers are quite thick in the middle; be careful that the paper does not tear.

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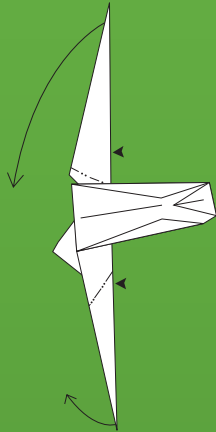


Fold the wings forwards.



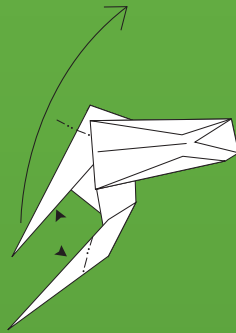
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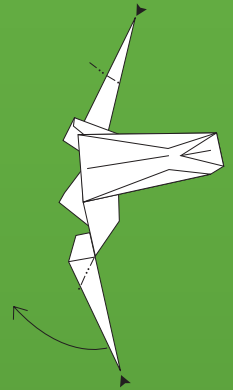
Reverse fold the two narrow flaps at different angles

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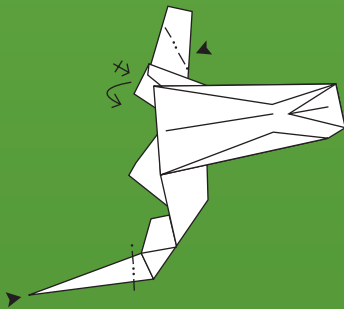
Two more reverse folds.

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And more reverse folds

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More reverse folds for the head and foot. Fold the shoulder inside. Repeat behind.

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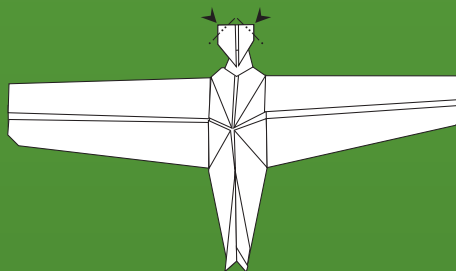
Blunt the toe and the bum with reverse folds. Open the head and push it forward slightly. Open the wings to stand at 90 degrees to the body.

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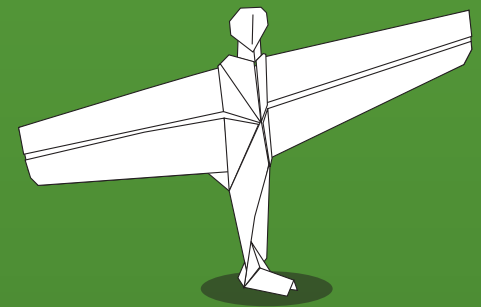


The head should be more or less upright. Narrow the shoulders again.

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Round off the head with reverse folds. Adjust the foot so that the angel will stand.



Complete