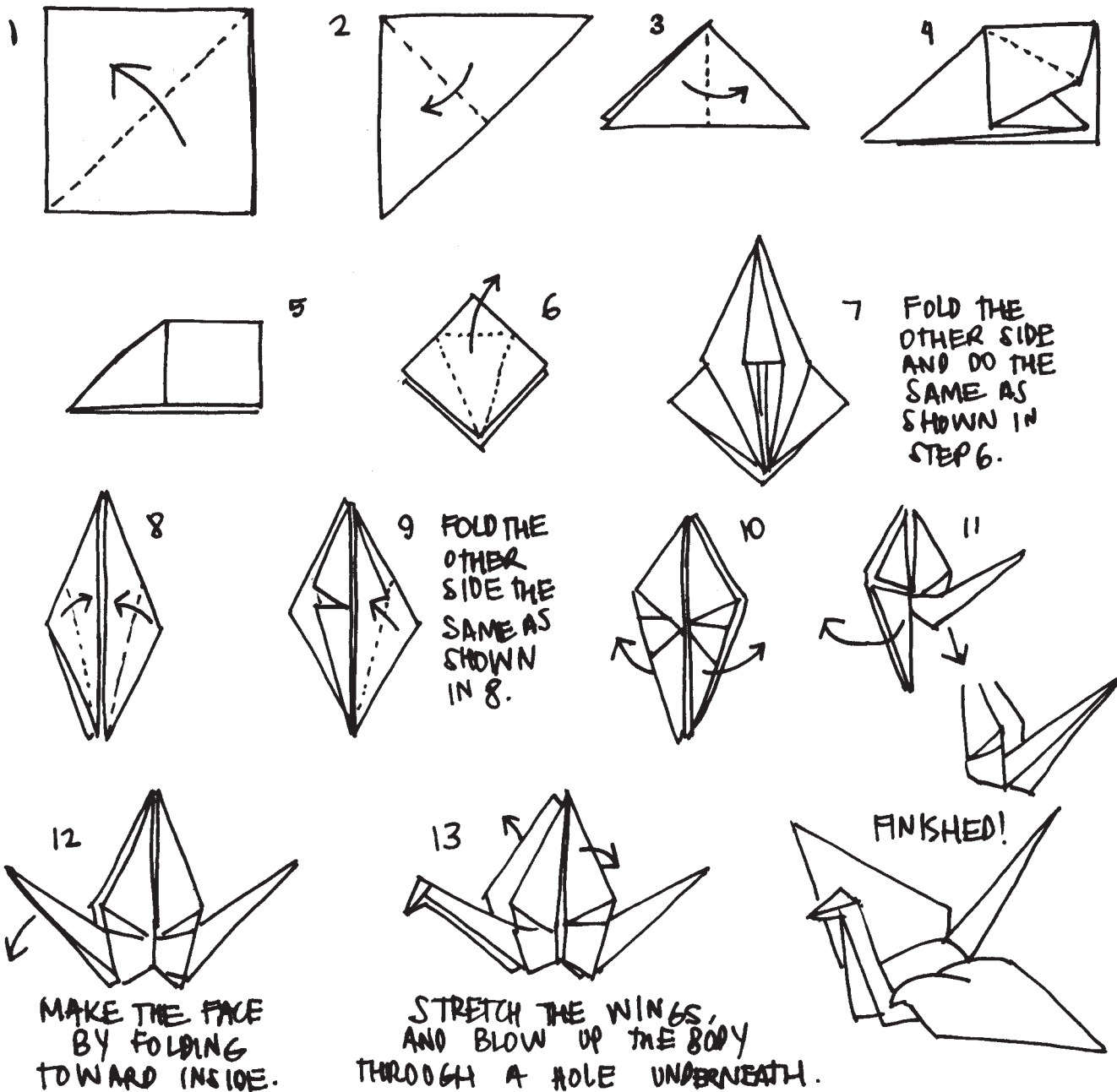


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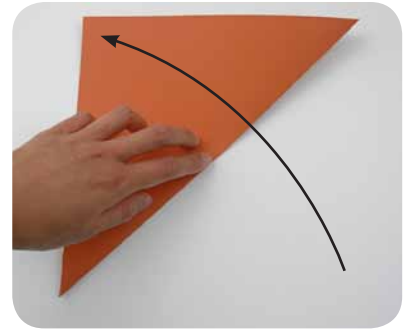
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STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

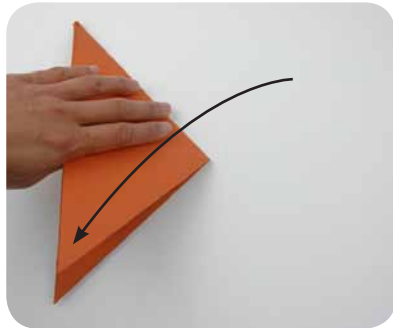
Start with a perfectly **square** sheet of paper. Origami paper can be found at craft stores. It is usually colored on one side. You can use paper that is colored on both sides (shown here). Thin paper works best; if your paper is thick, use a square at least 8x8 inches.



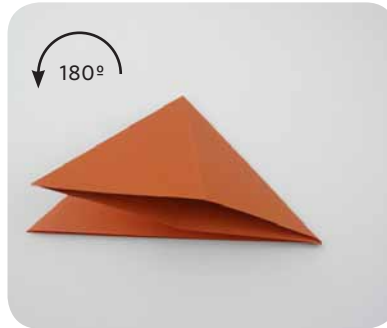
1. Fold one corner to the opposite corner, with the colored side outward.



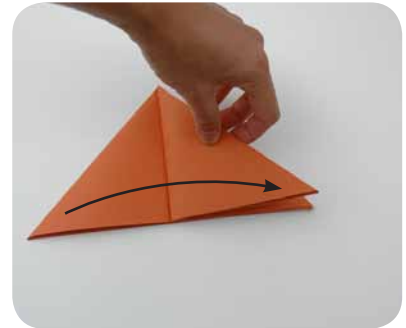
2. Fold the remaining opposite corners so you have a smaller triangle.



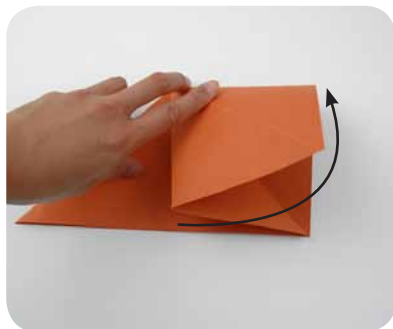
3. Flip the triangle over.



Now you will have two corners on the left. Fold the top one to the right.



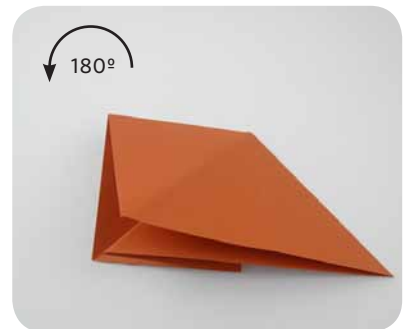
4. Open the inner corner...



5. ...so to form a square.

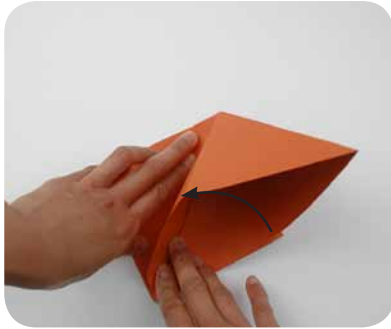


Flip over.

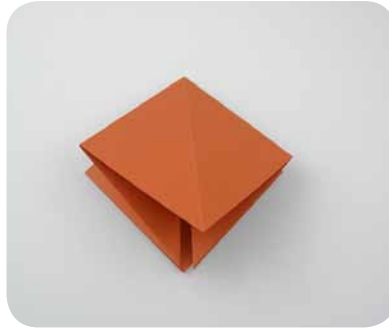


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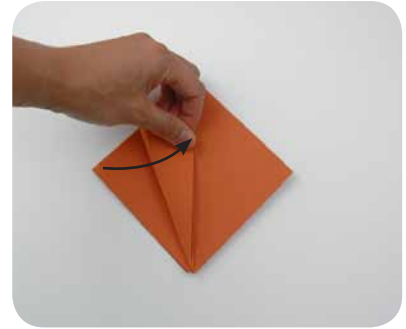
Repeat Step 4...



...so you have a square.



6. The left and right corners now have two layers. **Fold** the top layer on the left in...



...so that it runs along the center crease.



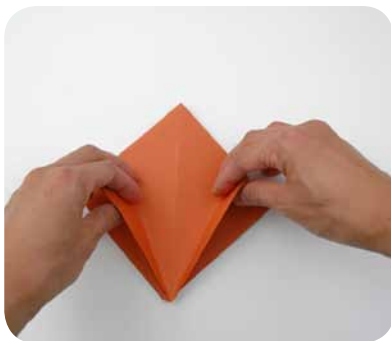
Repeat with the right side...



...creating this.



Open the two newest folds up.



Use the new creases where they meet the edges as guides for creasing the top corner...

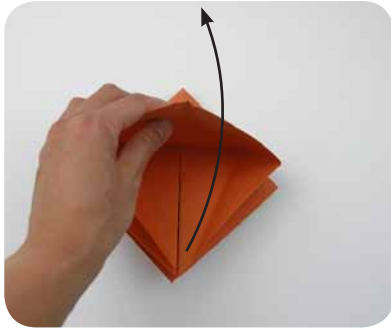


...so you get a triangle of creases.

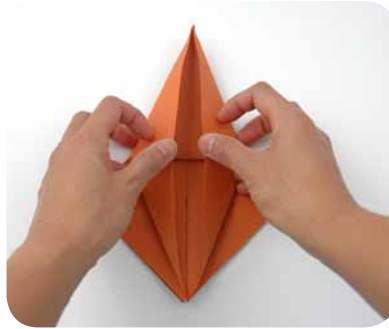


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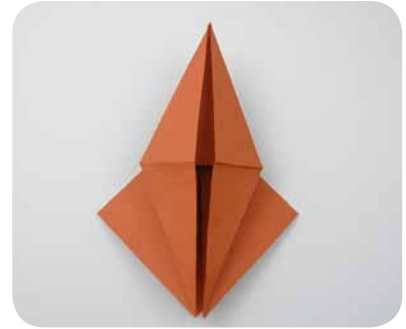
7. **Open** the lower corner...



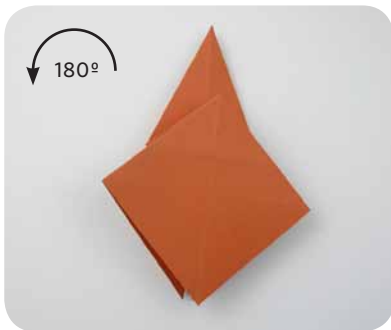
...and flatten...



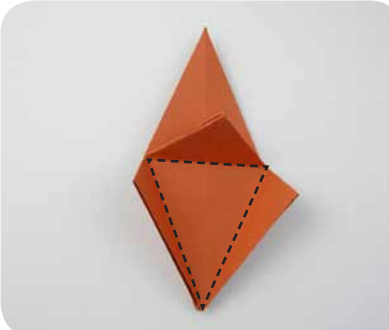
...creating this.



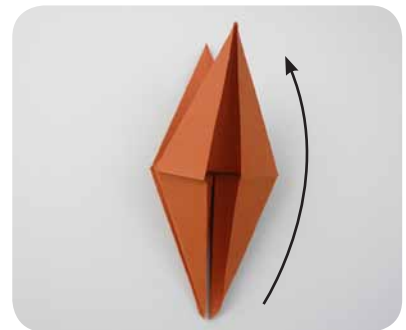
Flip over and repeat Step 6 on this side...



...resulting in another triangle of creases.



Open and flatten.



8. **Fold** the left corner (top layer) in...



...so the edge follows the center line again.



Repeat on the right side...

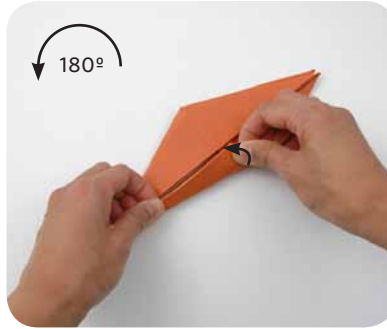


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...resulting in this.



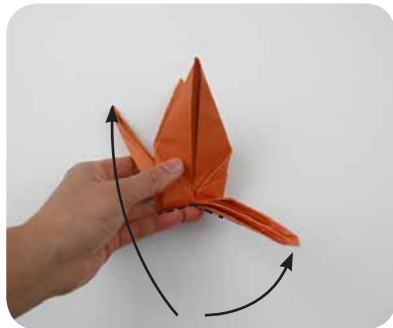
9. **Flip** over and **repeat** Step 8 on this side...



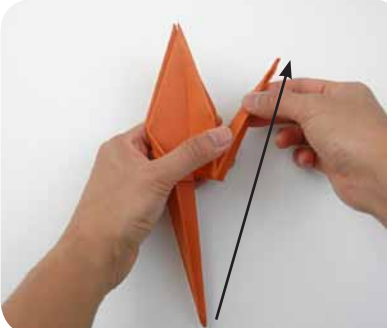
...like this.



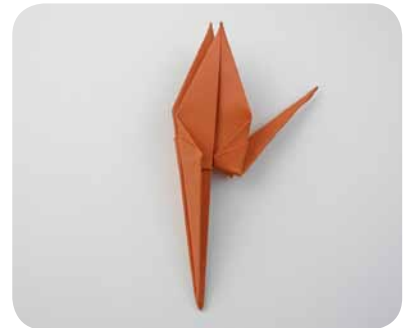
10. In preparation for Step 11, **crease** the two corners at an angle as shown.



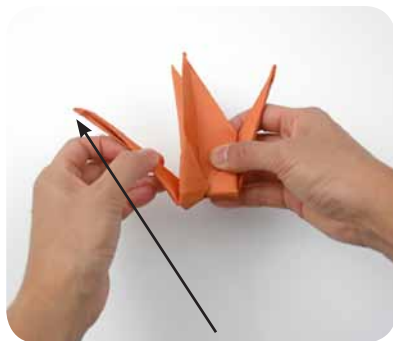
11. Folding towards the inside, **bring** the lower left corner upward...



...to form the tail.



Repeat with the lower right corner...



...to form the neck.

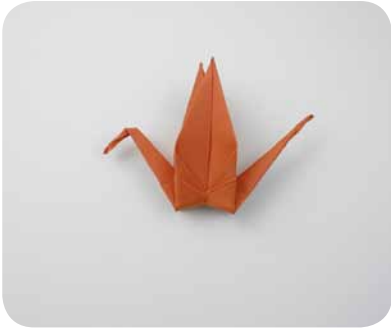


12. Still **folding** toward the inside...

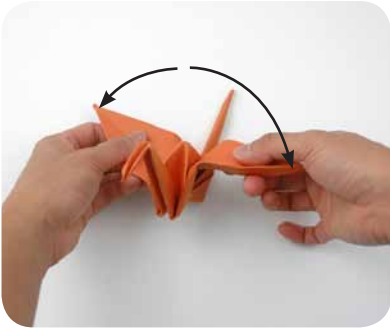


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...form the head.



13. Stretch the wings...



...and blow up the body through a hole underneath.



Finished!

