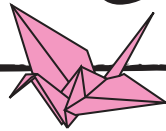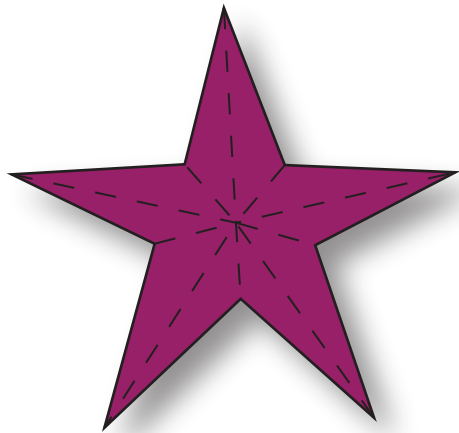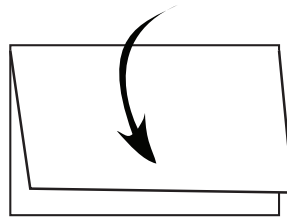# Learn to fold *Origami!*

Origami is the art of traditional Japanese paper-folding. It began in China over 1,800 years ago and came to Japan during the 6th century. You can make your own origami! Use a piece of printer paper, or cut out the paper rectangle on the next page and follow these directions.
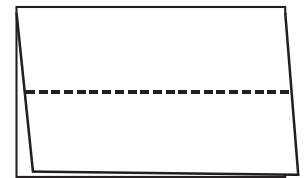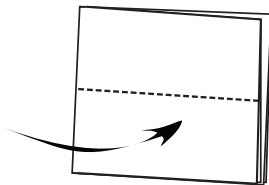
1) Begin with the shorter edge of your paper facing up.

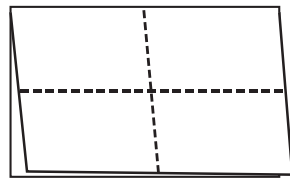Fold the top edge of your paper down to meet the bottom. Then, fold the top edge down again to make a crease.
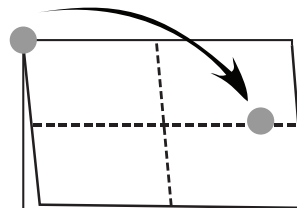
Your paper will look like this.

Your finished star will look like this!

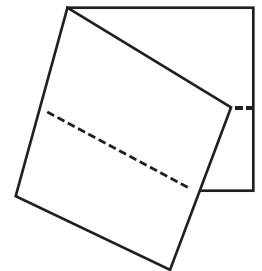**2)** Fold one side over to meet the other, then unfold.

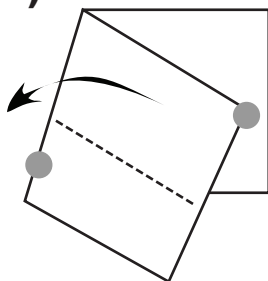Your paper should now look like this.

3) Fold the top left corner down to meet the horizontal crease, about half an inch from the edge of the paper.
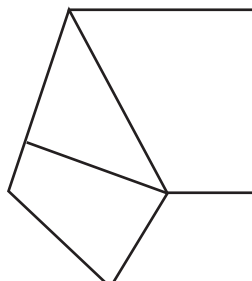
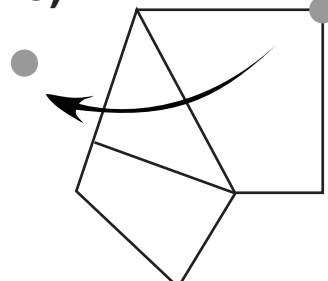Your paper will look like this.

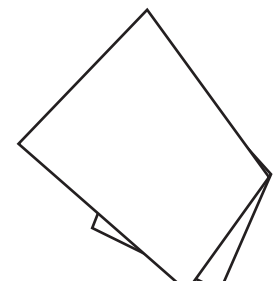**4)** Fold the corner back to meet the slanted side.

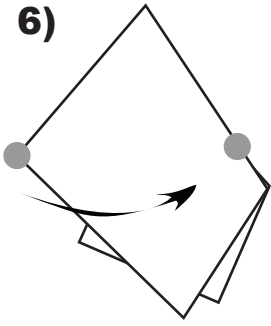Your paper should now look like this.

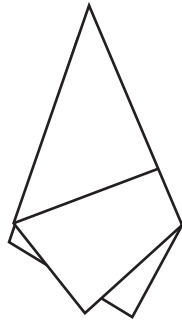**5)** Now fold the top right corner over so the fold follows the edge of the top layer.
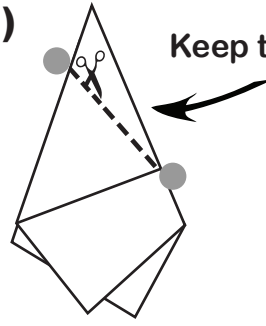
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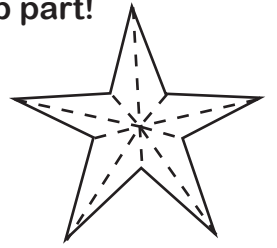Fold the left side over to meet the right side.

Your paper will look like this.

7)

Keep this top part!

Cut off a skinny triangle from the top, as shown here.

Carefully open up the triangle to make your star! Color it however you like, or leave it white like the stars in the sky.