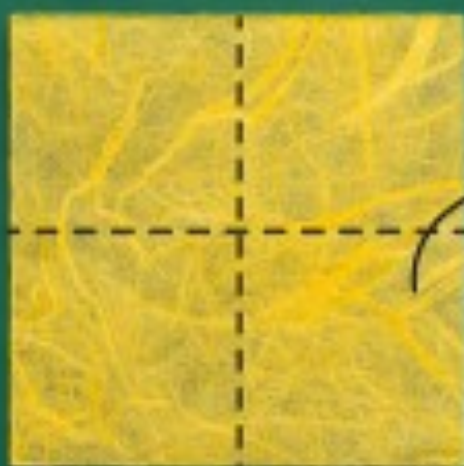




Origami Butterfly

variation of Akira Yoshizawa's butterfly

1 Start with the colored side up



Fold in half both ways.
Unfold and turn over

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Fold diagonally both ways

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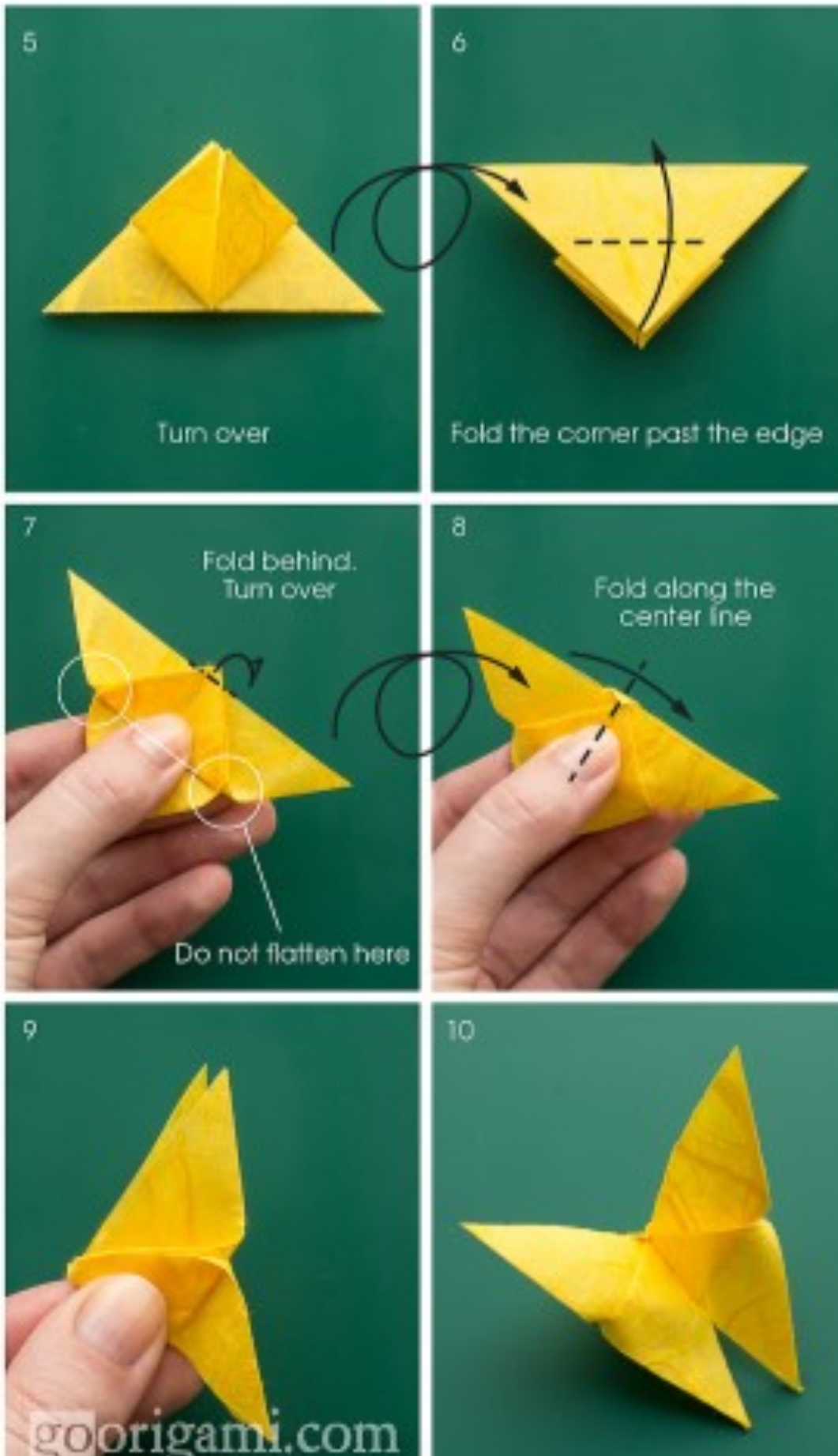


Collapse into waterbomb base

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Fold the upper layer only



Instructions for Easy Origami Ladybug



Step 1:

Start with a square sheet of paper that is red on both sides. Cut along the diagonal so it becomes a triangle.

You can also make the ladybug with a square sheet of paper (just fold it into a triangle) but if you cut the square into two triangles, then you can make two ladybugs. That's friendly!



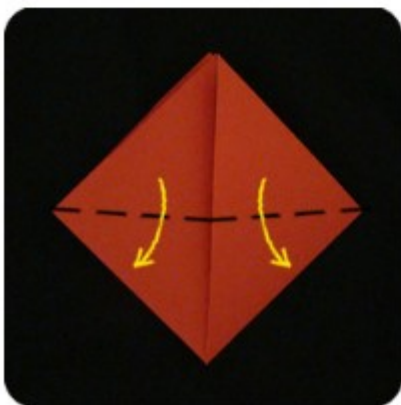
Step 2:

Fold the paper in half and unfold.



Step 3:

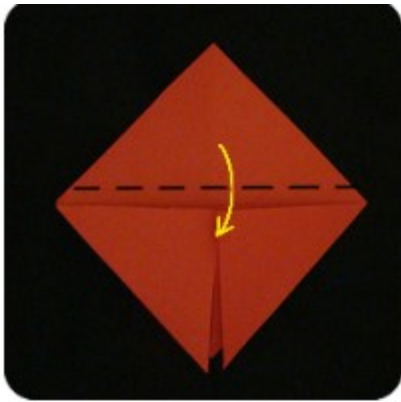
Fold up the bottom-corners so the tips meet at the peak of the triangle.



Step 4:

Fold down the two flaps but fold it at a slight angle so the tips are slightly apart from one another.

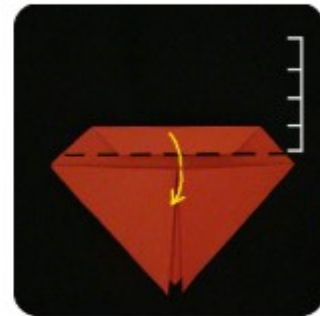
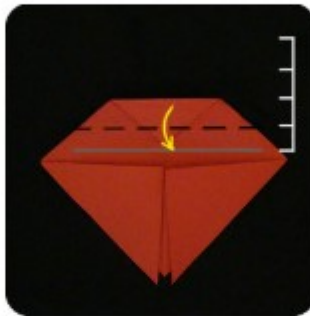
This is the outer shell so don't put them too far apart.



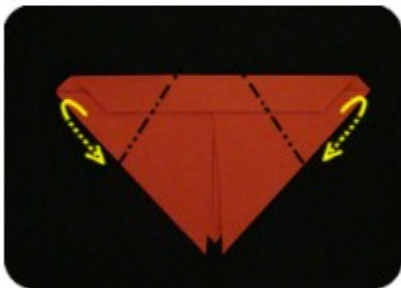
Step 5:
Fold down the back-layer of paper. Don't fold exactly in half; instead, leave a small gap.



Unfold.



Step 6:
Make the back-layer more narrow by folding it into quarters. Refold the crease made in step 5.



Step 7:
Fold back (mountain fold) a good portion of the left and right sides of the model. Adjust the paper until the shape is of that of a ladybug. Note that ladybugs tend to be more oval shaped.

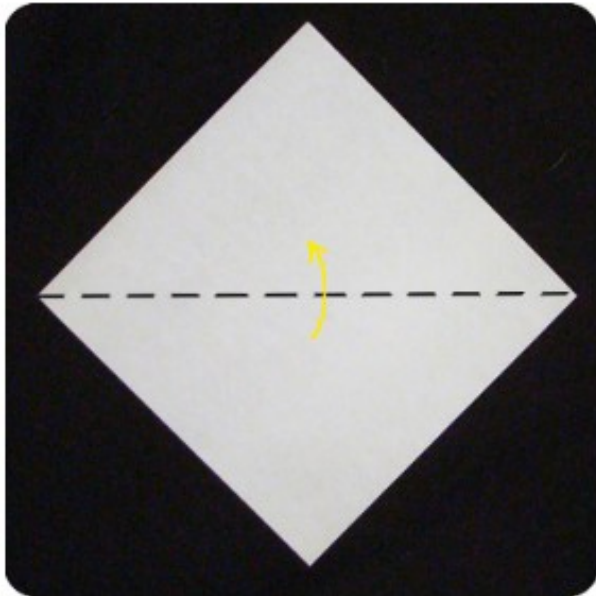


Step 8:
Fold back (mountain fold) the left and right sides of the ladybug so it is less angular. Fold wingtips under.



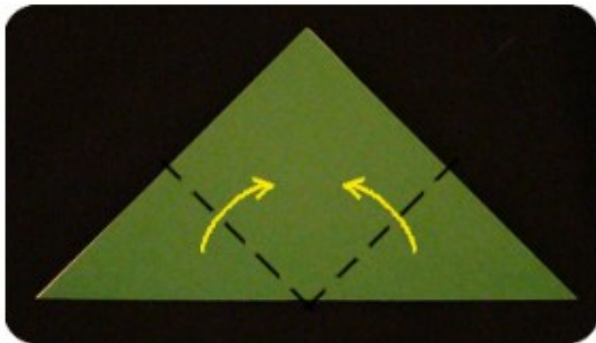
Step 9:
Make the model 3D by bending back (mountain fold) the bottom layer of the ladybug. Leave the wings where they are but fold down the body. Use a marker to color the ladybug's head black and add some spots on its wings. Isn't it beautiful?

Instructions for Origami Dragonfly



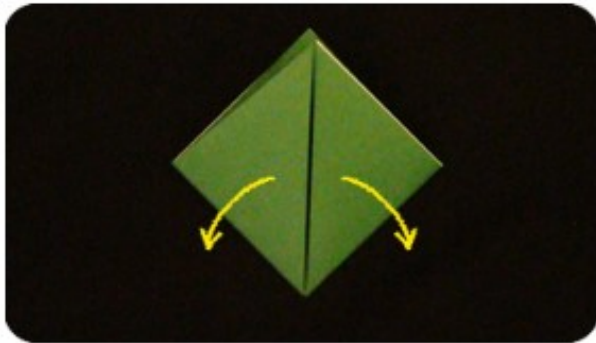
Step 1:

Start with a square sheet of paper with the white-side facing up. Fold it in half to make a triangle.

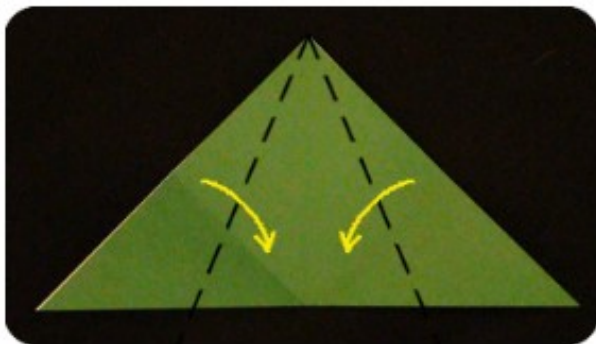


Step 2:

Fold up the bottom-corners so the tips meet at the peak of the triangle.

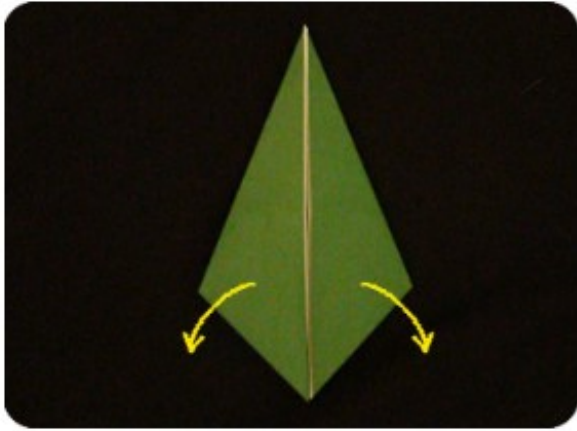


Unfold.

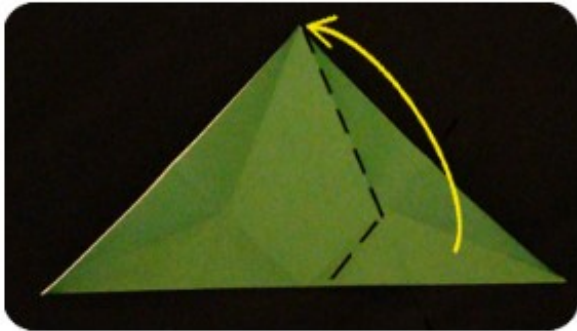


Step 3:

Fold down the top-edges so they meet at the center.



Unfold.



Step 4:

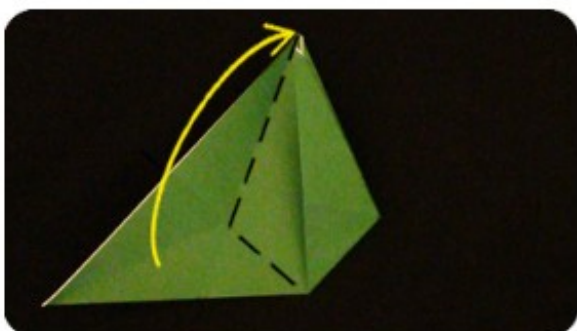
Make a Rabbit Ear Fold. To do this, fold the top section down along the crease made in step 3.



Fold the bottom section up along the crease made in step 2.



Fold the entire flap up.

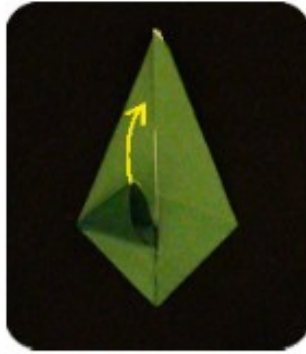


Step 5:

Repeat the Rabbit Ear fold on the other side. Fold down the top section.



Fold up the bottom section.

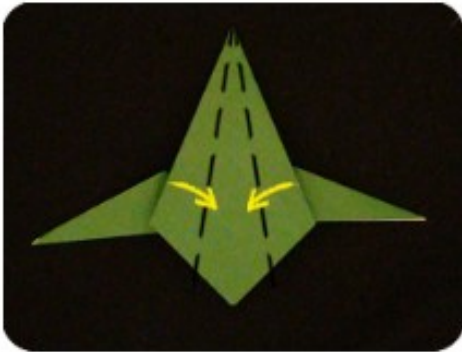
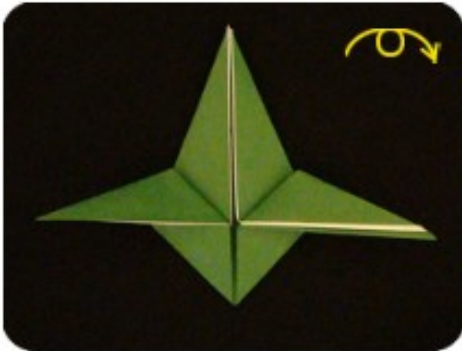


Fold the new flap up.



Step 6:

Fold the new flaps down so they are perpendicular to the body of the model. These will be wings.

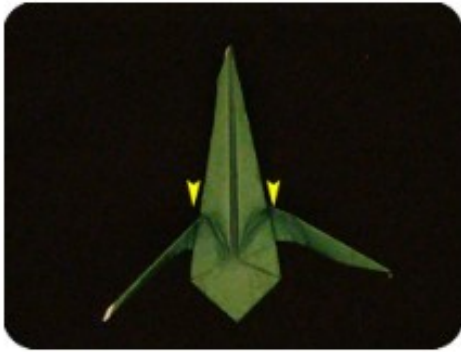


Step 7:

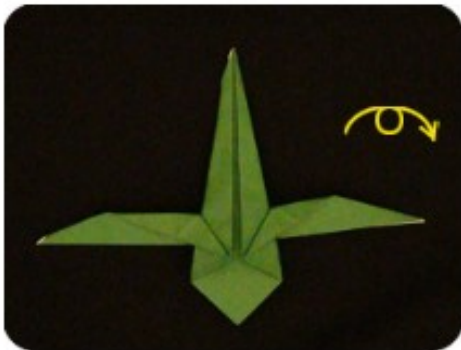
Make the body of the dragonfly more narrow by folding in the sides.



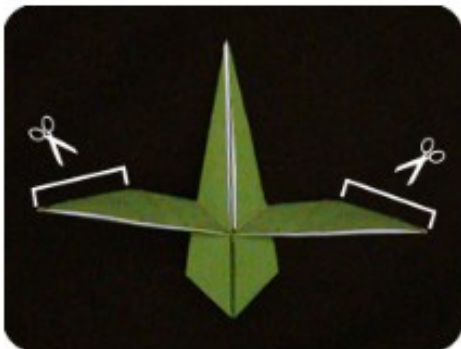
In transition.



You will need to squash down the paper where it buckles (yellow arrowheads) so the wings are flat.

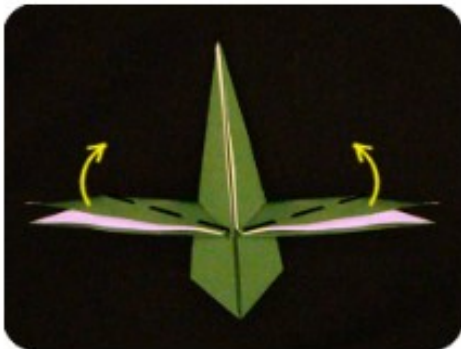


Turn the model over.



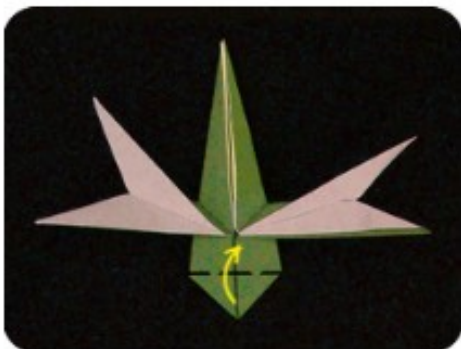
Step 8:

Gently pry open the wings and make a small cut so the paper can fold back to reveal white wings. Make the cut just to the first corner.



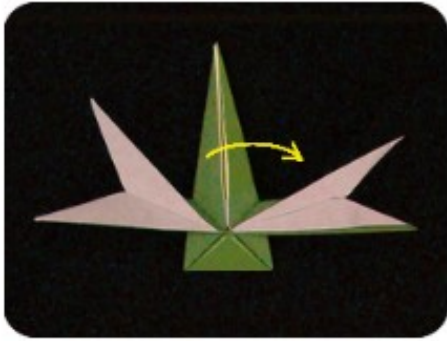
Step 9:

Peel back the paper to expose white wings.

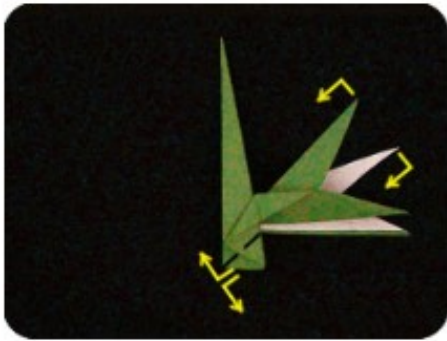


Step 10:

Make the head of the dragonfly: valley fold the tip of the model.

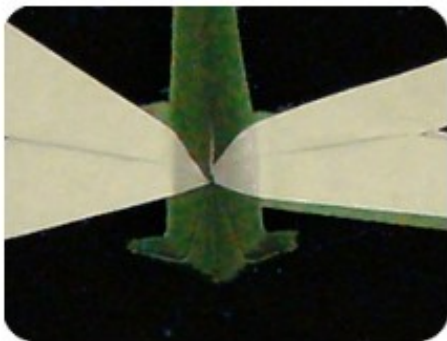


Step 11:
Fold the entire model in half.



Step 12:
At the head of the dragonfly, fold the two corners away from the body so the head is perpendicular to the body.

Similarly, fold the the wings away from each other so they are also perpendicular to the body of the dragonfly.



Top view. Notice how face is perpendicular to body and the wings are also perpendicular to body.



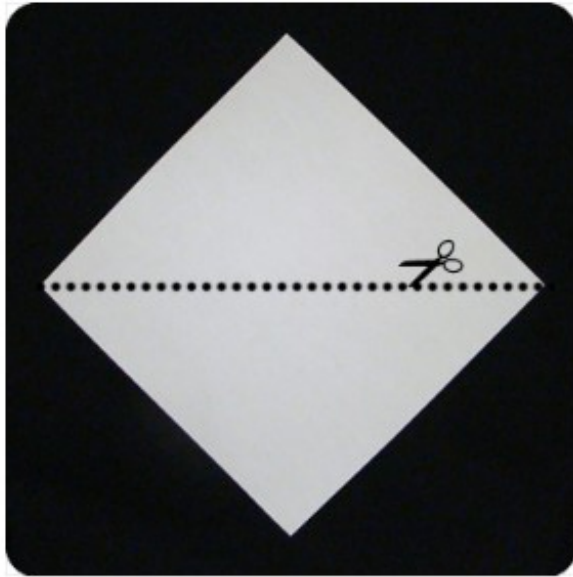
Done!



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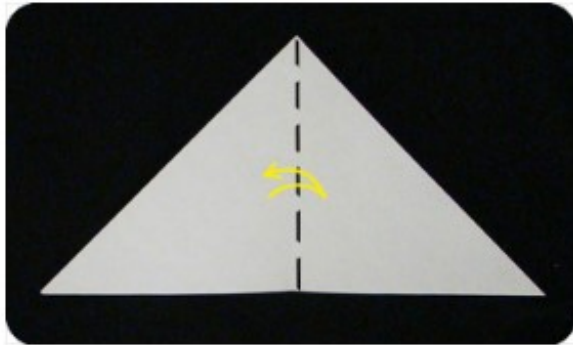
Watch this video for tips (it starts with a triangle, but otherwise, the folds are similar):

Instructions for Easy Origami Bee



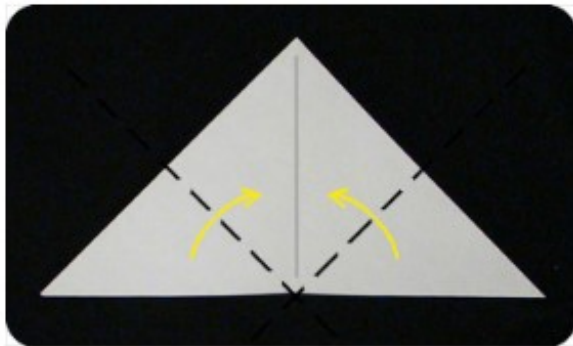
Step 1:

Take a yellow, square sheet of paper and cut it along the diagonal so it becomes a triangle.



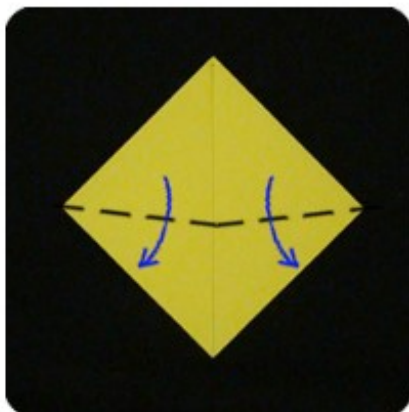
Step 2:

With the white-side facing up, fold the paper in half and unfold.



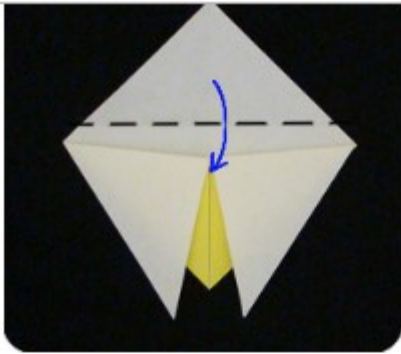
Step 3:

Fold up the bottom-corners so the tips meet at the peak of the triangle.

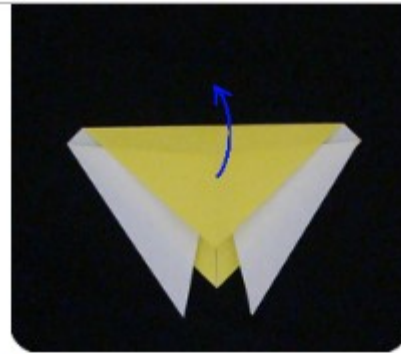


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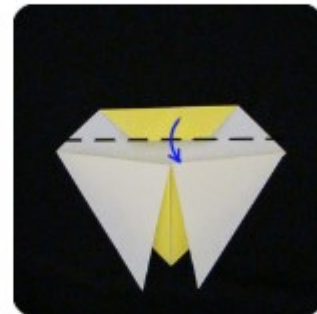
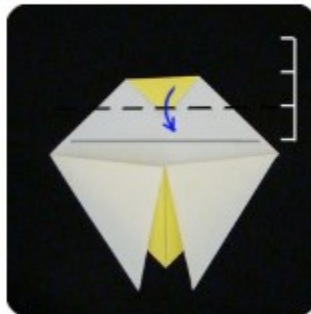
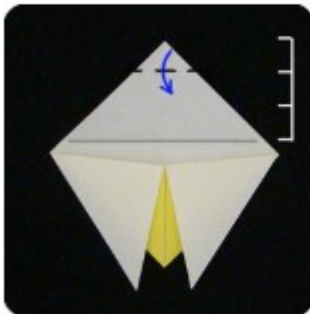
Fold down the two flaps but fold it at a slight angle so the tips spread apart from one another and look like wings.



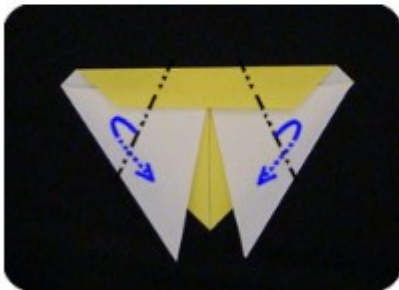
Step 5:
Fold down the back-layer of paper. Don't fold exactly in half; instead, leave a small gap.



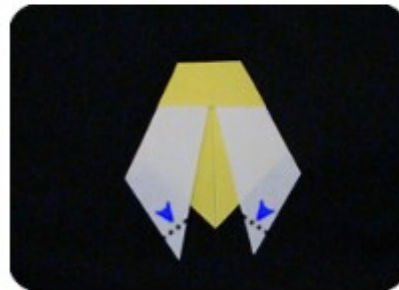
Unfold.



Step 6:
Make the back-layer more narrow by folding it into thirds. Then refold the crease made in step 5.



Step 7:
Fold back (mountain fold) a good portion of the left and right sides of the model. Adjust the paper until the shape is of that of a bee and that the left and right sides are symmetrical to one another. Press down to establish the folds.



Step 8:
Fold back the wing tips.

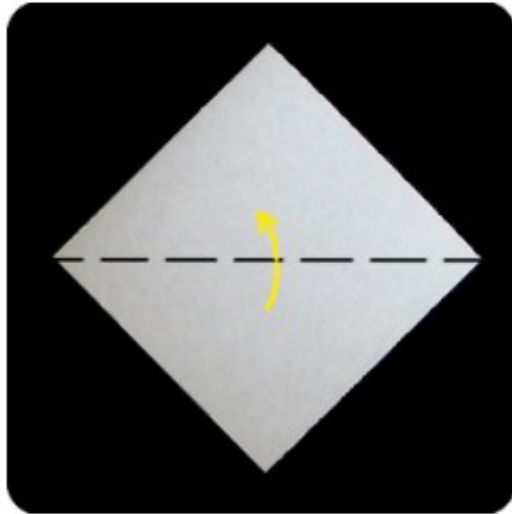


Step 9:
Color the bee's head black and color stripes across its back.



Done!

Traditional Origami Cicada

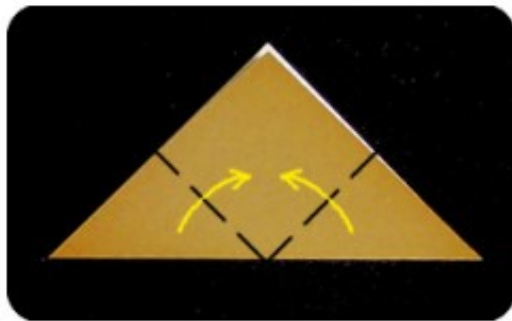


Step 1:

Start with a square sheet of paper.

Place the paper with the white-side facing up and oriented like a diamond.

Fold the paper in half so it looks like a mountain.



Step 2:

Fold up the two bottom corners so they meet the peak of the mountain.



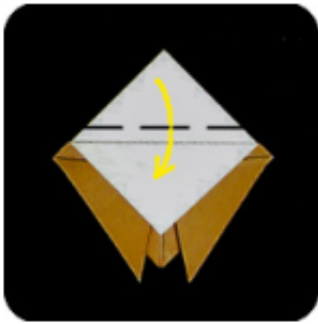
Step 3:

Fold back down the two corners except fold them so the corners point away from each other like the wings of a bug.



Step 4:

Fold down the top-layer of paper as shown.



Step 5:

Fold down the bottom-layer of paper except make it a little less wide so you can see some of the white paper from the previous step.



Step 6:

Fold back (mountain fold) the left and right sides of the model to make the body of the cicada.



Step 7:

Paper cicada is done. Now you can make lots of them to represent their emergence from under the ground.