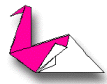


Origami Swan

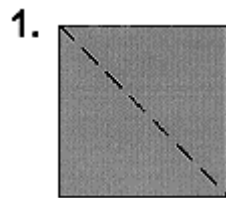
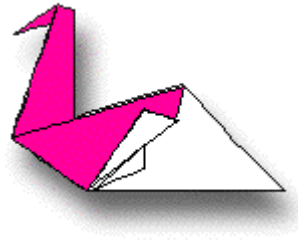
Origami, the art of paper folding, began in China around the second century A.D. The folk craft spread to Japan during the sixth century. Initially, paper was so scarce that origami was an art reserved for the wealthy or for the nobility. Many cultures have their own folk craft of paper folding.

Materials Needed: assorted origami paper cut into squares

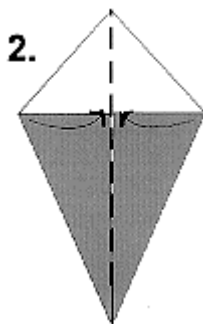
Procedure



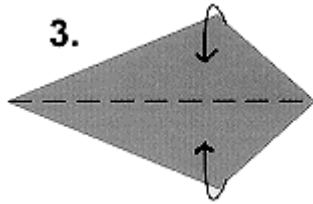
To make a paper swan:



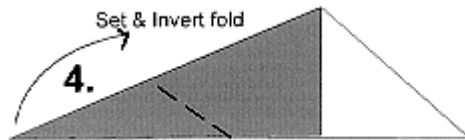
1. Start with a square piece of paper. Fold it in half diagonally and crease it well. Turn it over.



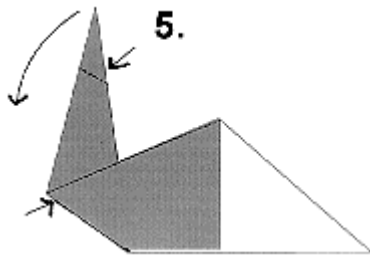
2. Fold corners to the center line and crease well. Turn it over.



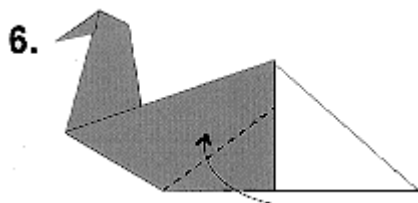
3. Fold in half along the center crease so solid edges are together.



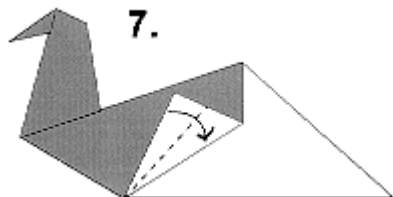
4. Fold narrow point upward at a 90 degree angle to form the neck and crease it well. Invert the fold so the neck is inside the body.



5. Fold the point downward to form the head and crease it well. Invert the fold so the head is inside the neck.



6. Fold up the flap to form the wing.



7. Fold half of the flap back down. You are now finished. Congratulations!