

KUSUDAMA

BALL ORIGAMI



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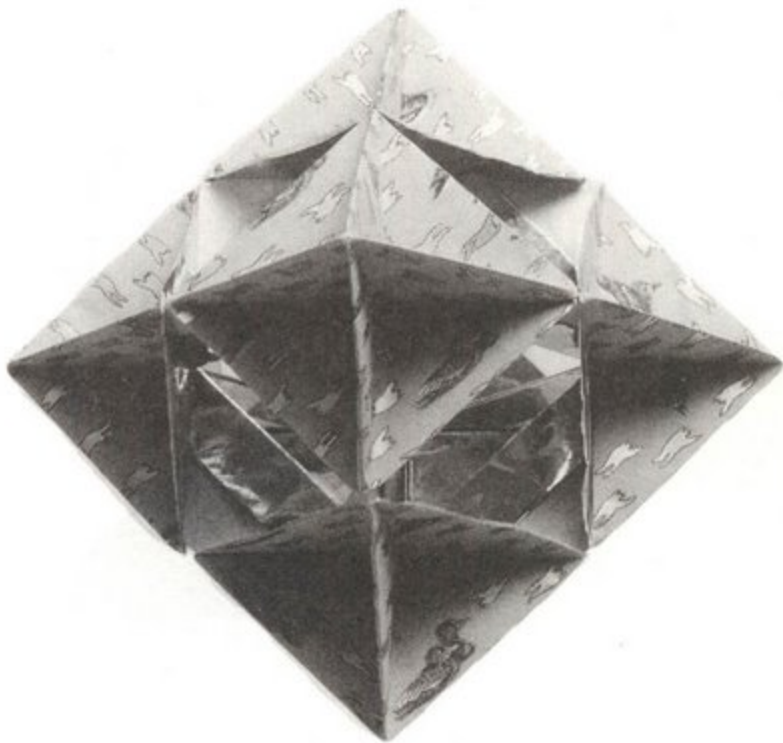
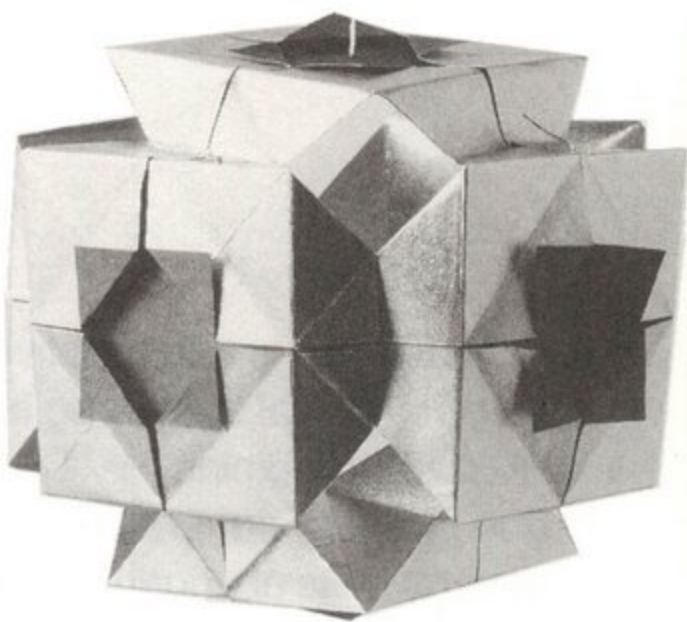
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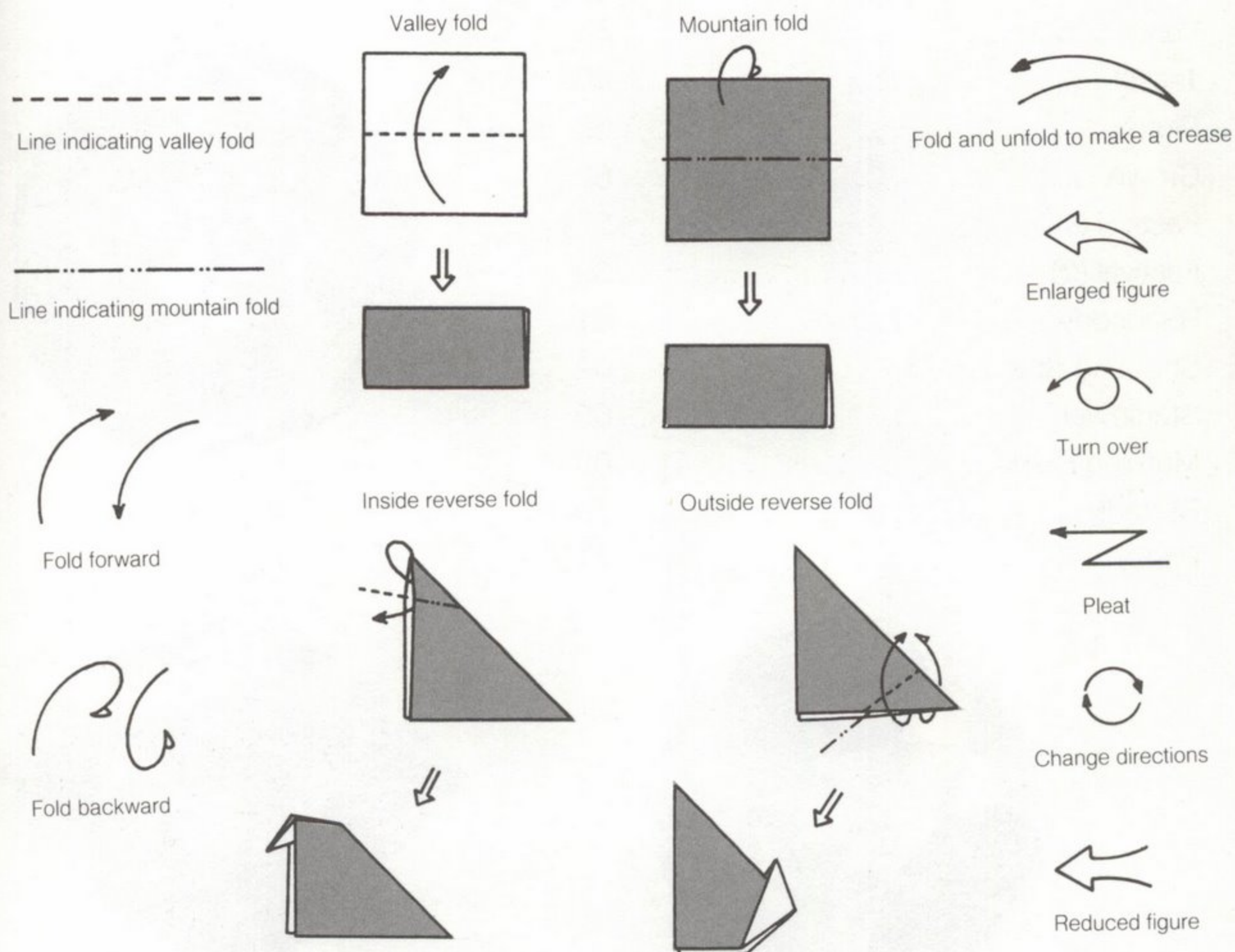
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KUSUDAMA is a decorative paper ball for festive occasions. Originally it was an ornamental scent bag hung to clear away noxious vapors, thus the name "KUSU" (medicine) + "DAMA" (ball). Origami works are usually made from one piece of square paper, but *Kusudama Origami* is different. It combines several units of origami. Folding each piece and then joining the units with the completed ball in mind is an enjoyable process. No intricate methods are involved; folding and joining the units is simple and easy.

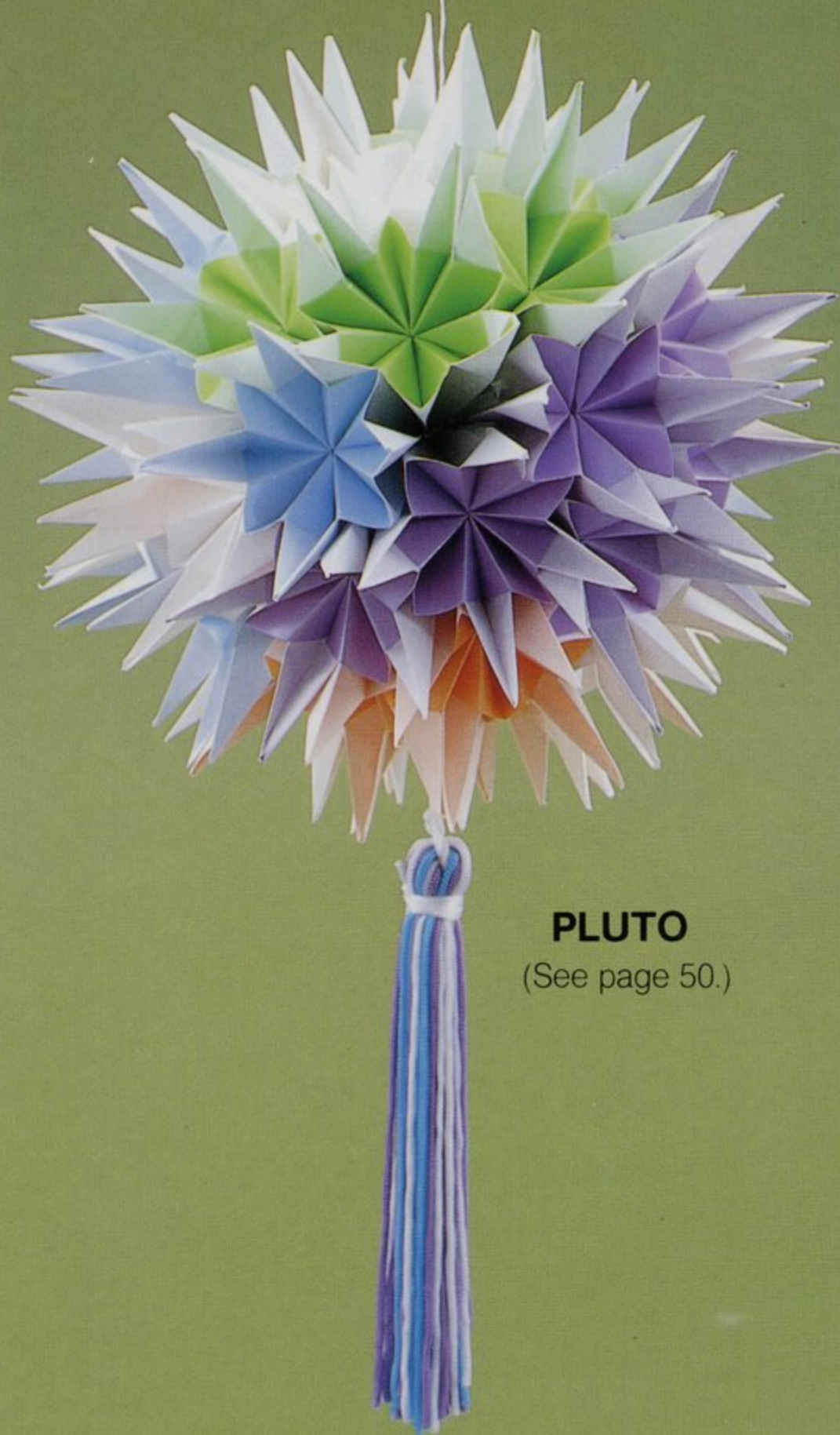
This is a basic book for beginners. The step-by-step illustrations are clear, and there is no guesswork. A completed *Kusudama* makes a wonderful present, and is indispensable as a Christmas decoration.

SYMBOLS FOR FOLDING

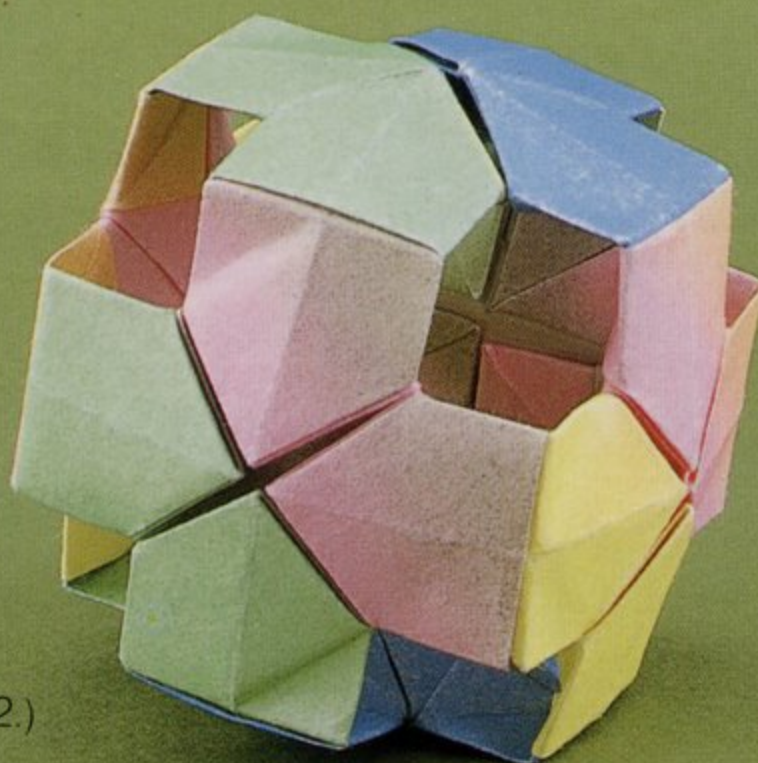




BREEZE
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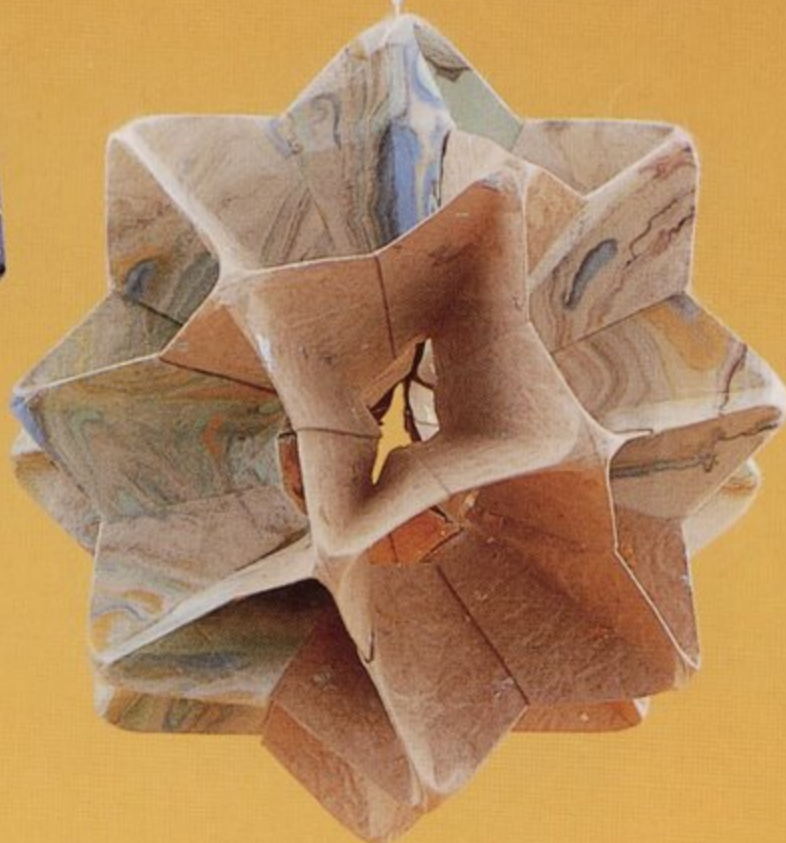
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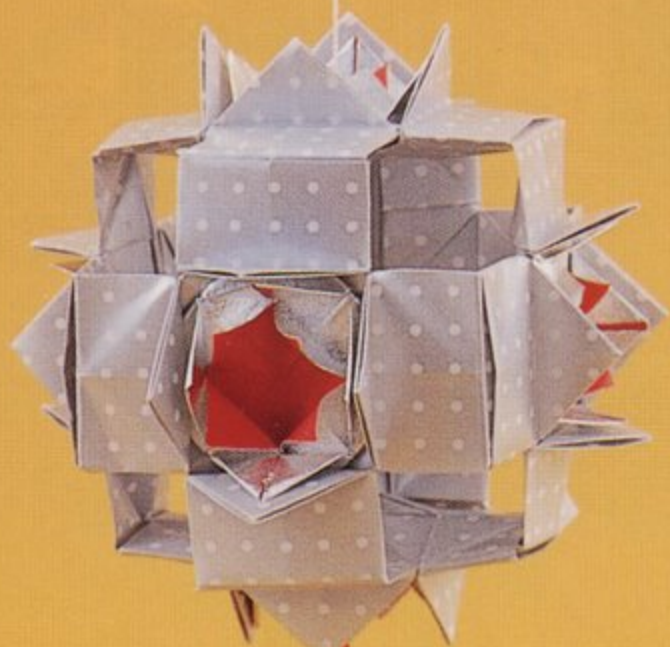
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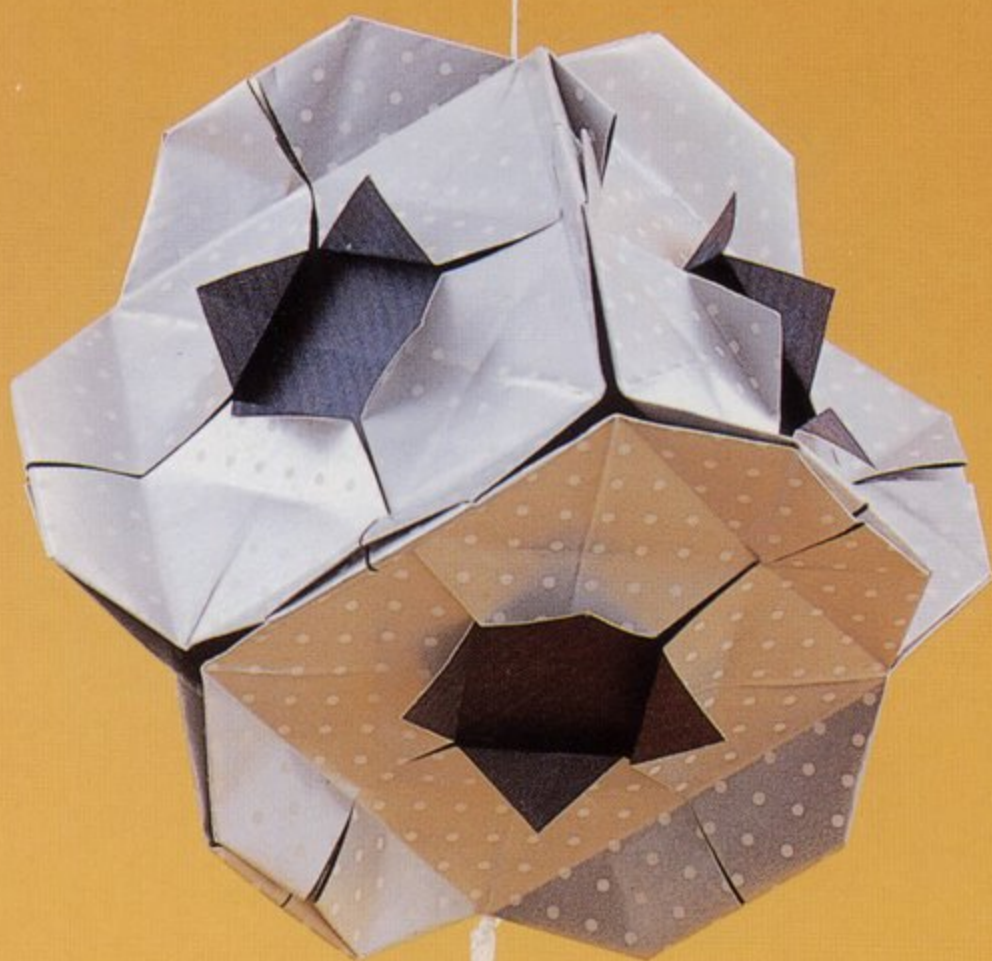
SHOOTING STAR
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DIANA
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MERCURY
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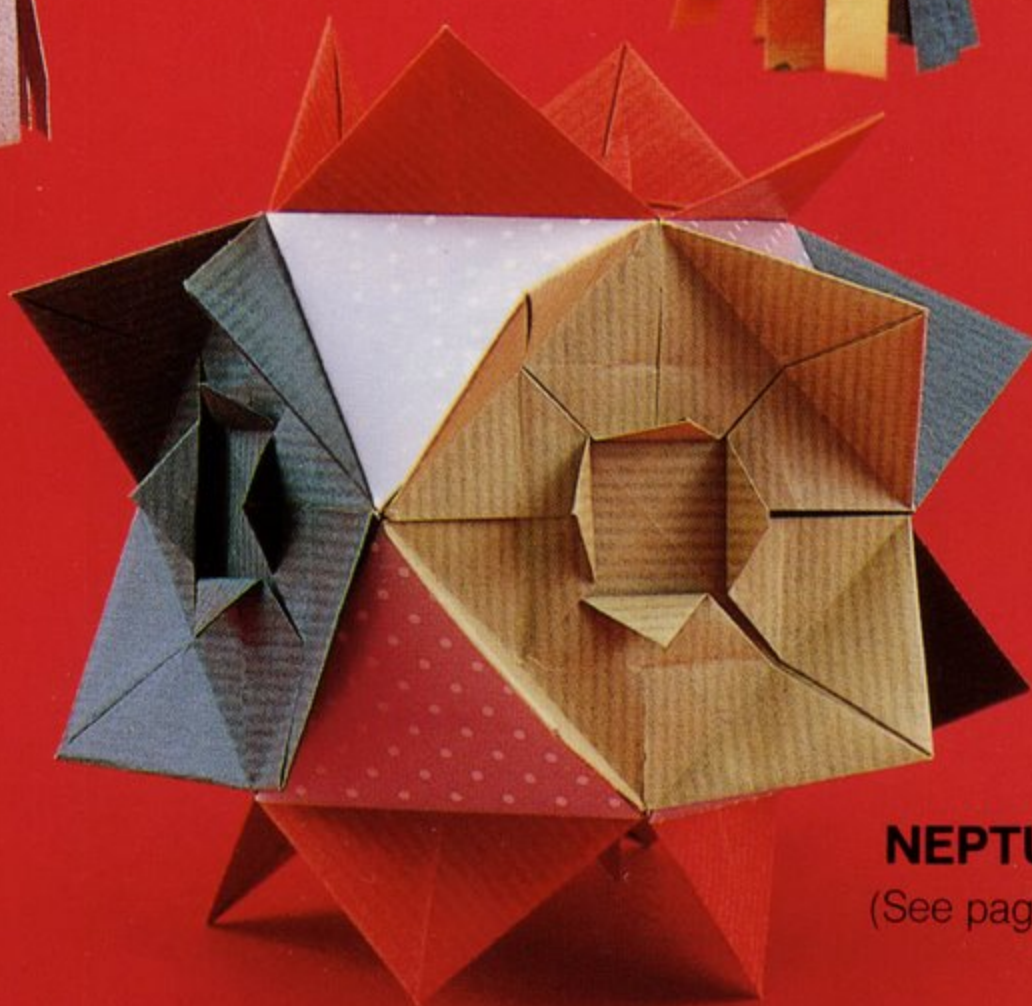
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ELEGANCE
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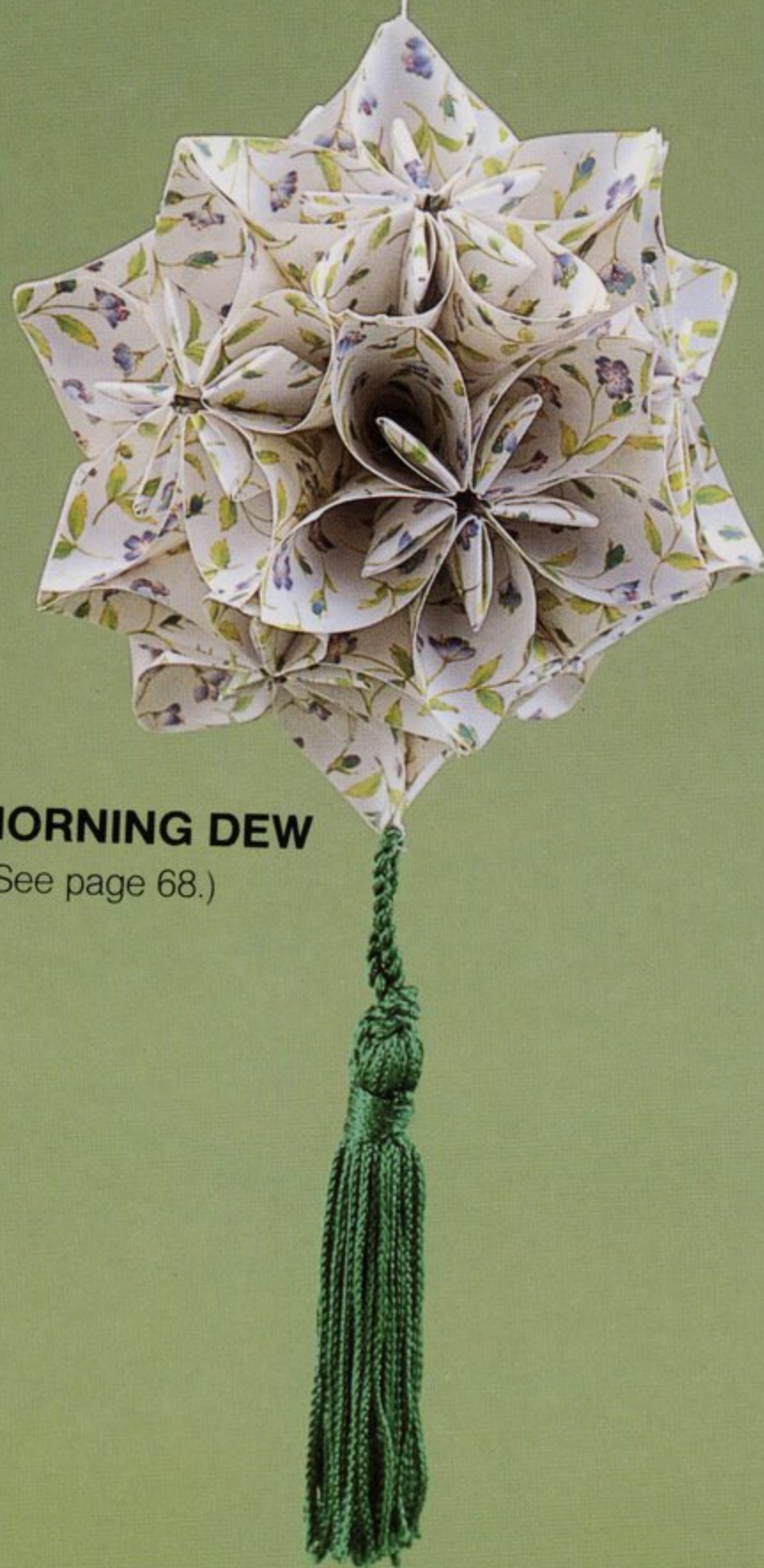
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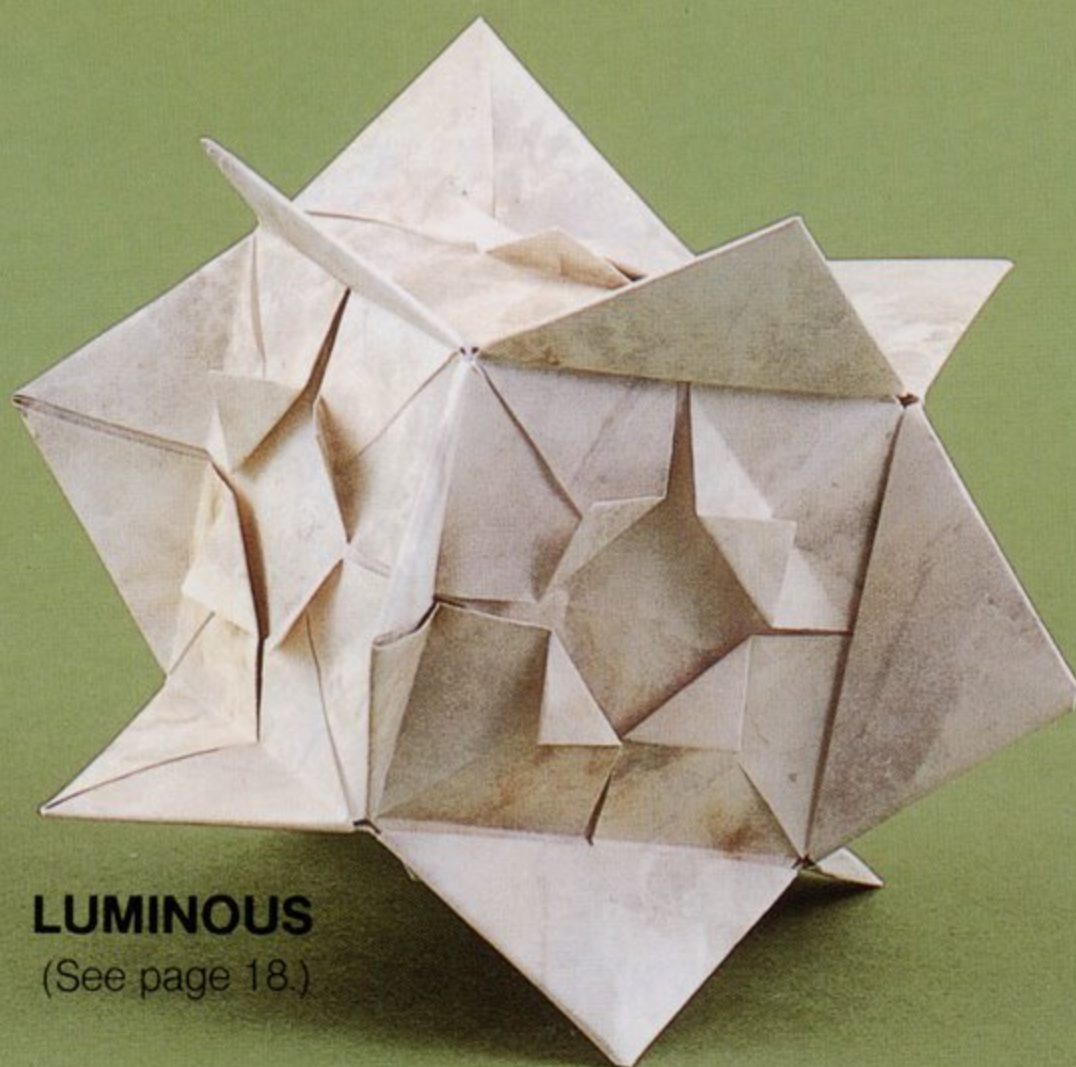
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BUTTERFLY
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MORNING DEW
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LUMINOUS
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VENUS

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1



Open the string with the bunch of yarn and put a group of assembled units on it.

2



First, insert the marked string into any slit of the units and then the other string in the following order: the second string into the second slit from the first string, the third string into the third slit from the second string, and the fourth string into the second slit from the third string.

3

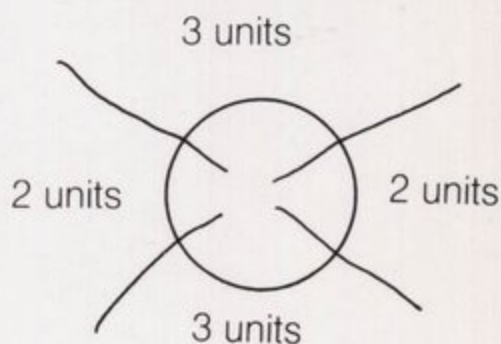
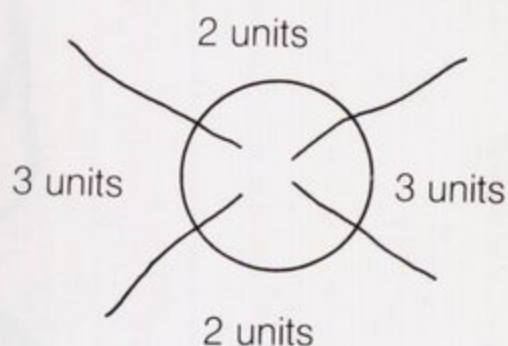


Put the second group of units on top of the first group, and thread the marked string through the second group, and the other strings in the following order: the second string into the third slit, the third string into the second slit, and the fourth string into the third slit.

4

FIRST & THIRD GROUPS

SECOND & FOURTH GROUPS



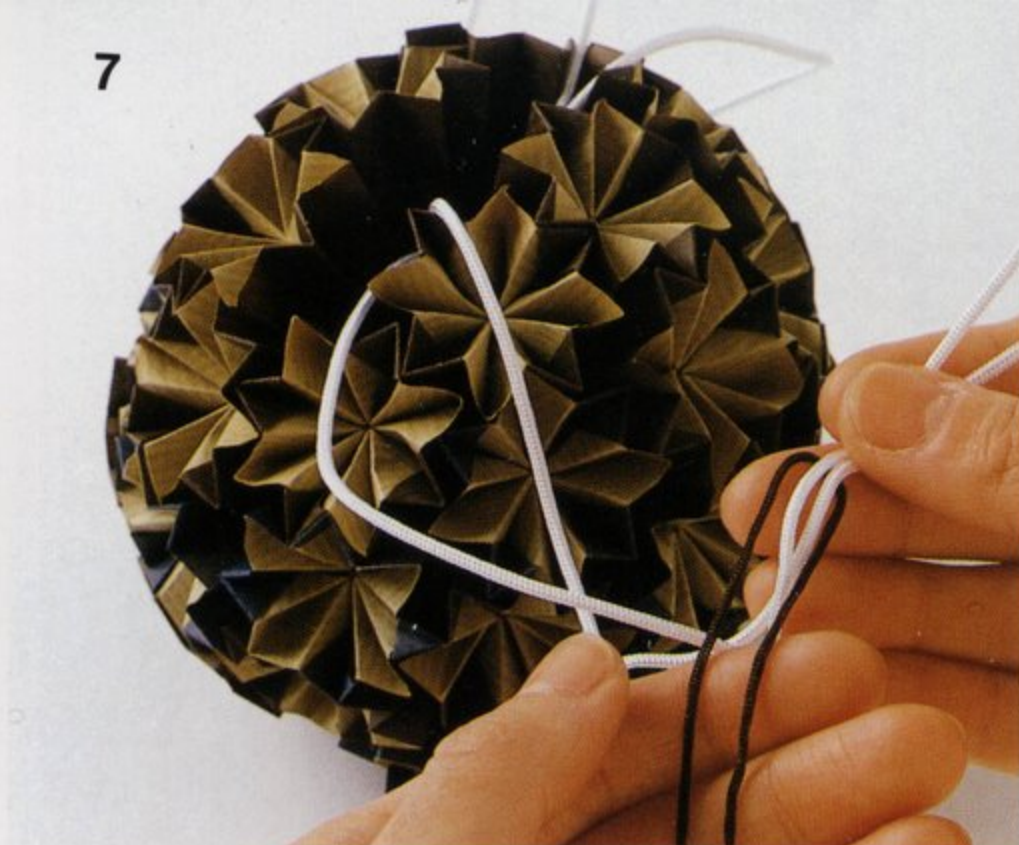
Put the third and fourth groups and thread the strings as illustrated.

5



Pull the strings one by one and shape the whole carefully.

7



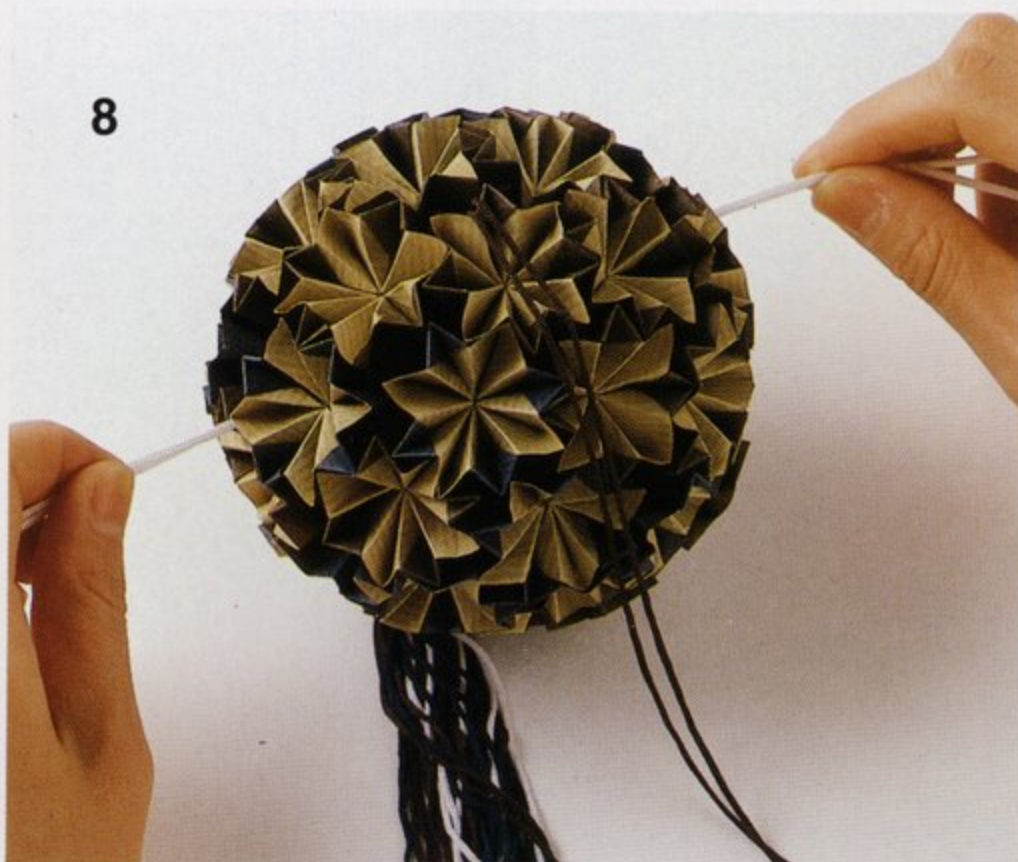
Thread the string through the loop of the hanger.

6



Hold each of two strings together and make a loose knot in the center and pull the string slowly. When the knot comes to the base, fasten it tightly so that the whole makes a round ball.

8



Tie twice firmly as in step 6.

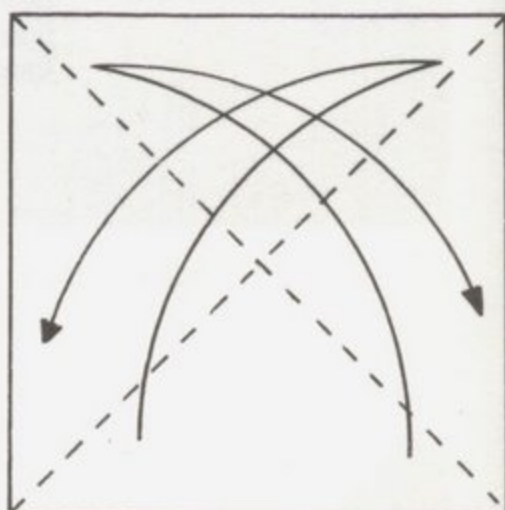
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Cut the strings near the base. Completed.

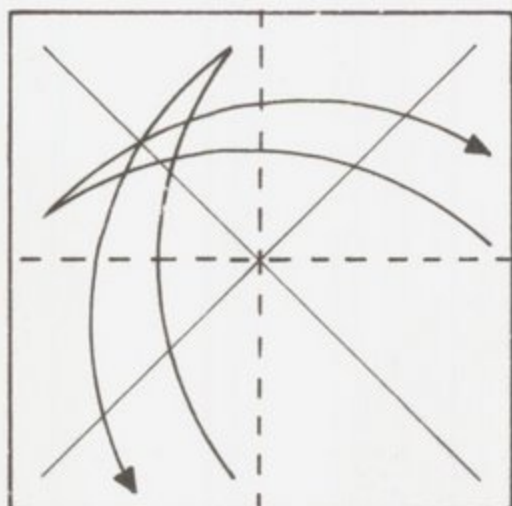
DIANA

①



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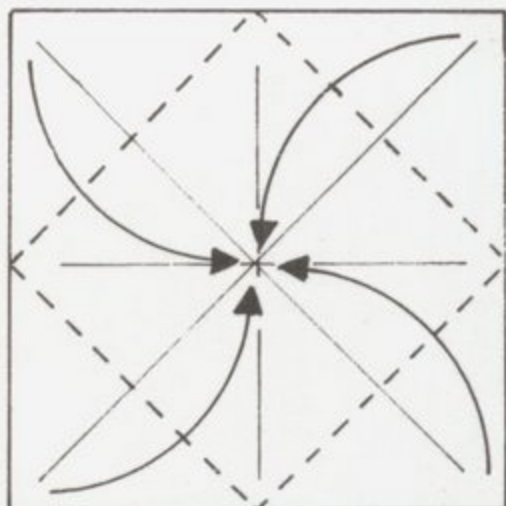
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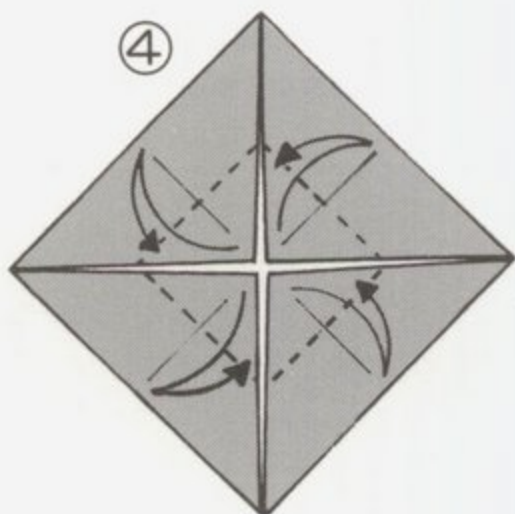
BLINTZ FOLD

③



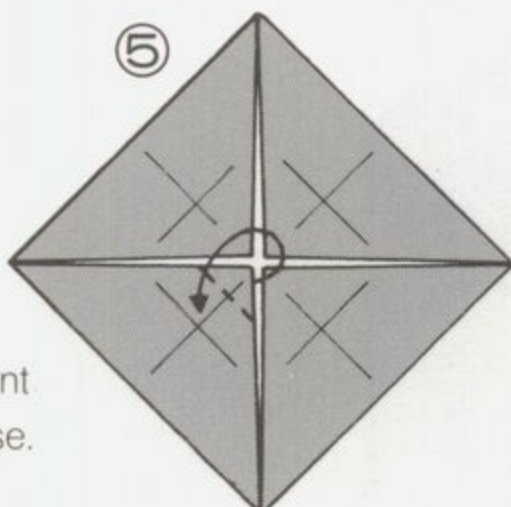
Fold the four corners to the center.

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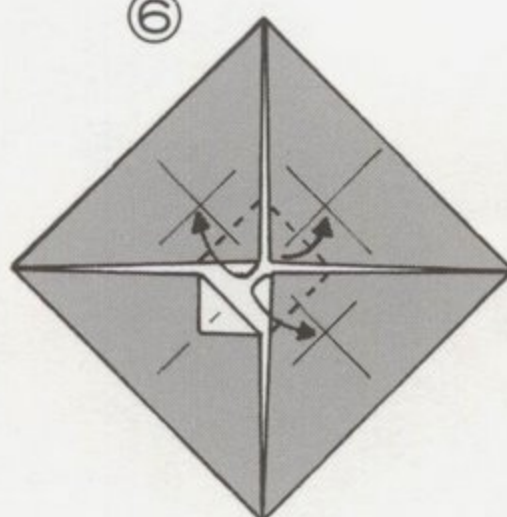
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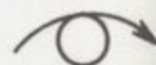
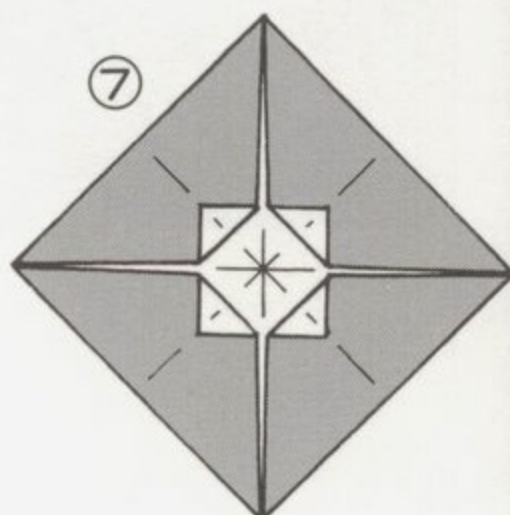
Fold the point to the crease.

⑥



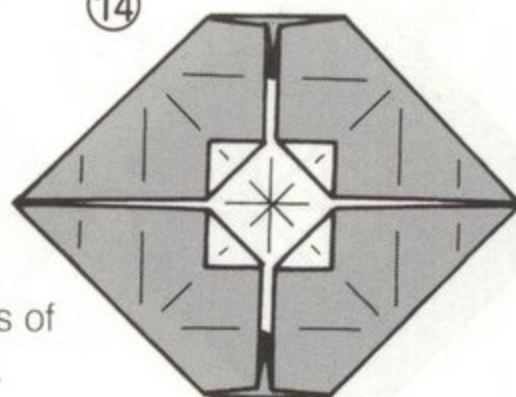
Fold the other points in the same way.

⑦



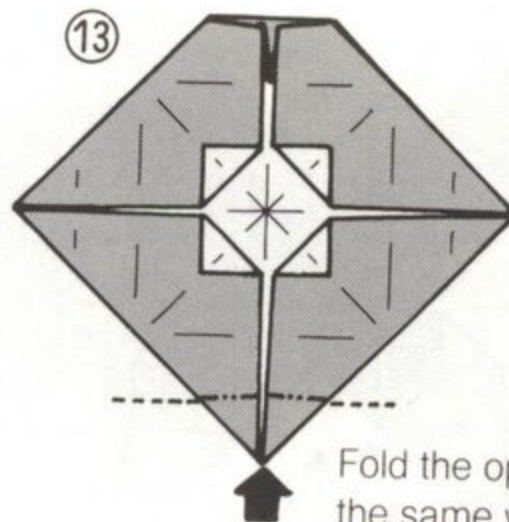


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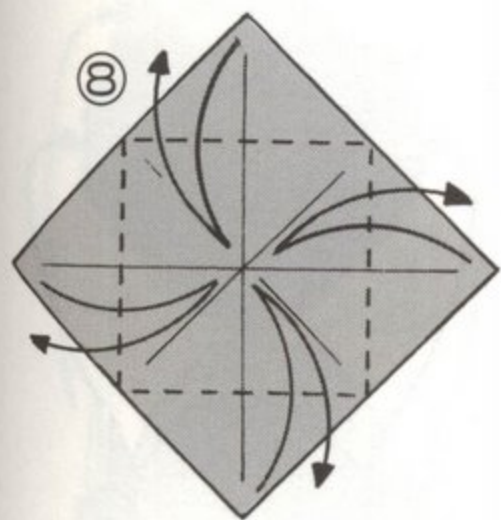
Fold six pieces of this basic unit.

⑬



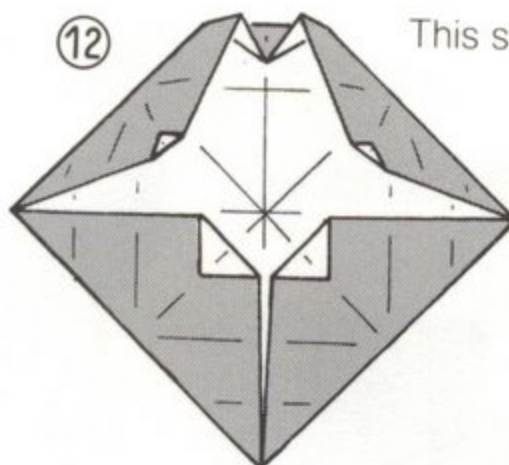
Fold the opposite corner in the same way.

⑧



Make creases.

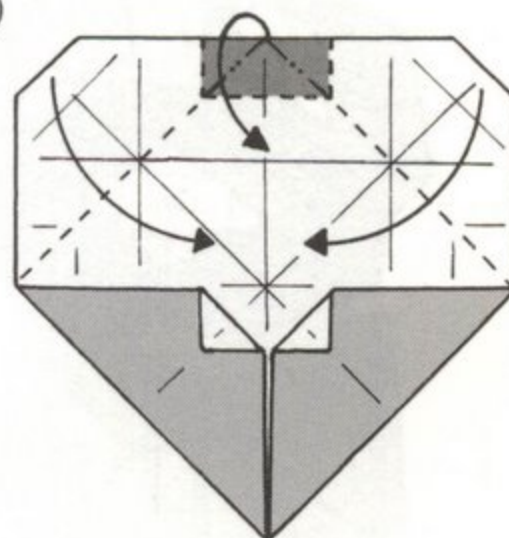
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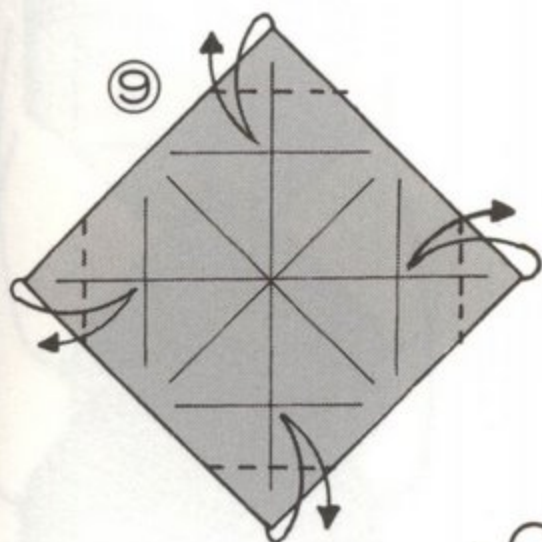
This shows how to fold.

Fold so that the marked part comes inside.

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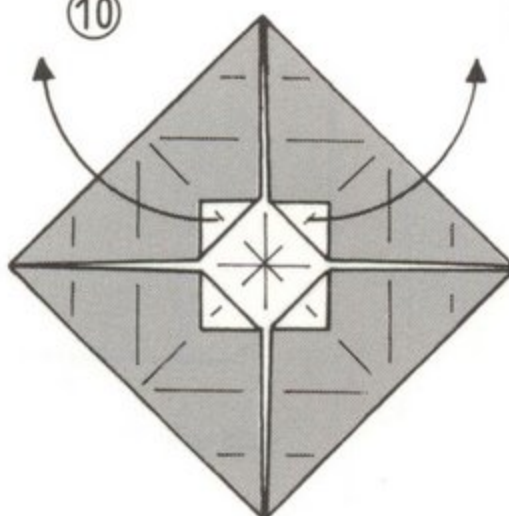
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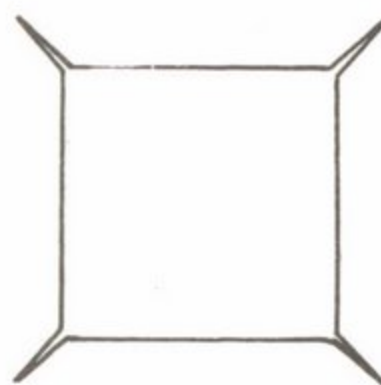
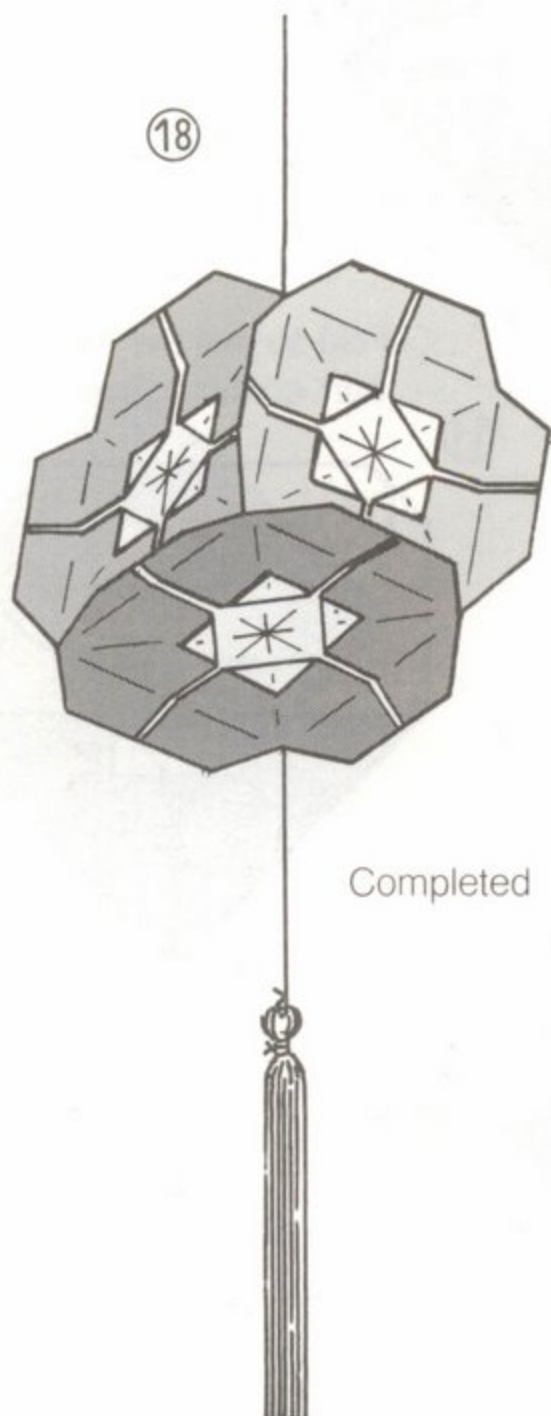
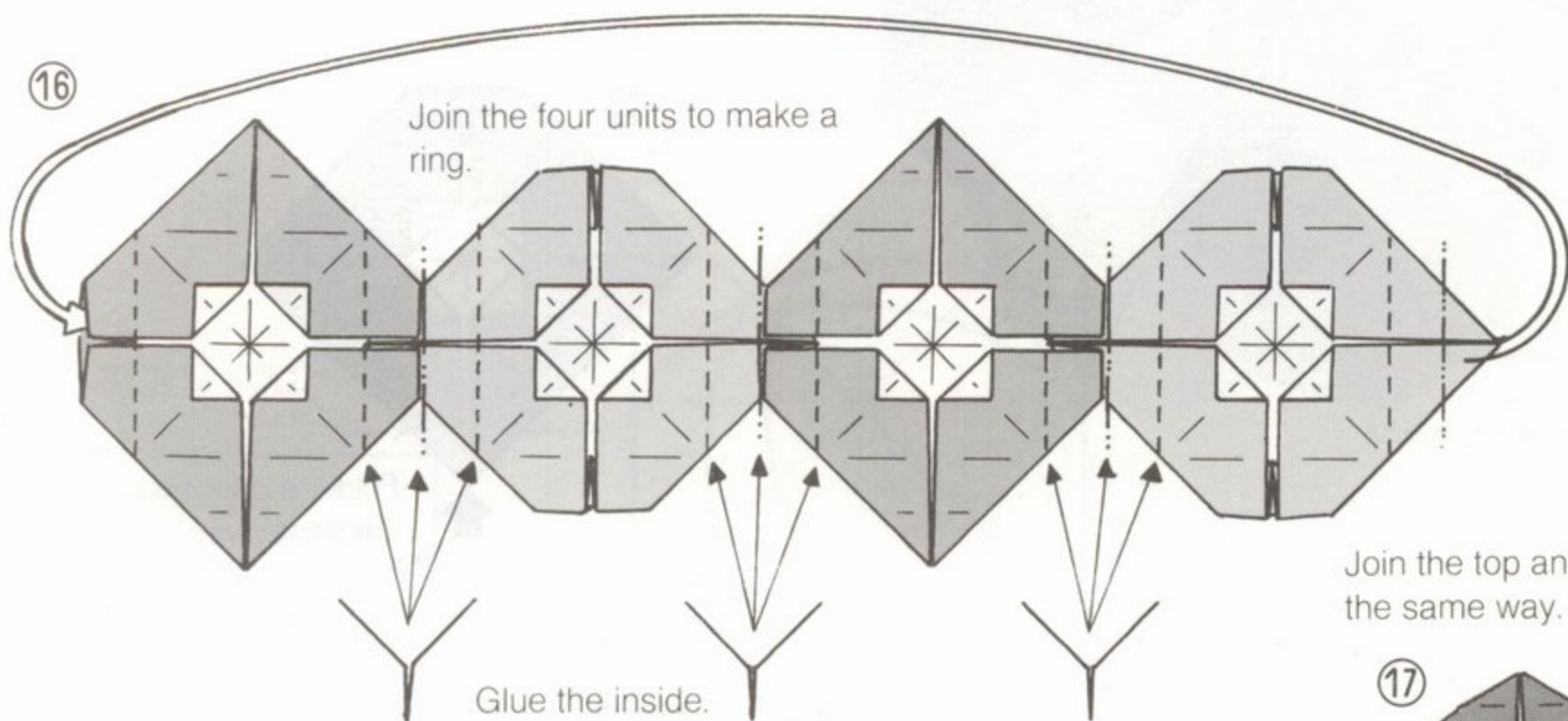
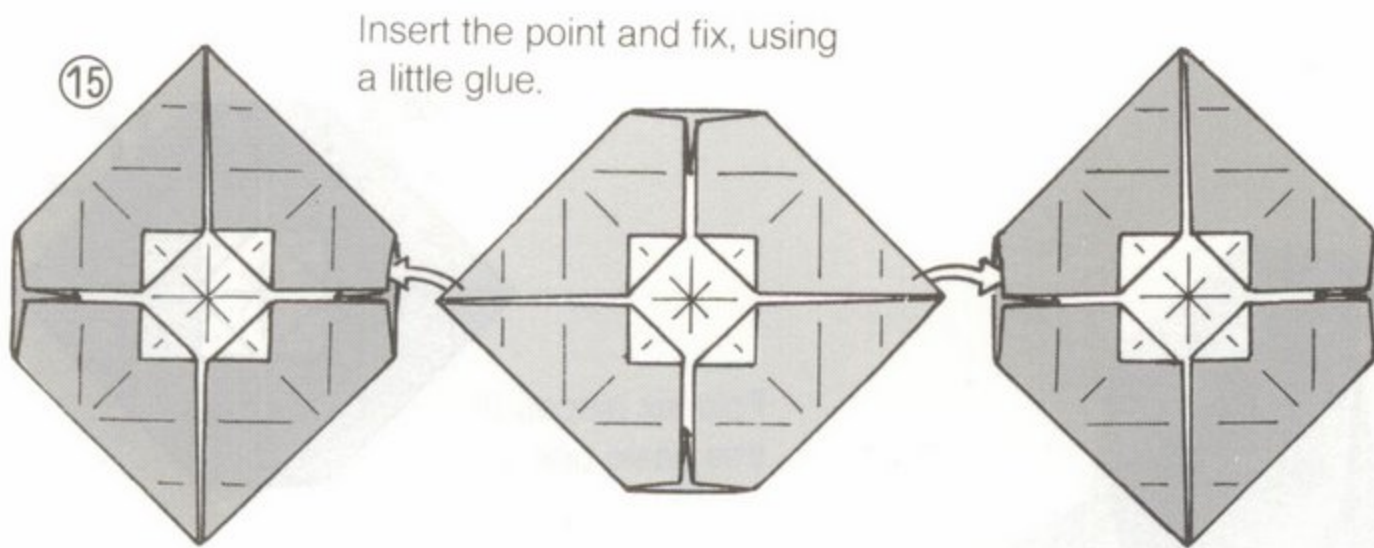


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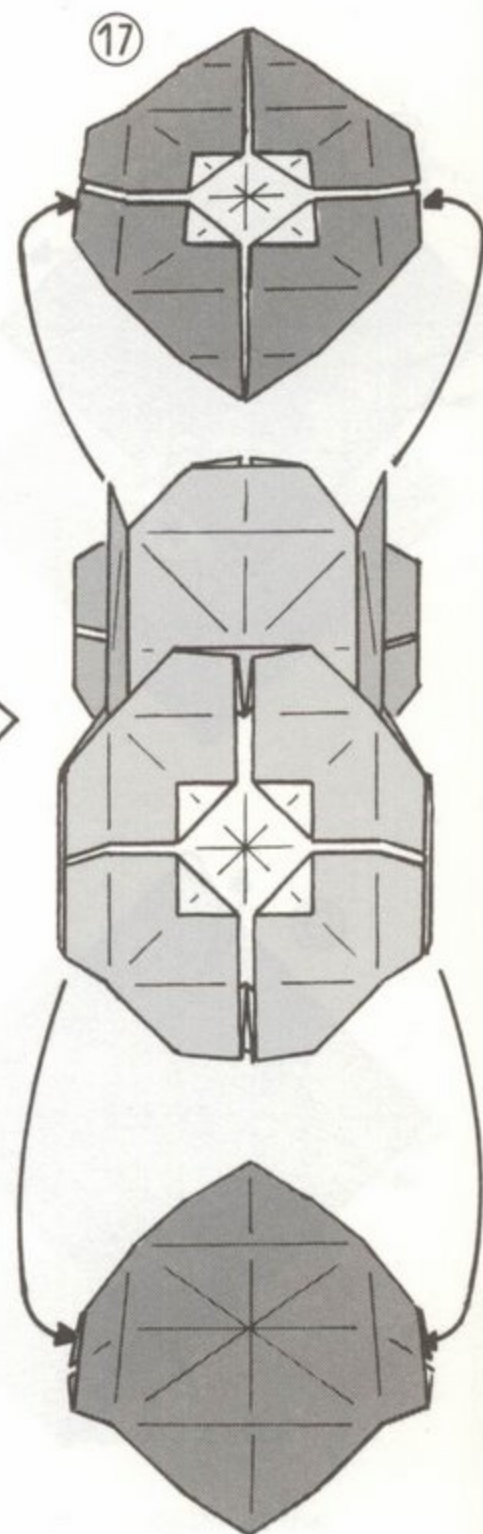
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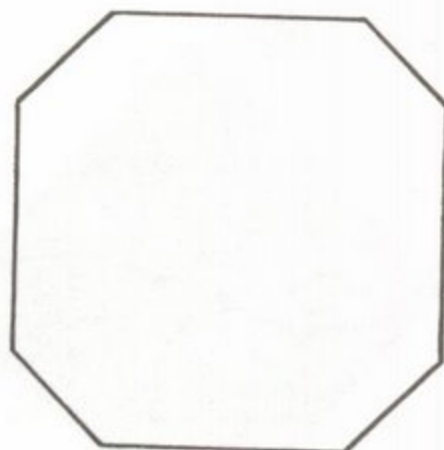
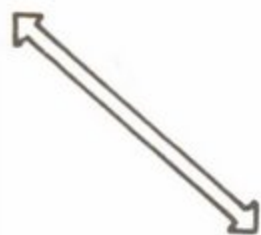
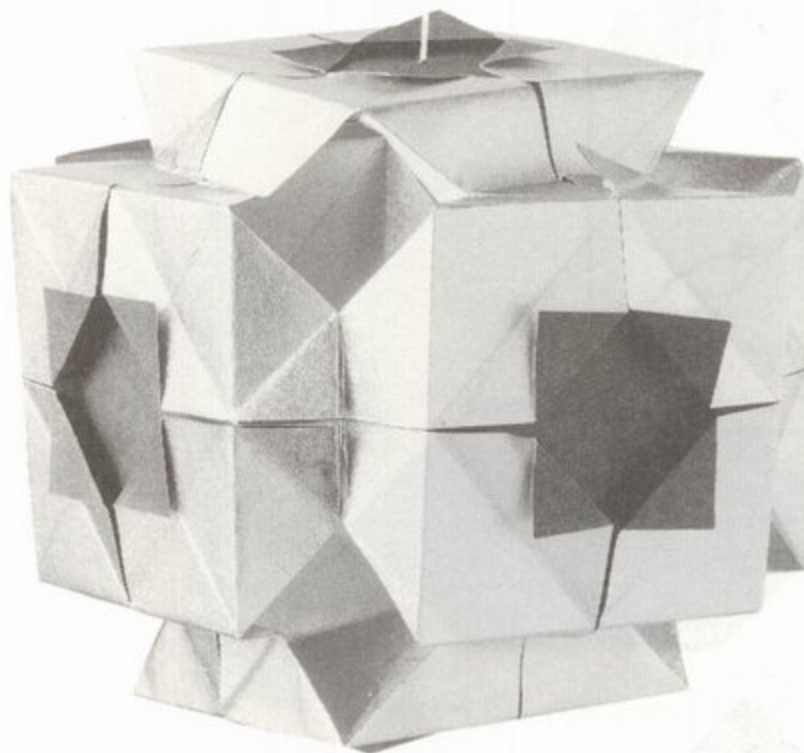
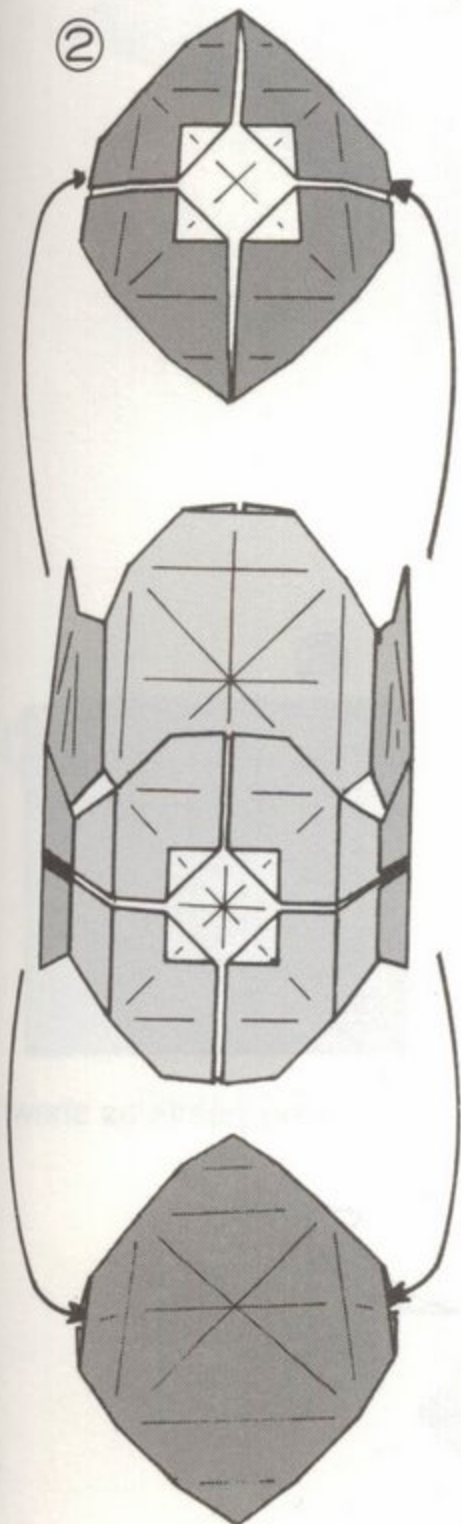
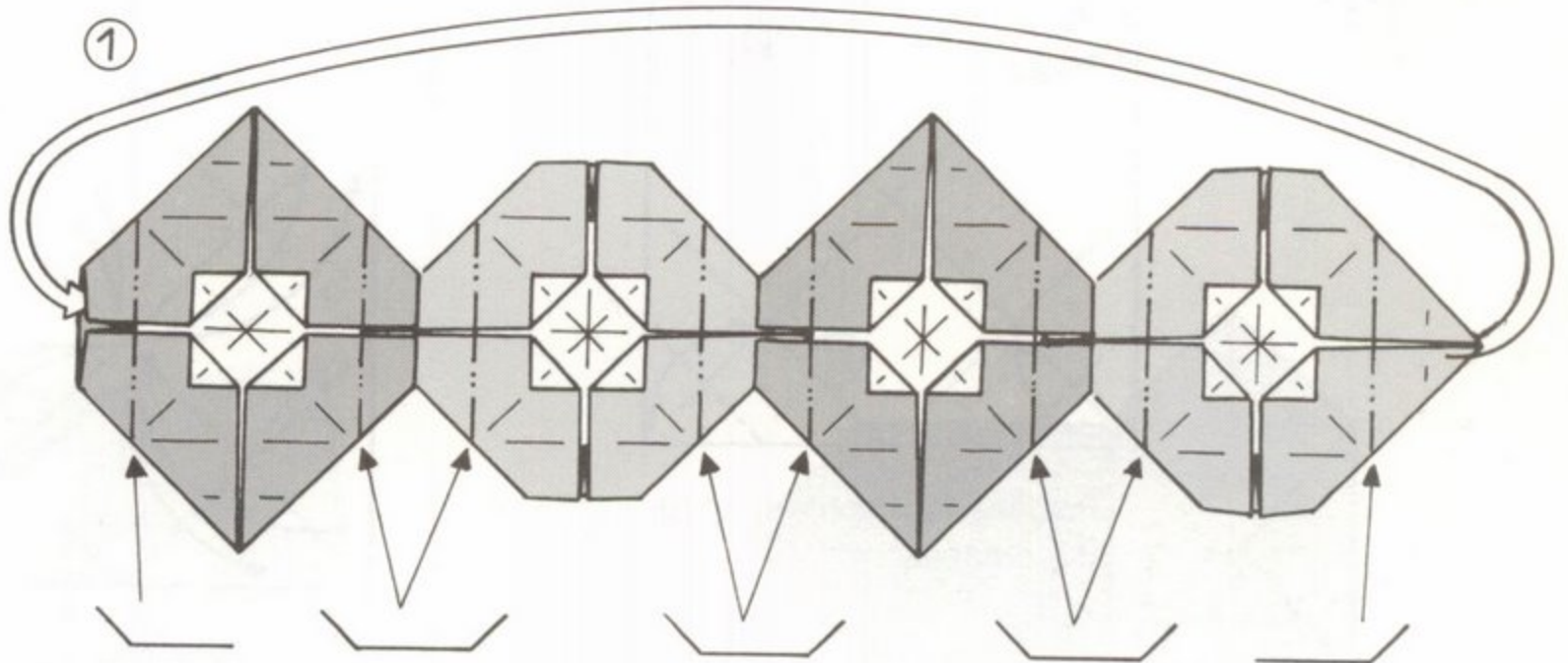
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Completed

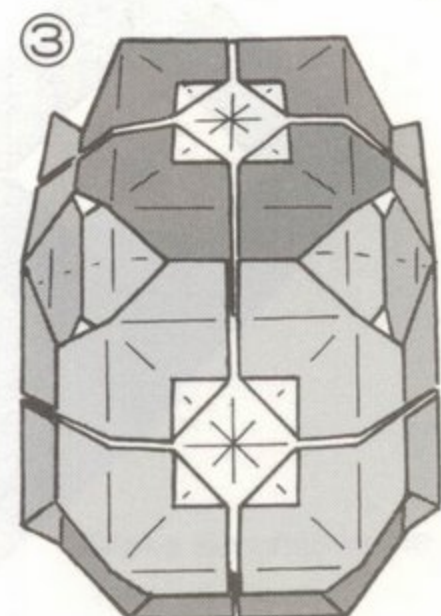


COMET

Combine four units and join them.



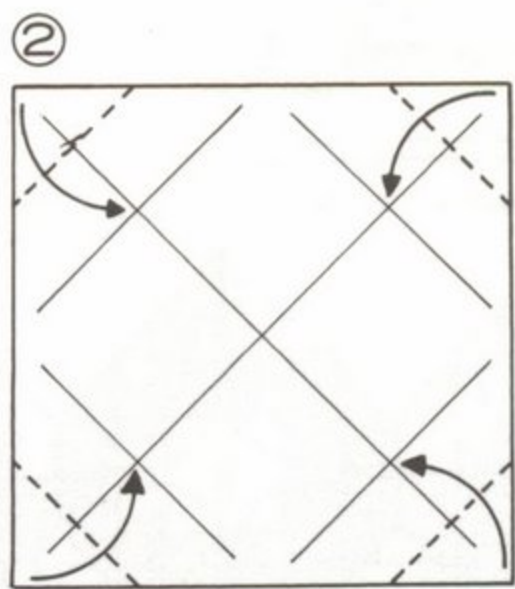
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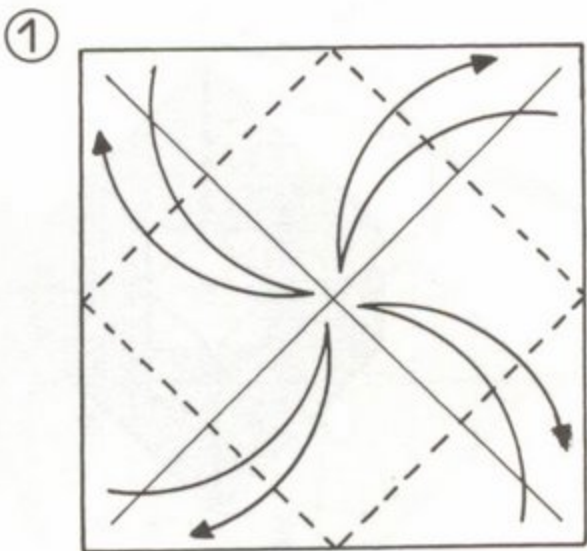
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Combine top and bottom in the same way.

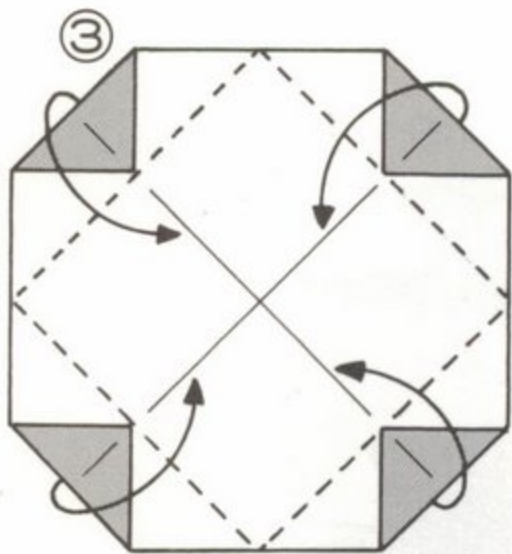
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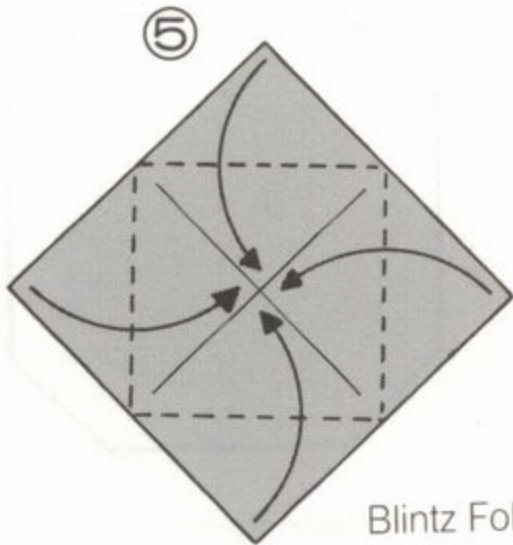
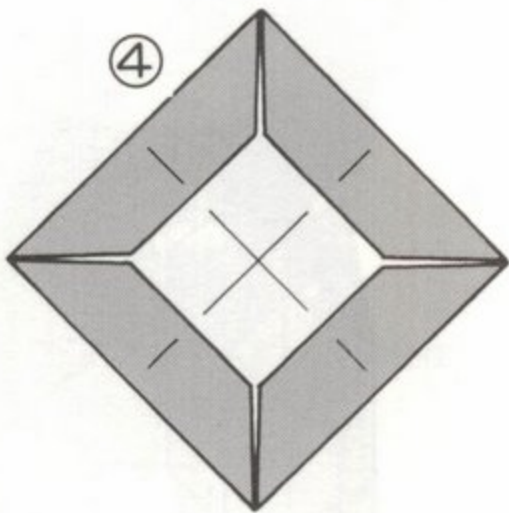
Fold the four corners up to the creases.



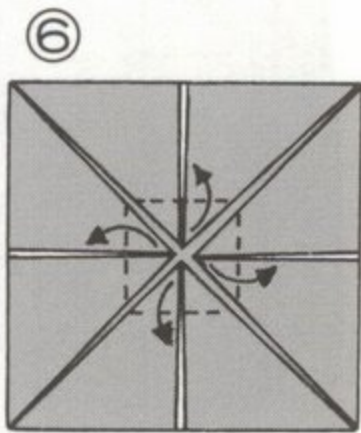
Make creases.



Fold on the creases.

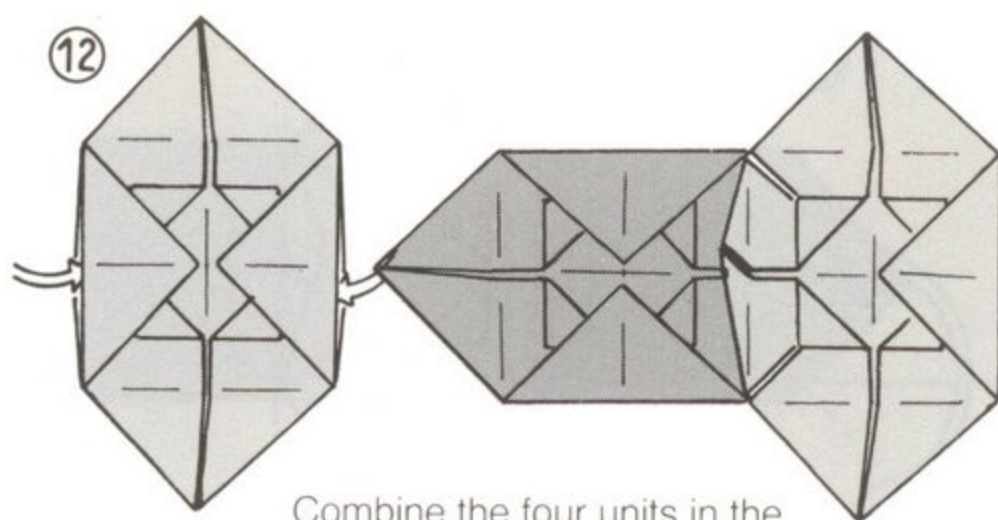


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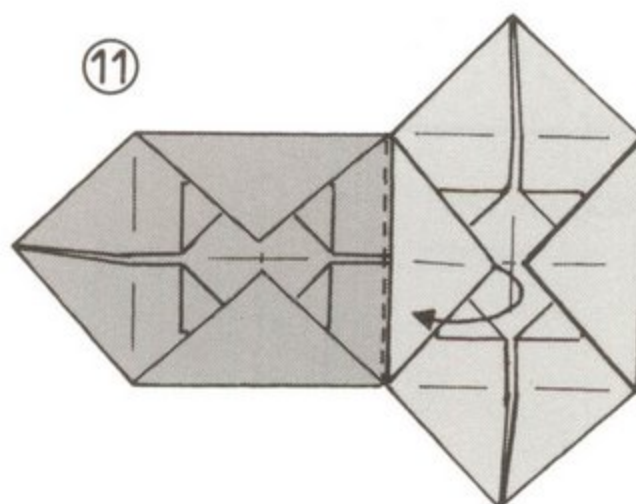
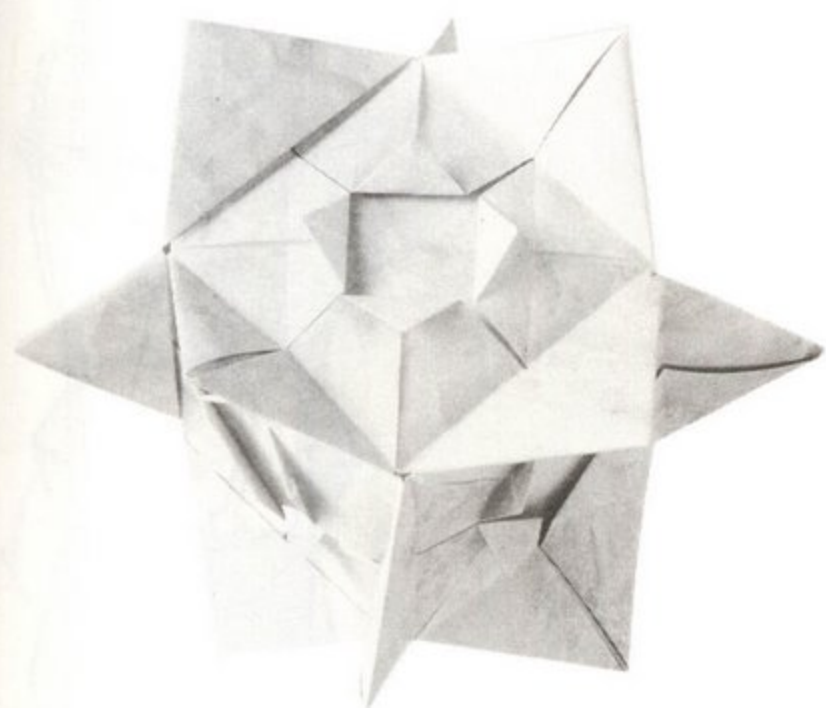


Fold the points as shown.

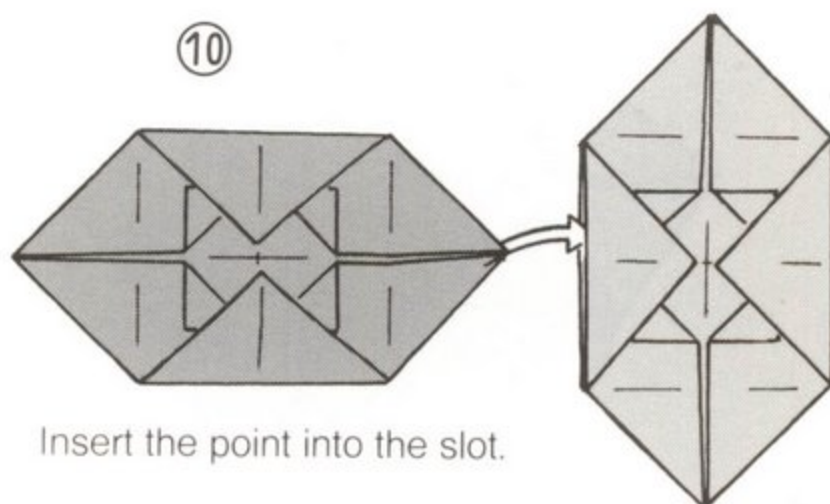




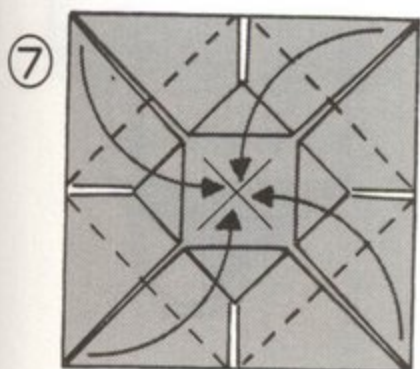
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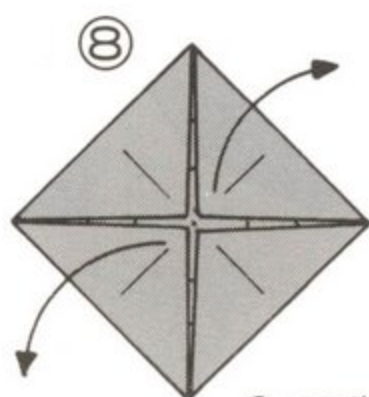
Lift one corner of the triangle.



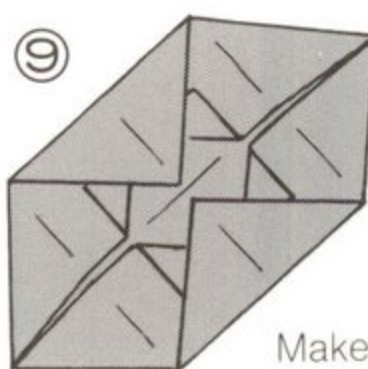
Insert the point into the slot.



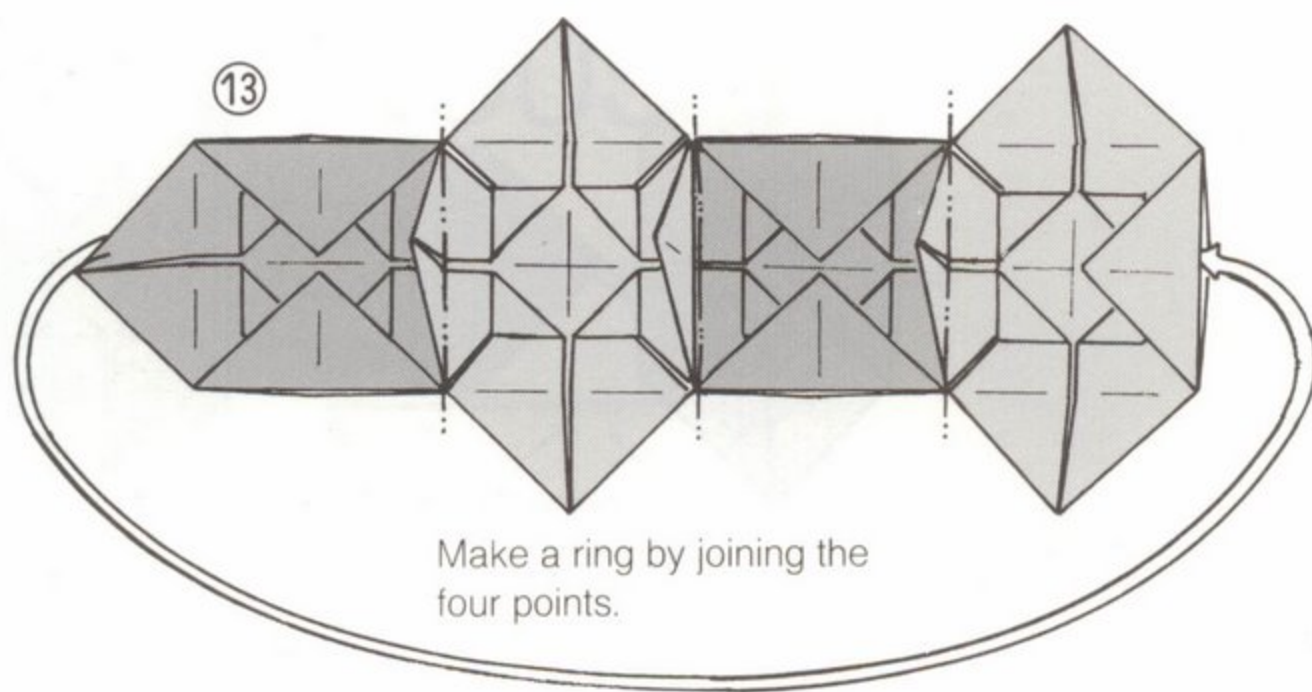
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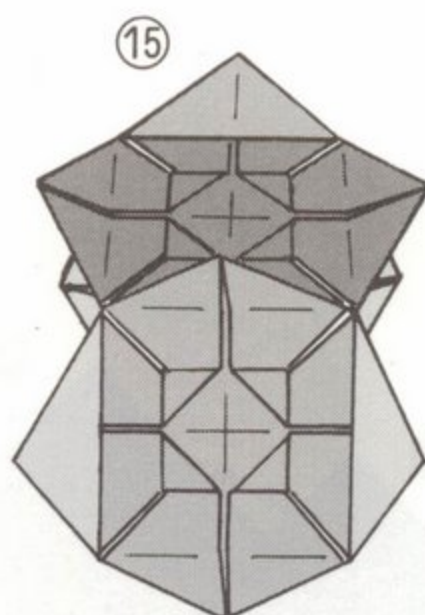
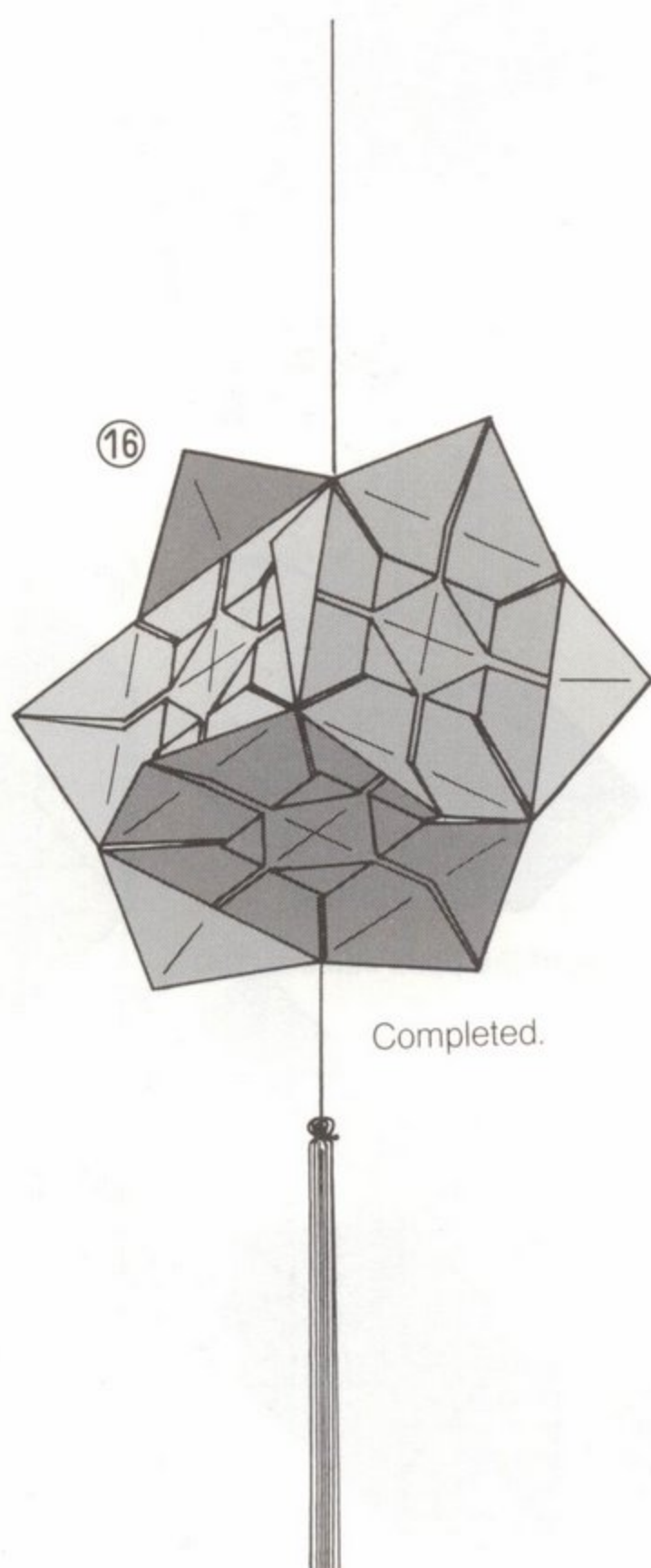
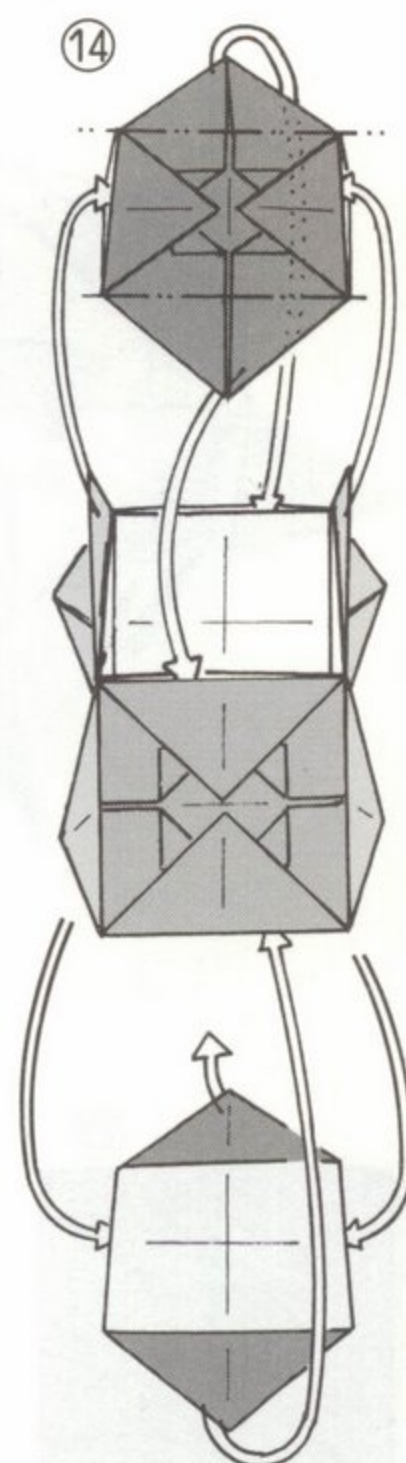
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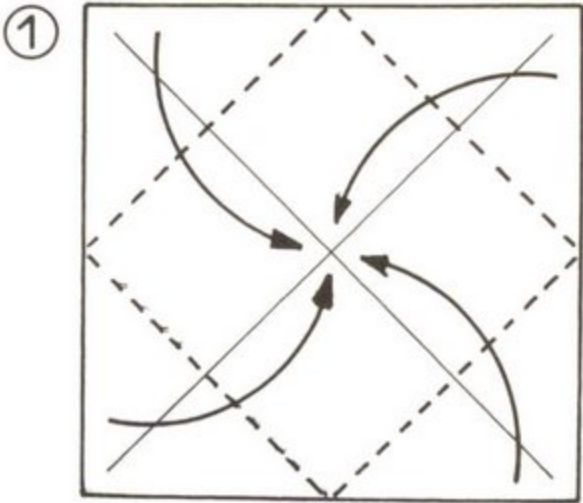
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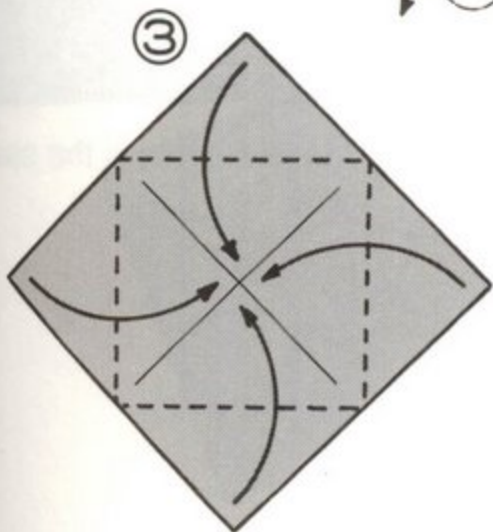
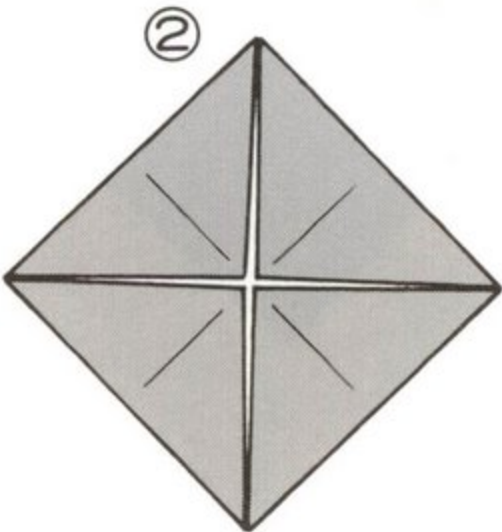
Combine the top and bottom units.



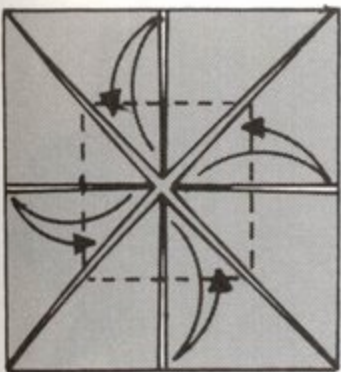
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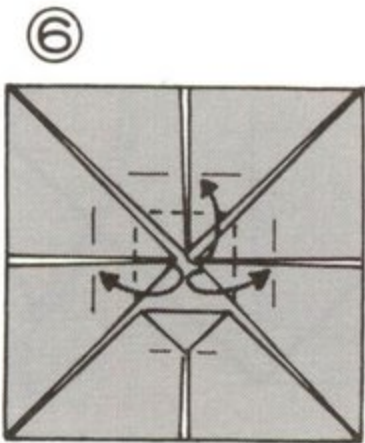
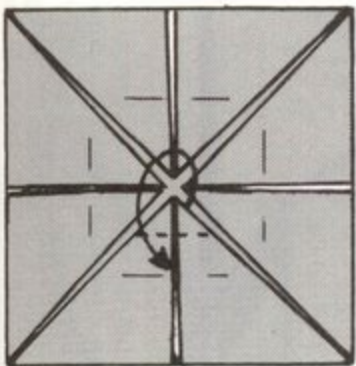
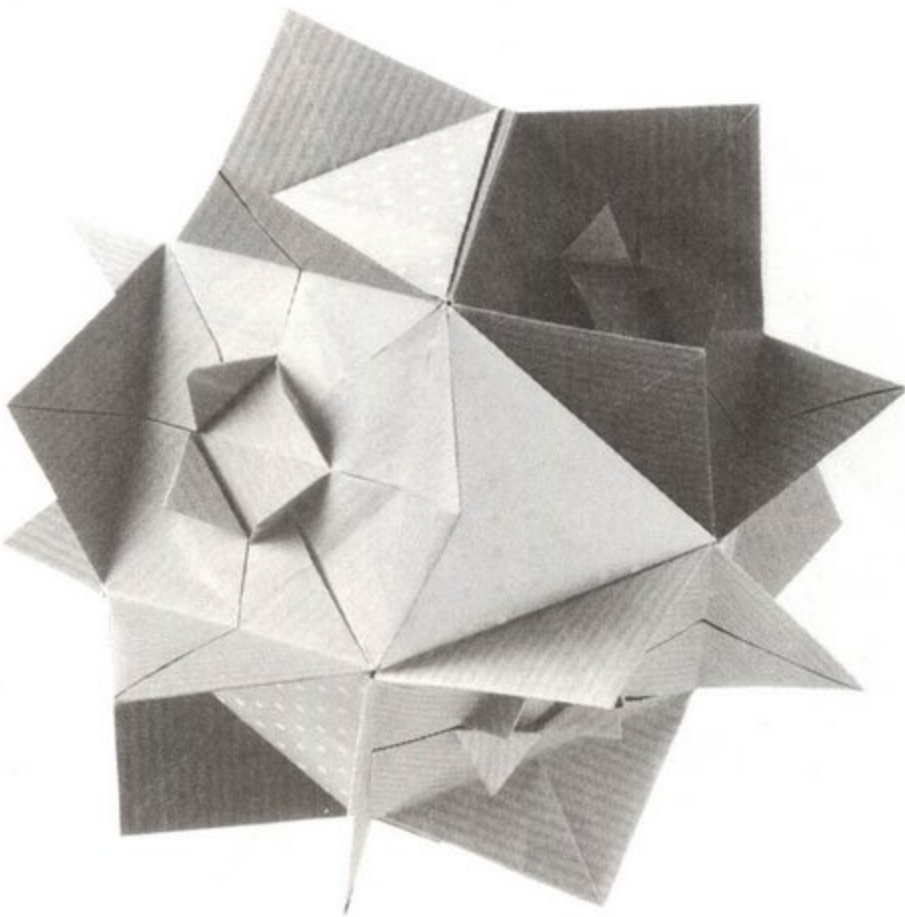
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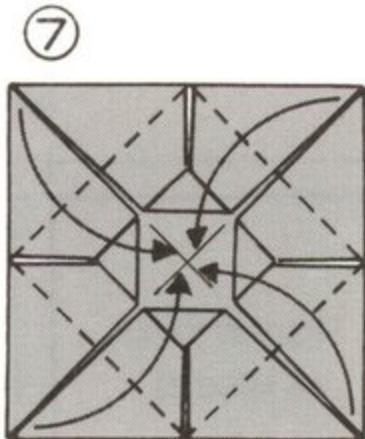
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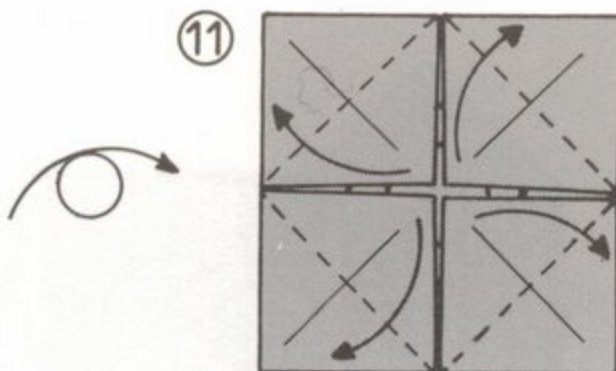
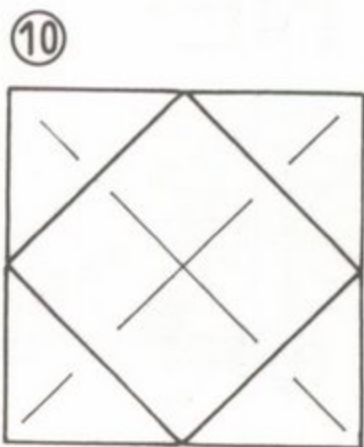
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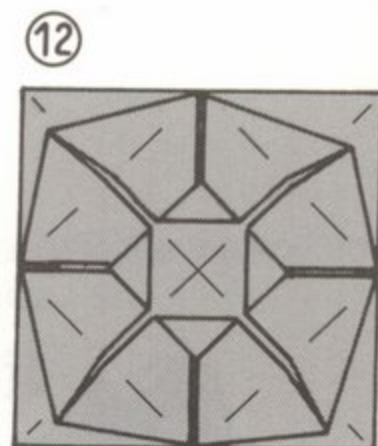
Fold the other tips in the same way.



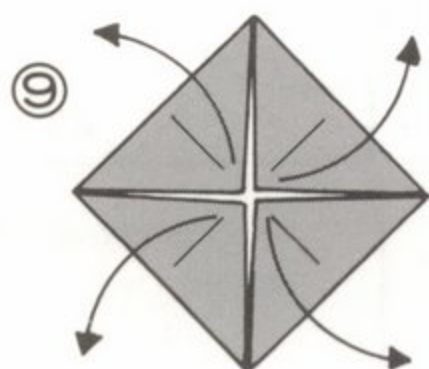
Make a Blintz Fold



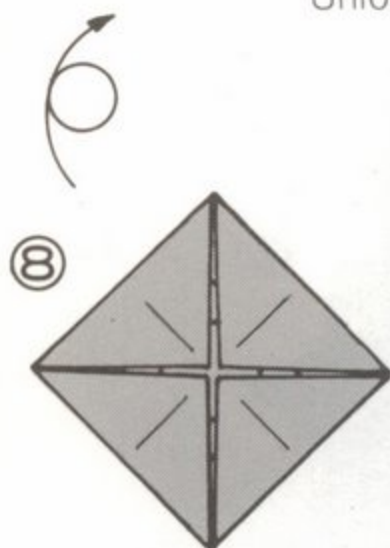
Open the four flaps.



Make 6 units in the same way.

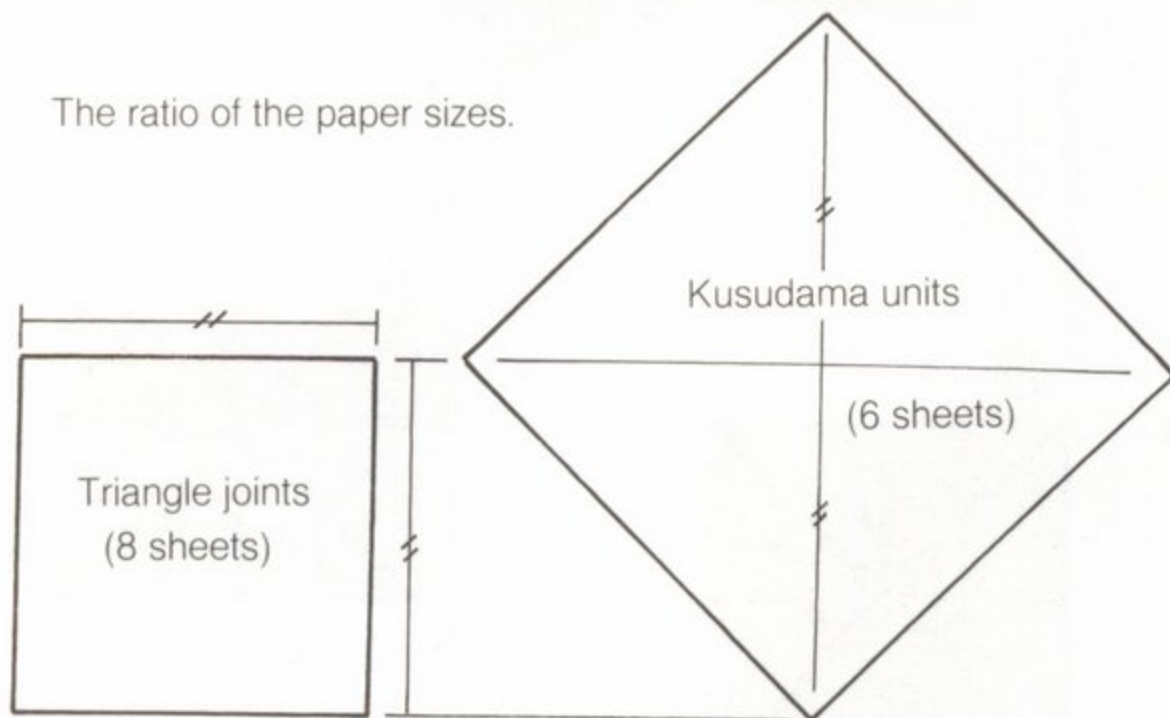


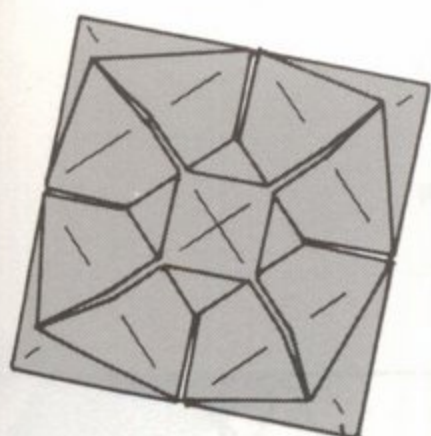
Unfold.



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The ratio of the paper sizes.

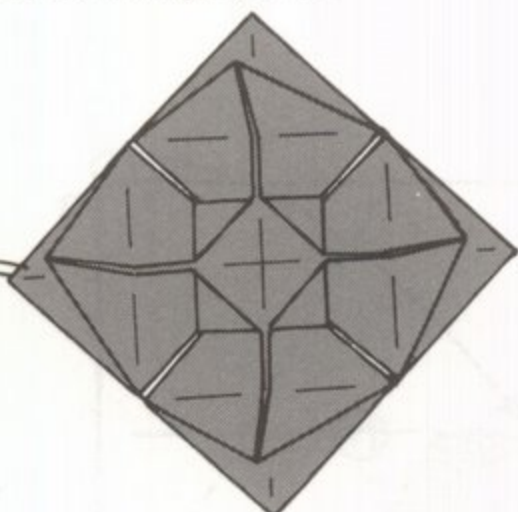
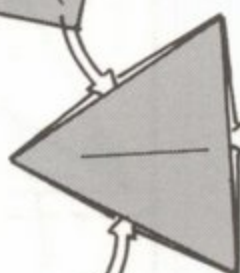




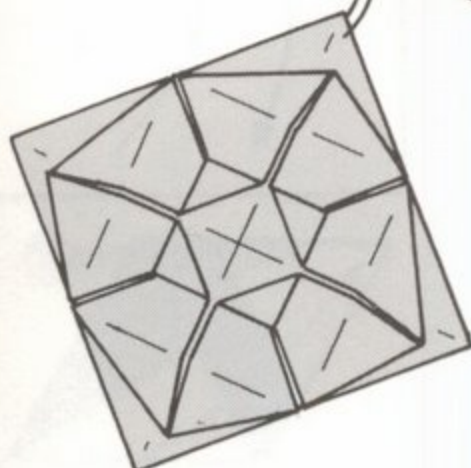
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Insert the corners into the pockets of triangle joints.

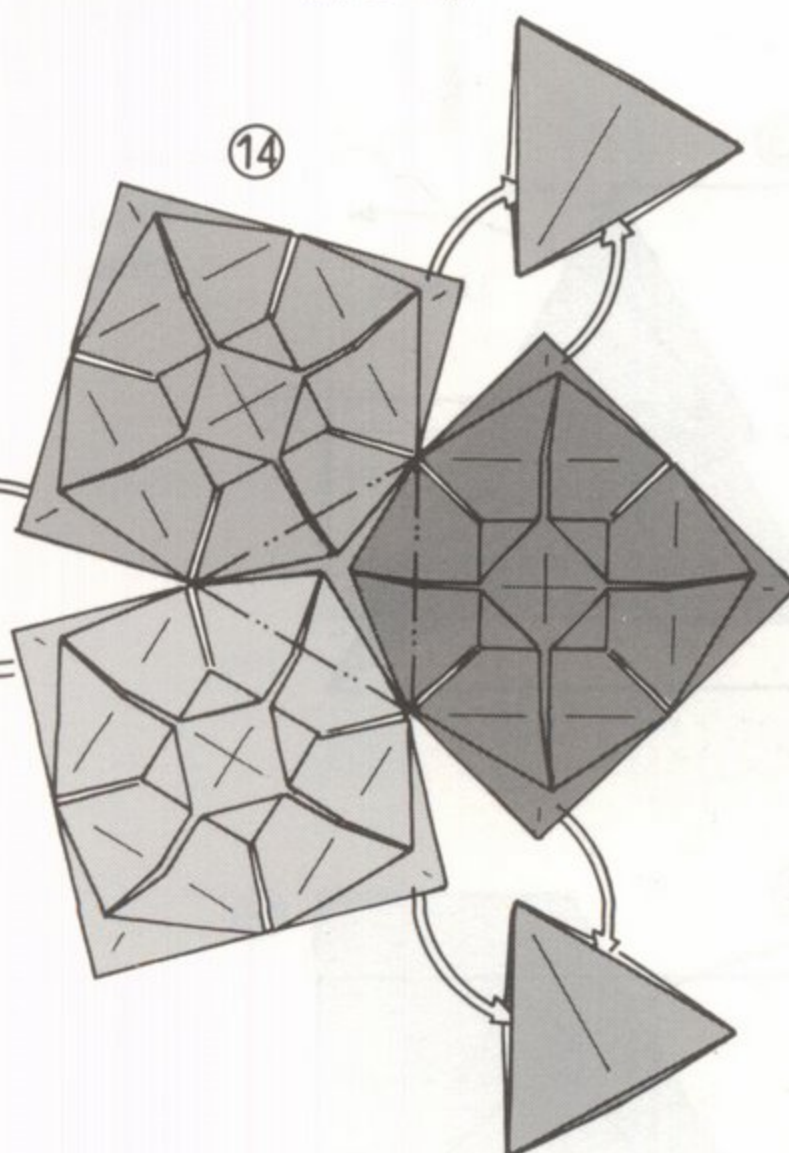
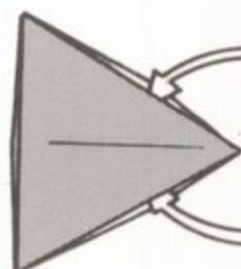
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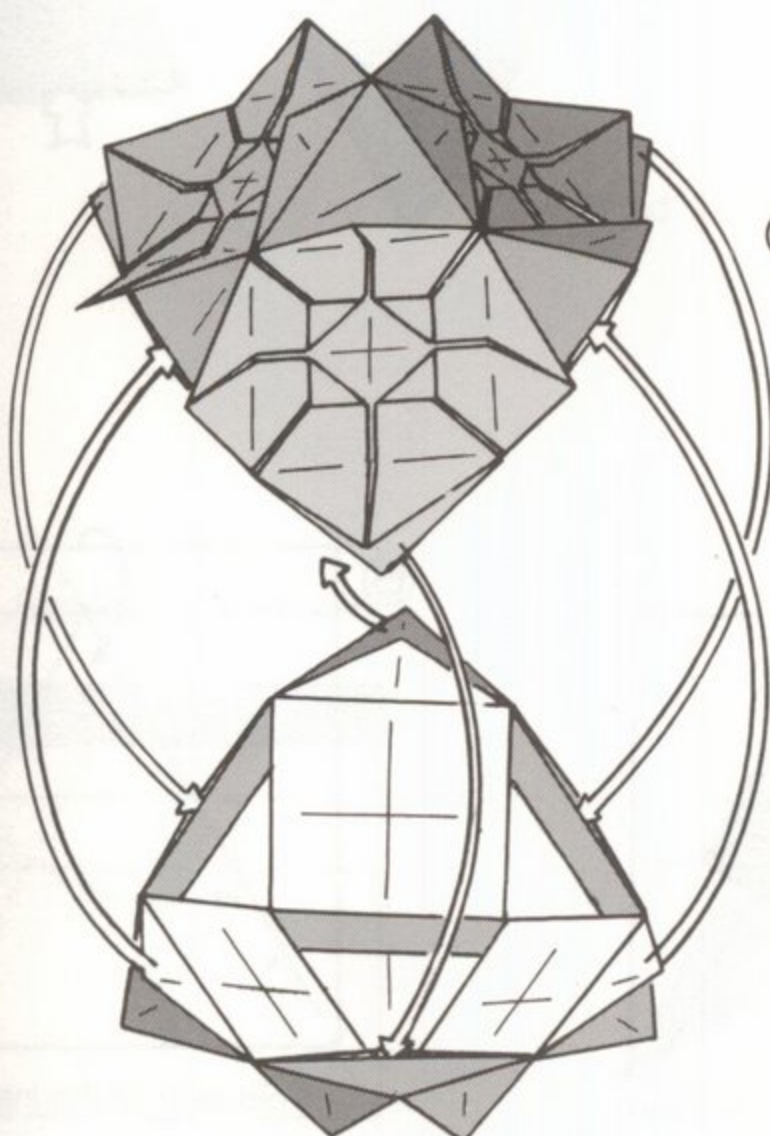
Join the other corners in the same way.



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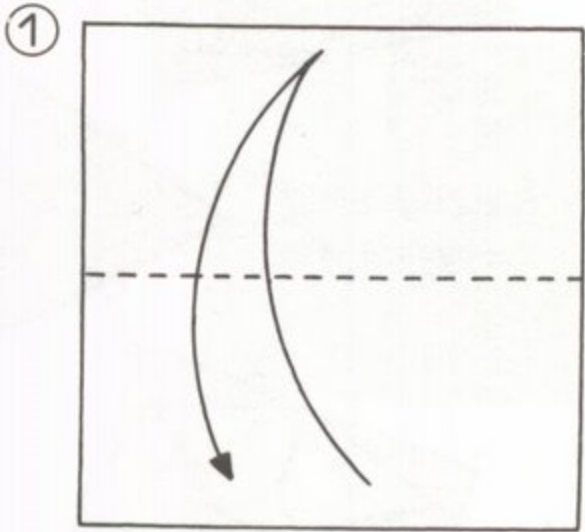


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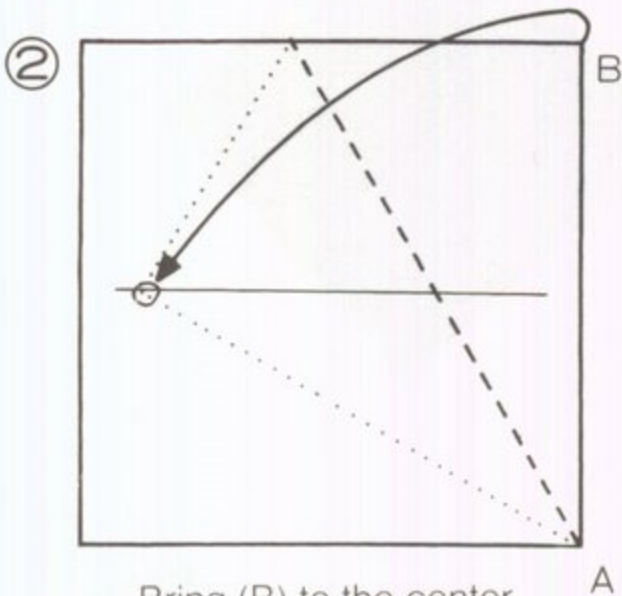


Make two groups of the three units and join them.

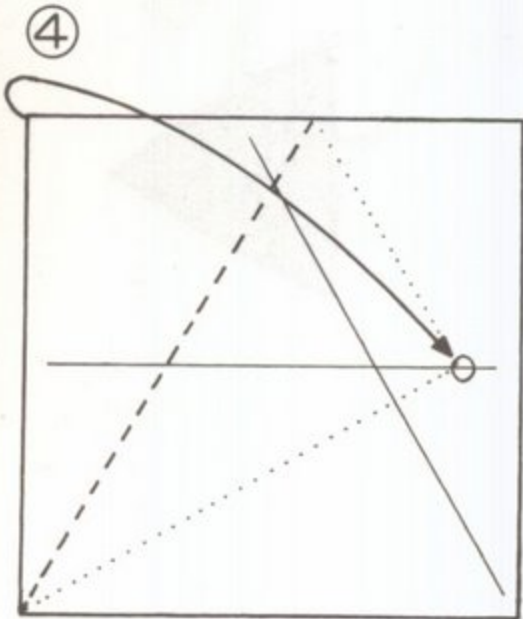
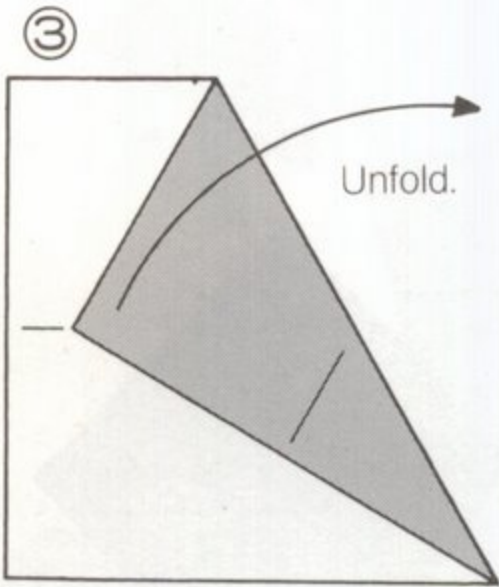
TRIANGLE UNIT



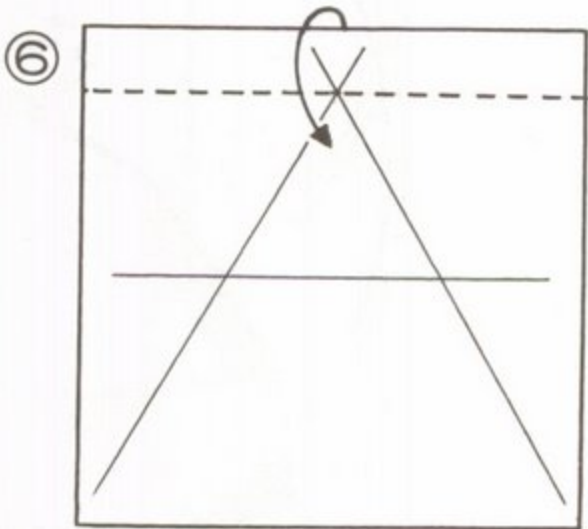
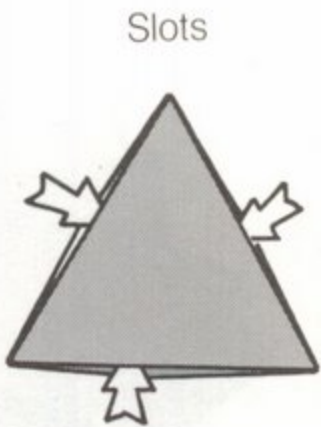
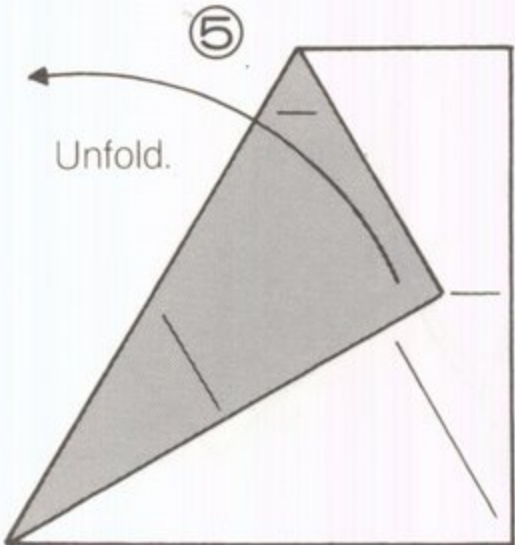
Make a crease.



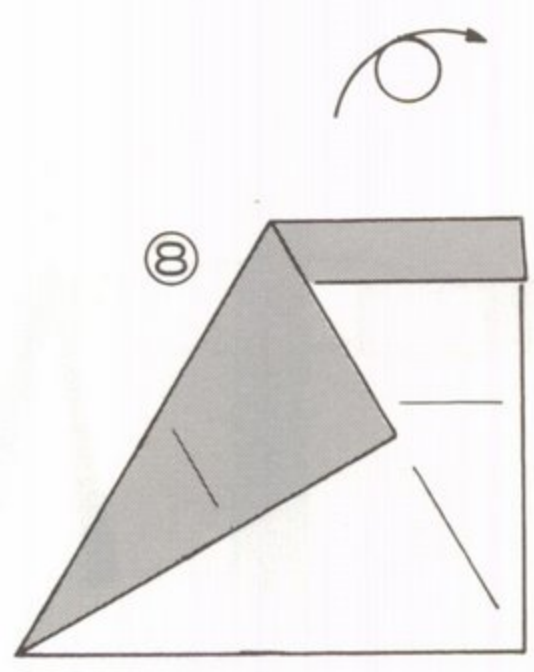
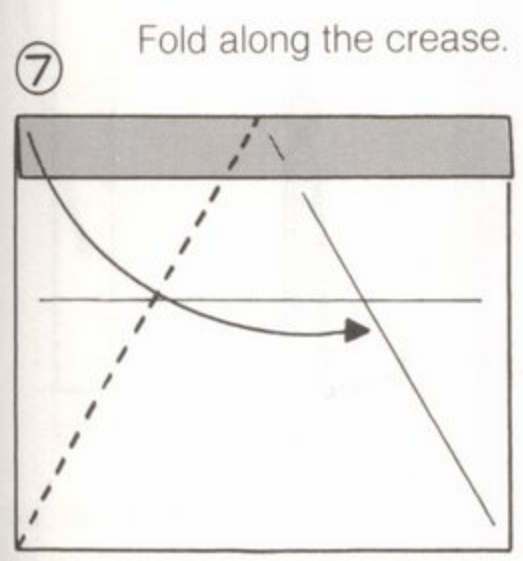
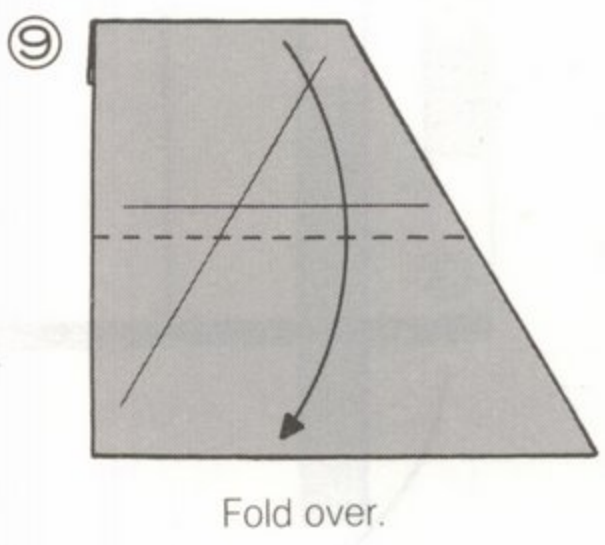
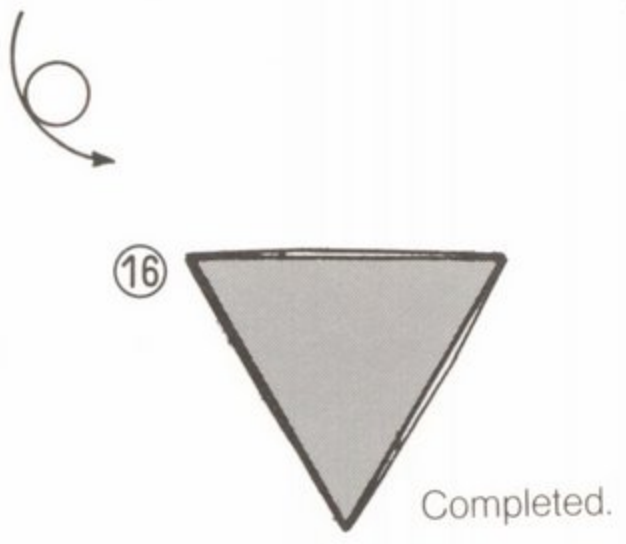
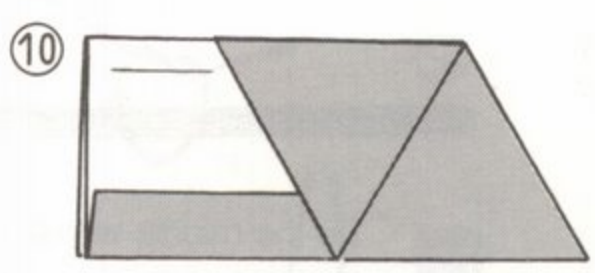
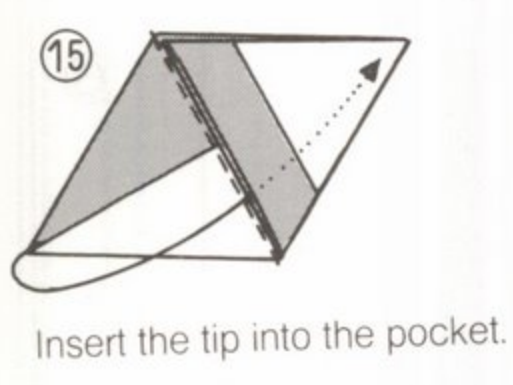
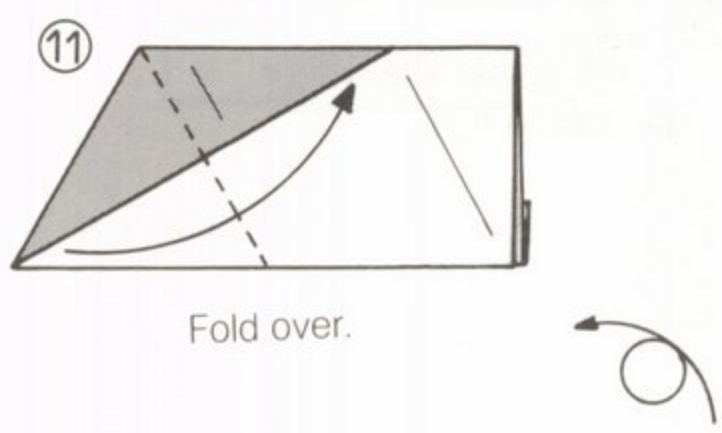
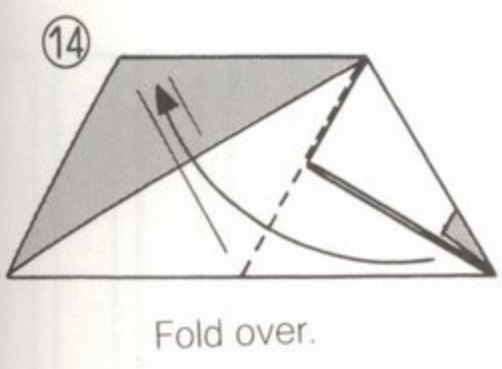
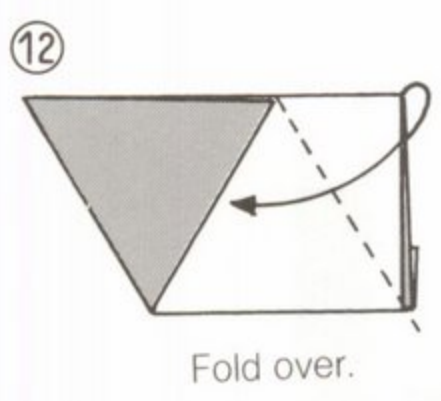
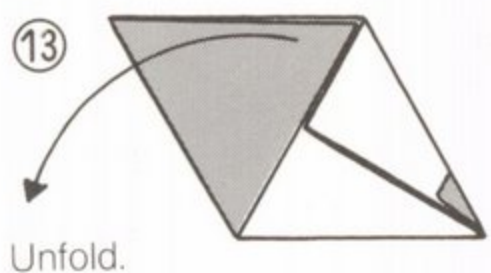
Bring (B) to the center crease.



Repeat the same fold as in step 2.



Fold over at the intersecting point.



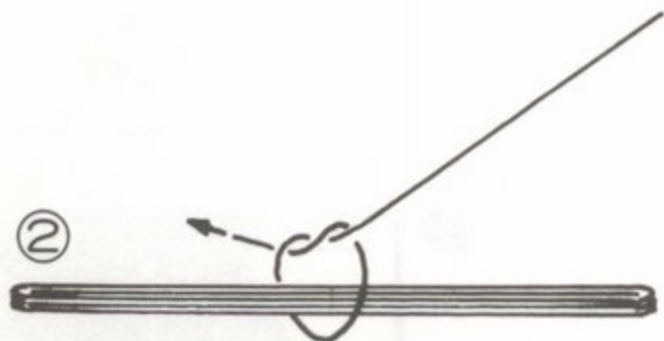
TASSEL

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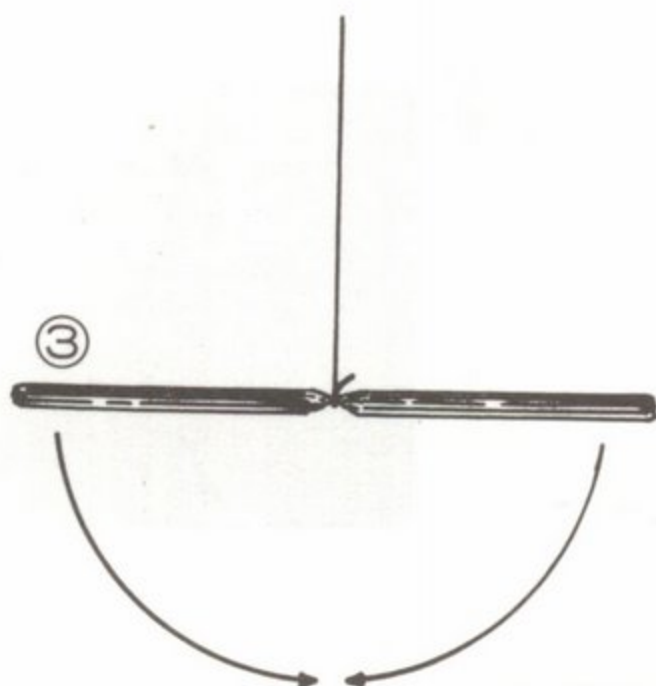
Fold together a bunch of colorful strings.

②



Tie the middle with a piece of string.

③



Let both ends drop down.

④



Tie the base of the bunch.

⑤



Trim the end.

⑥



Completed.

PAPER TASSEL

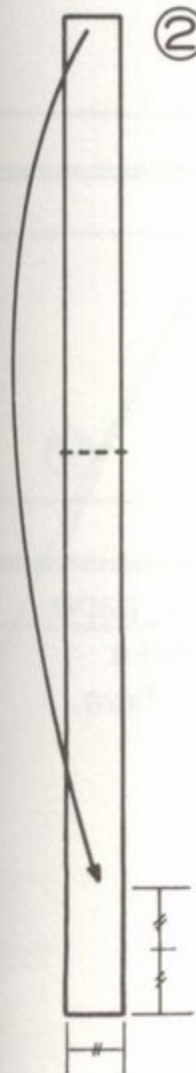
①

Use four strips of paper as long as you like.



②

Fold the other three strips in the same way.

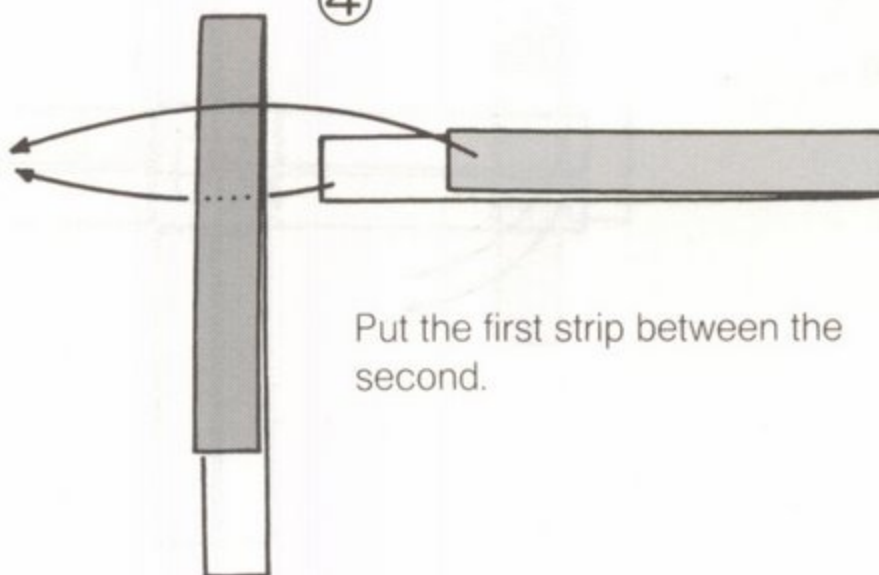


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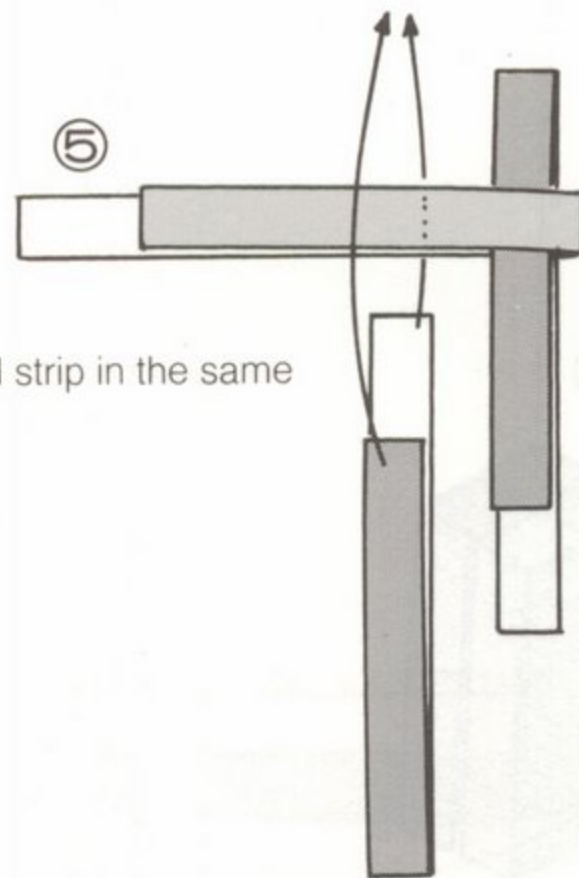
④

Put the first strip between the second.



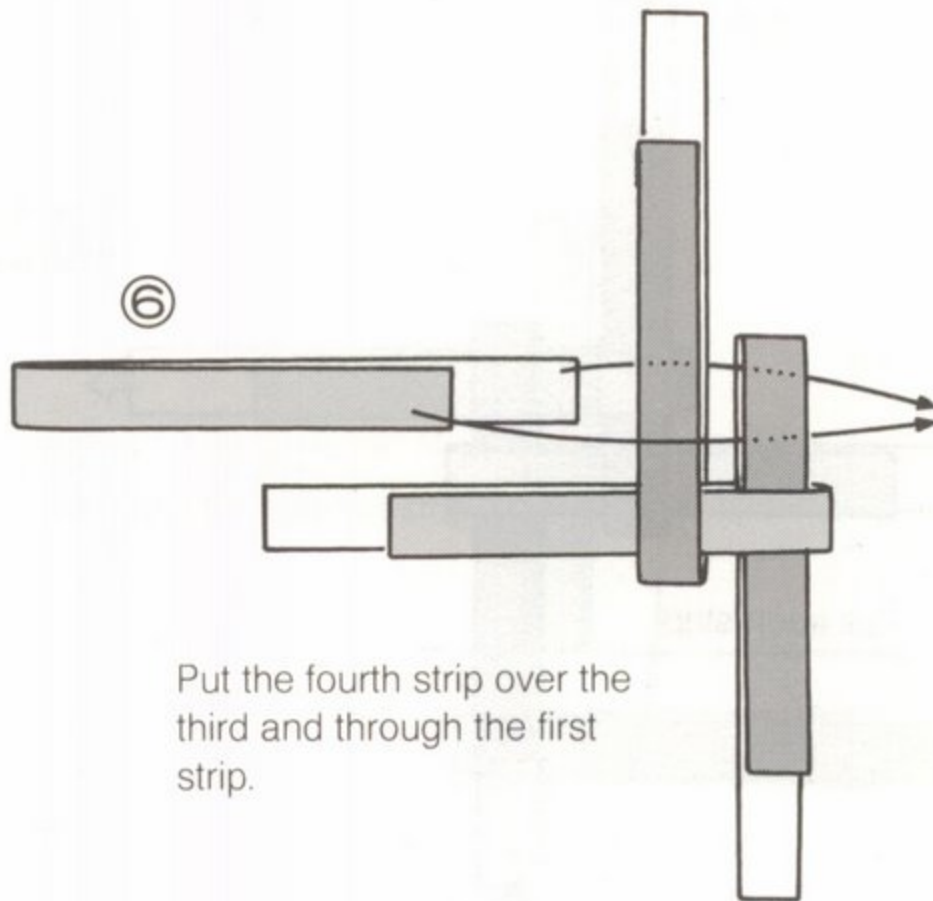
⑤

Put the third strip in the same way.

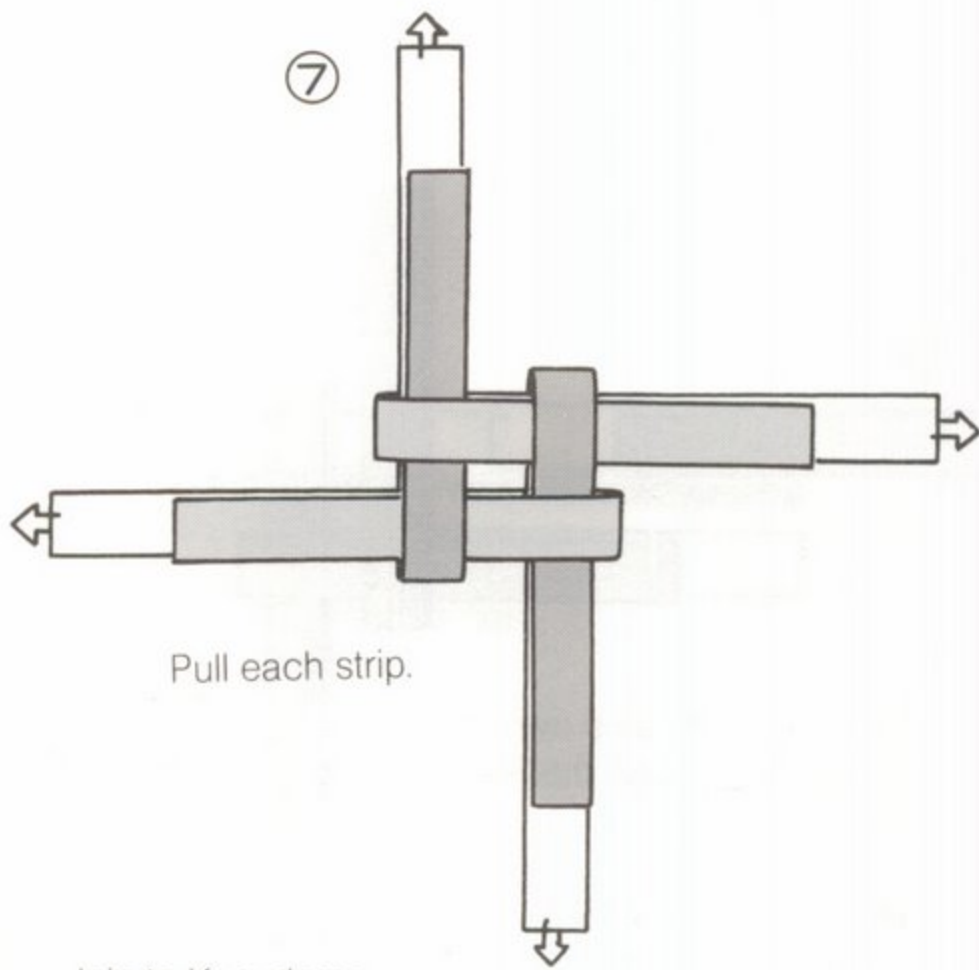


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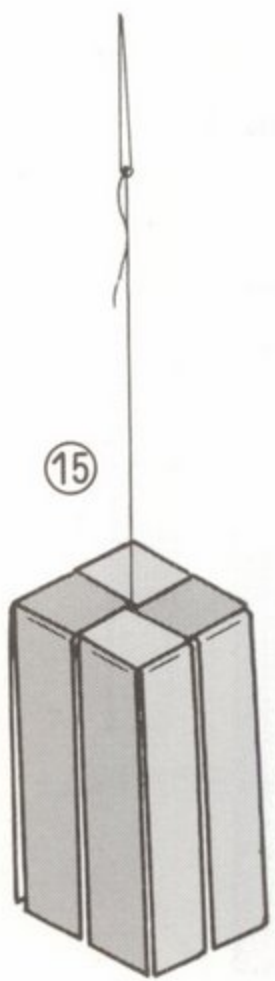
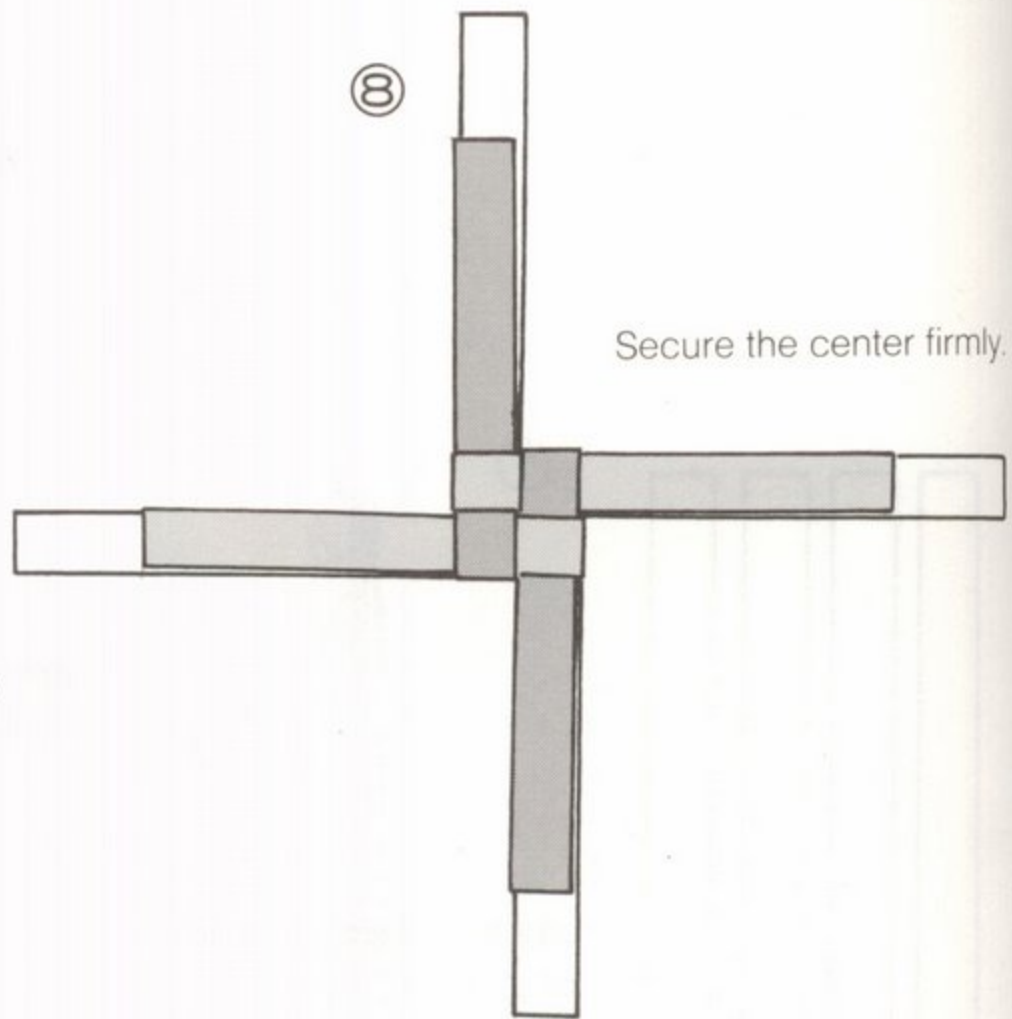
Put the fourth strip over the third and through the first strip.



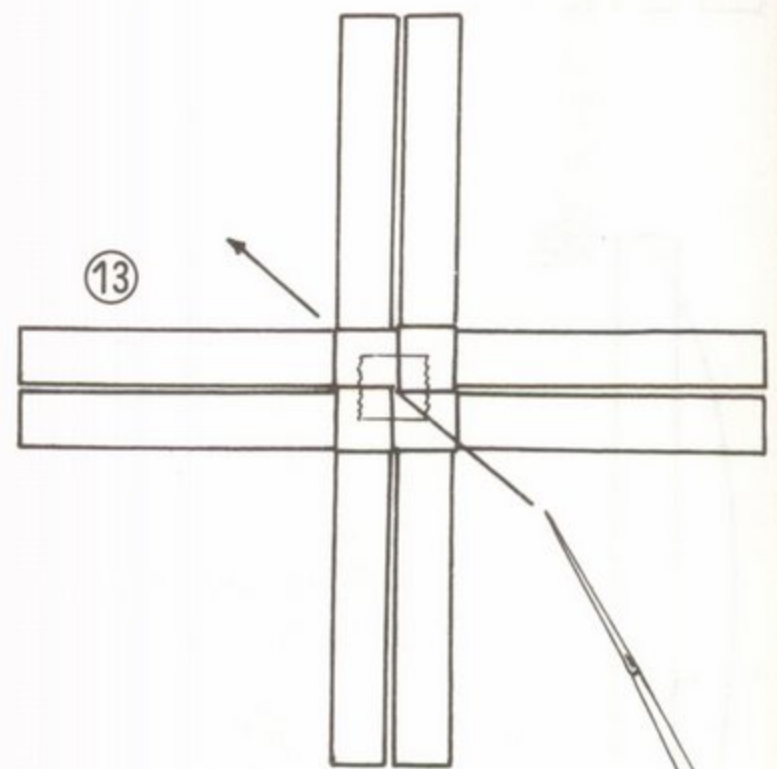
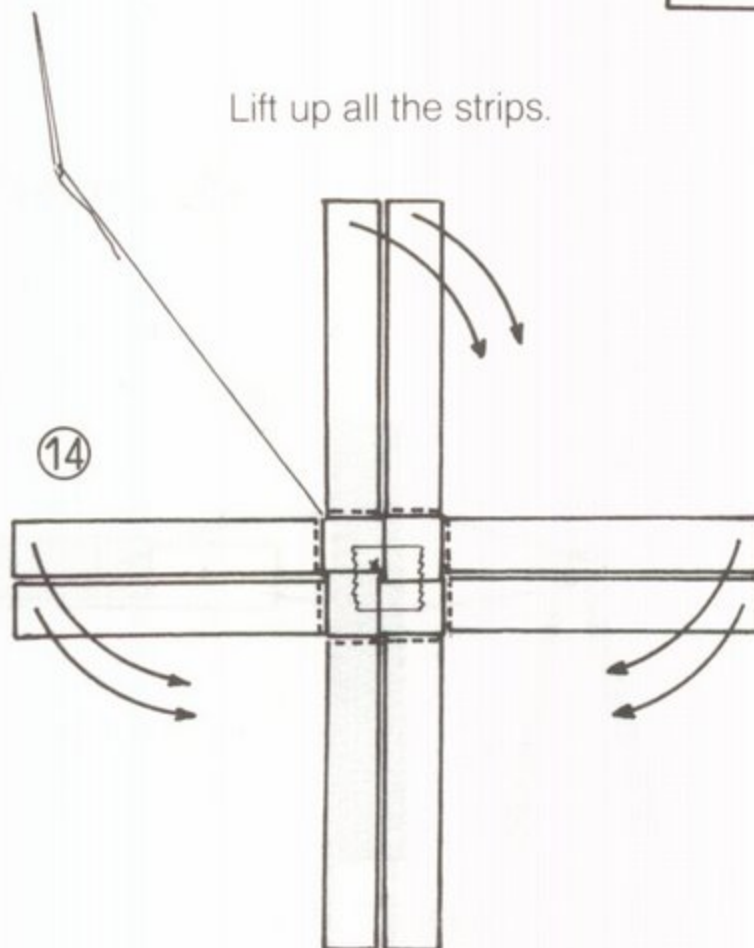
Fold over, leaving a space twice the width of the strip.



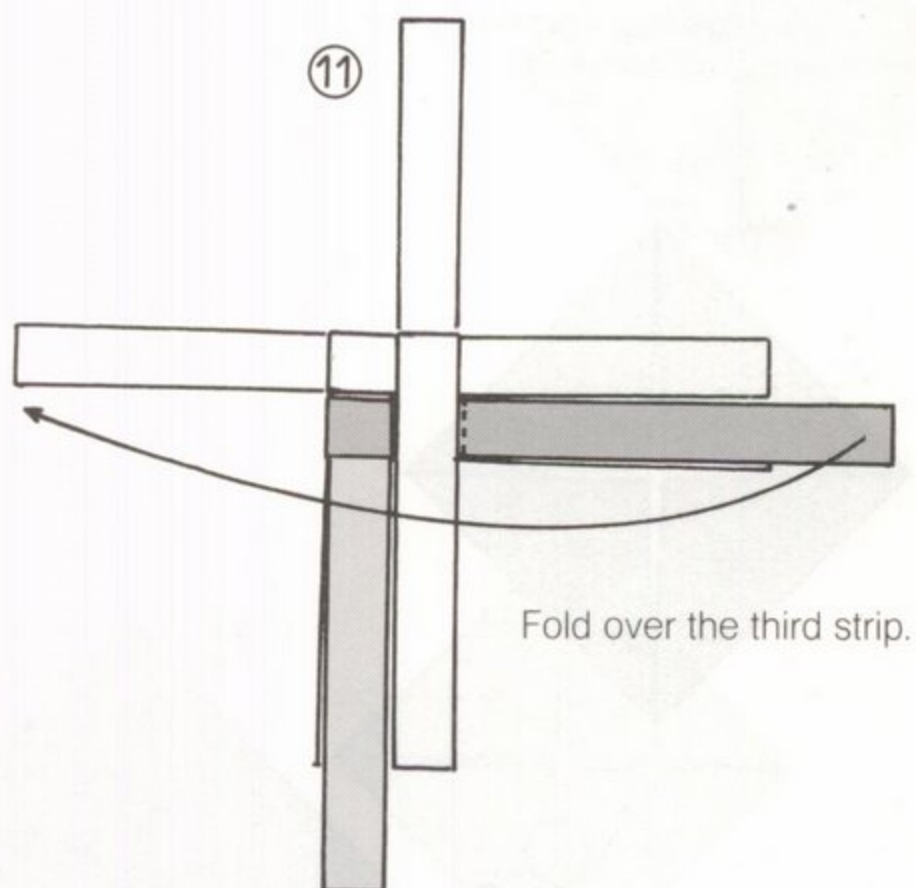
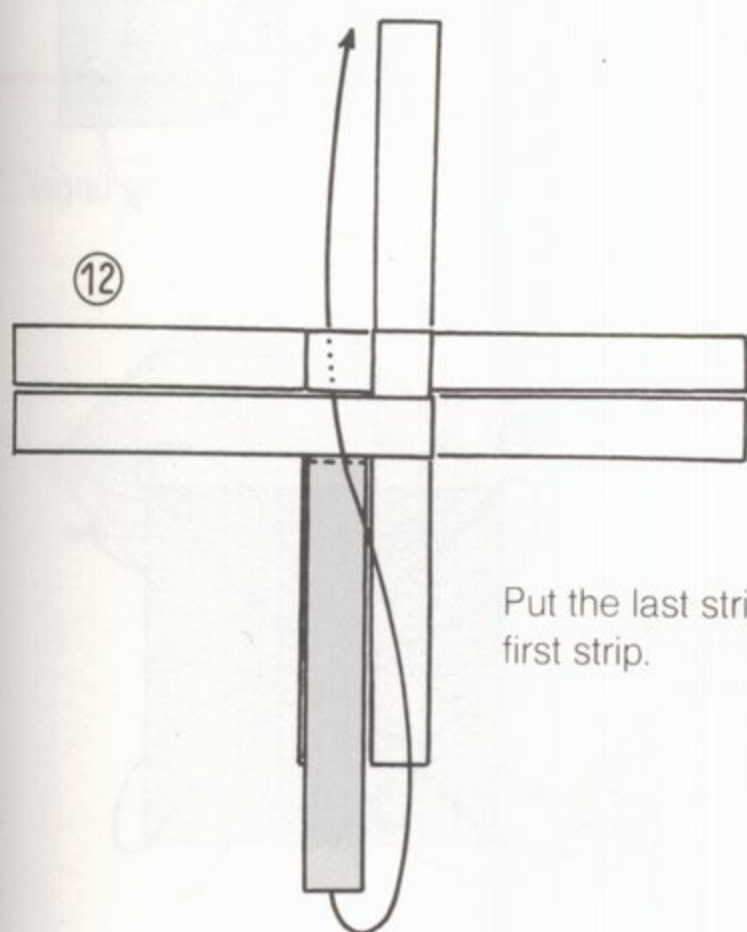
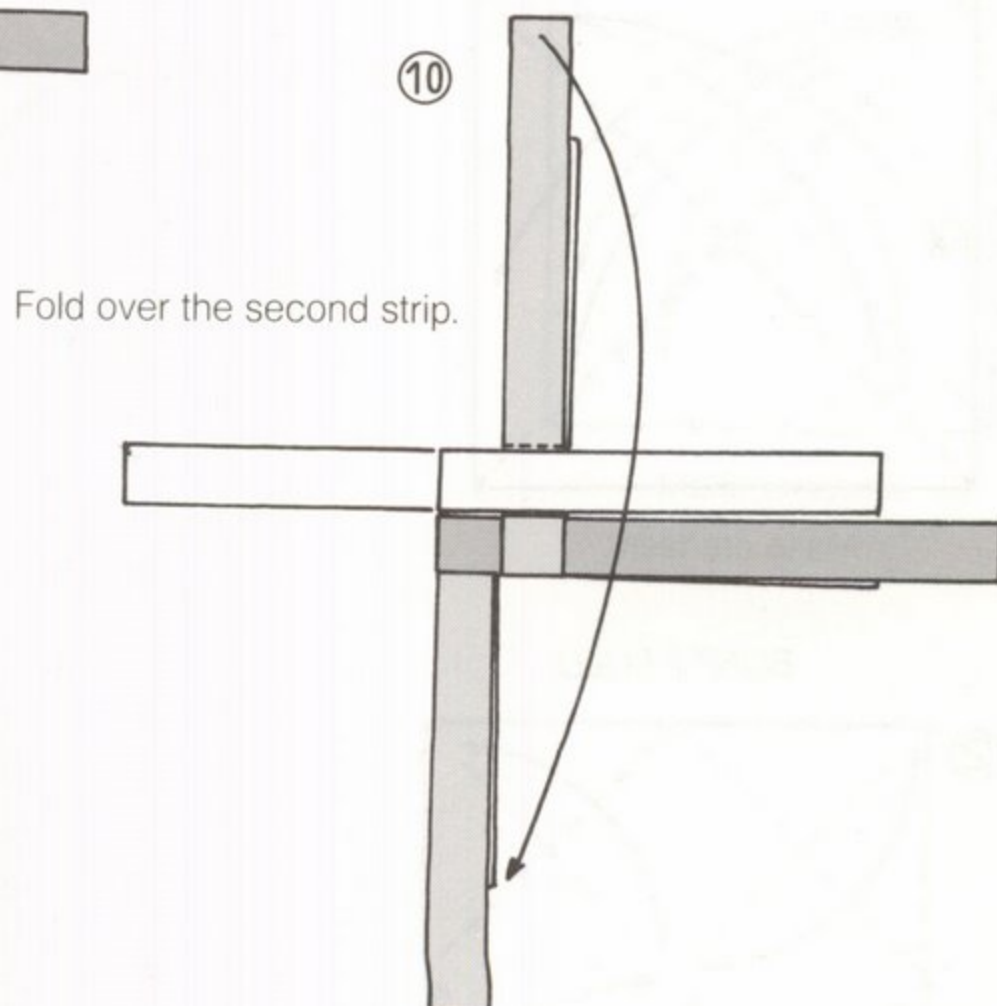
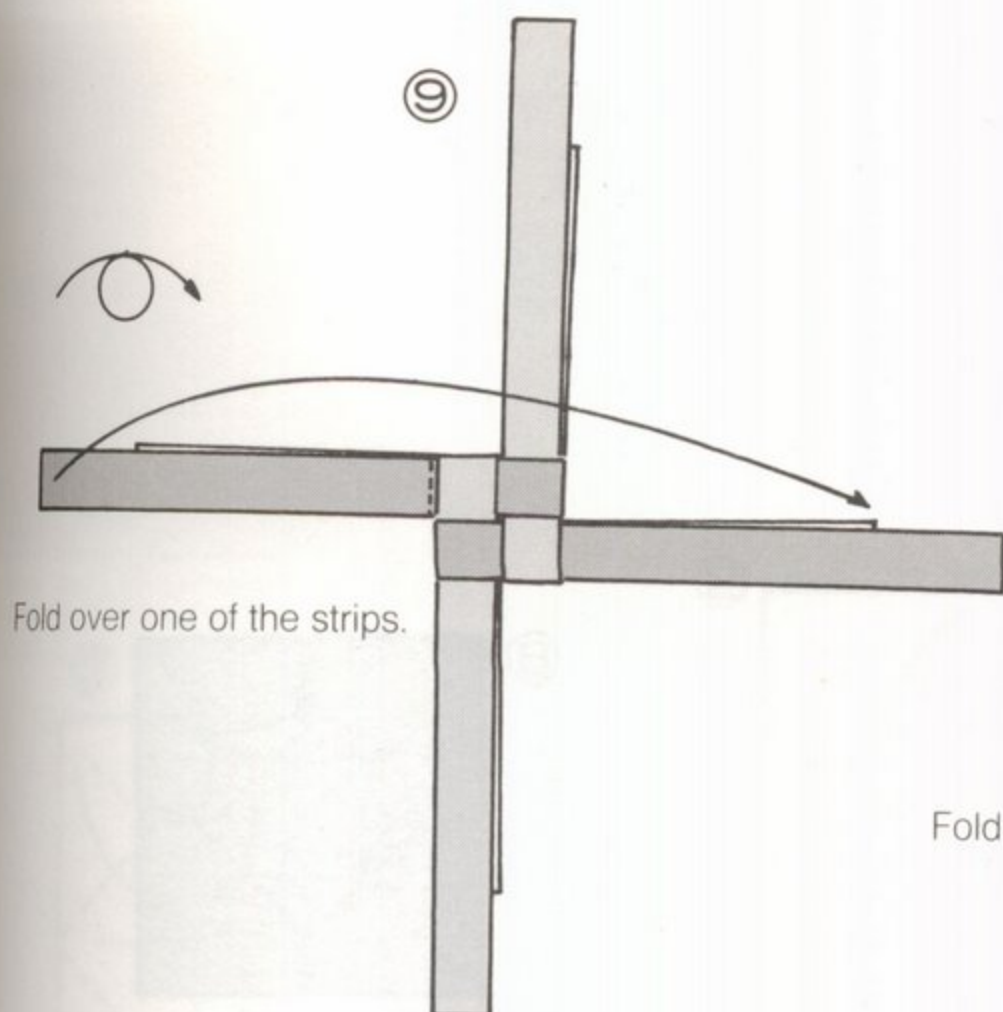
Join to Kusudama.



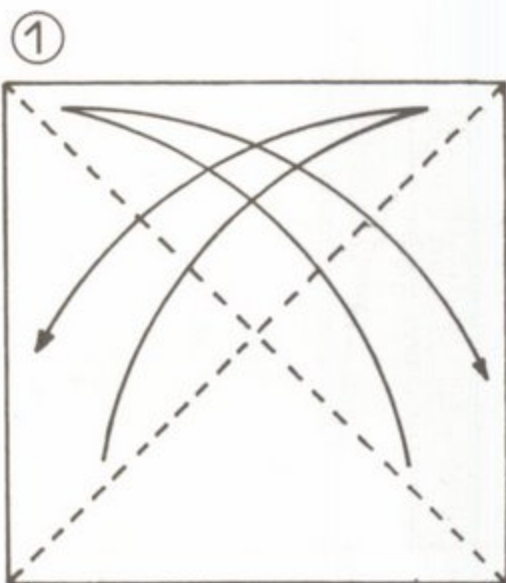
Completed.



Paste a small square of paper in the center and thread a piece of string through here.

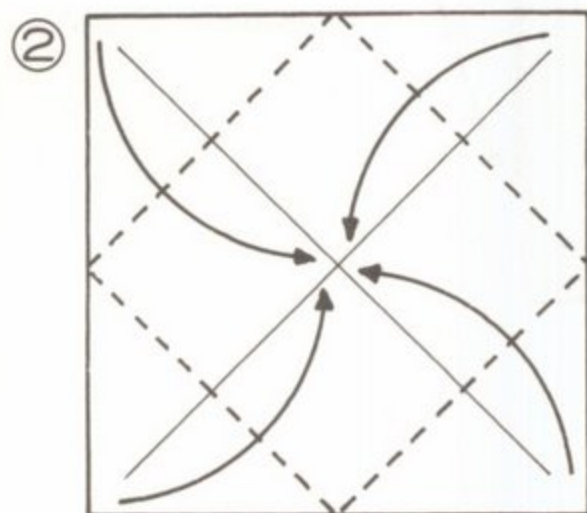


FLOWER PART

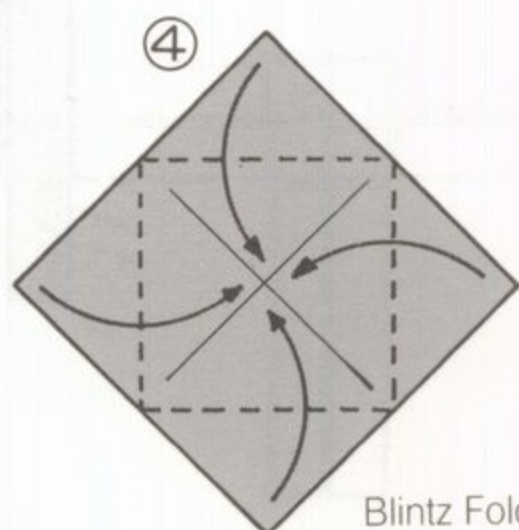
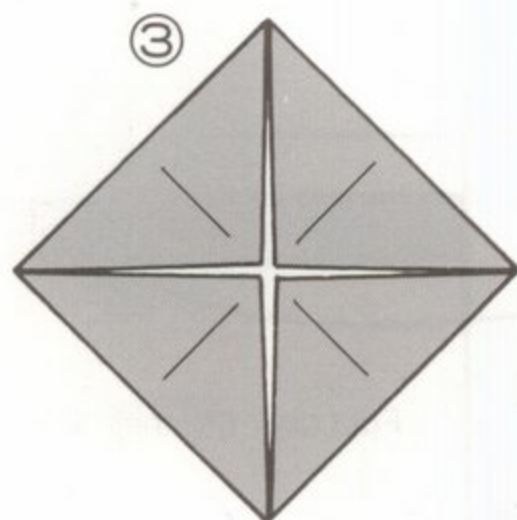


Make creases.

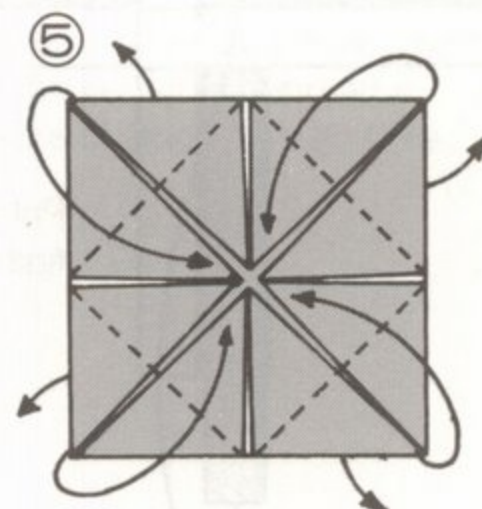
BLINTZ FOLD



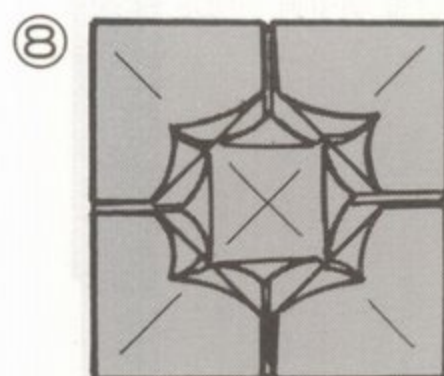
Bring the four corners to the center.



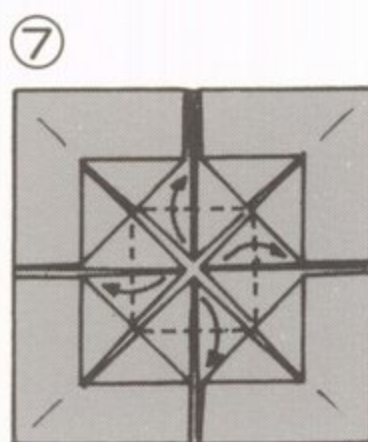
Blintz Fold



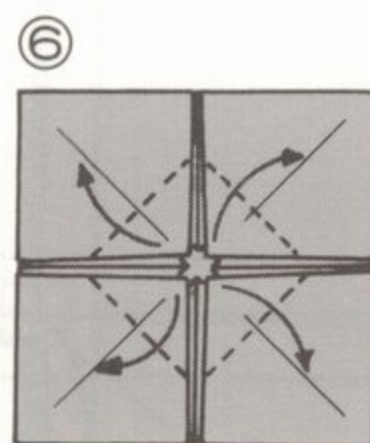
Fold so that the underside triangles come out.



Completed.

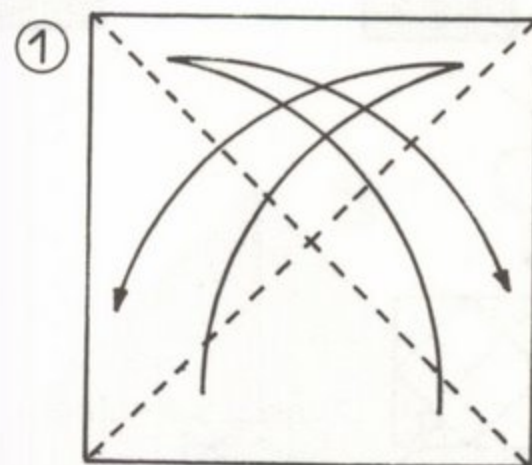


Also fold the underneath triangles.

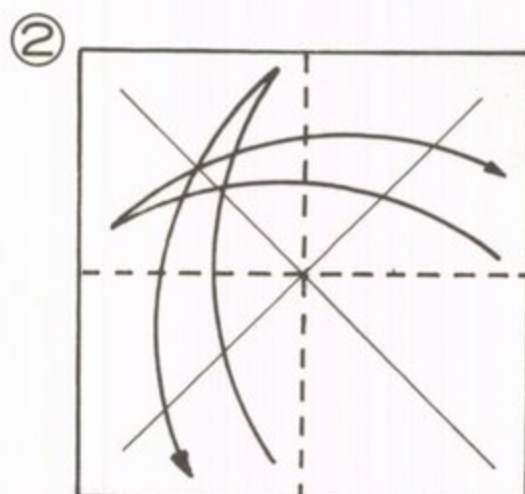


Fold and open the upper layers.

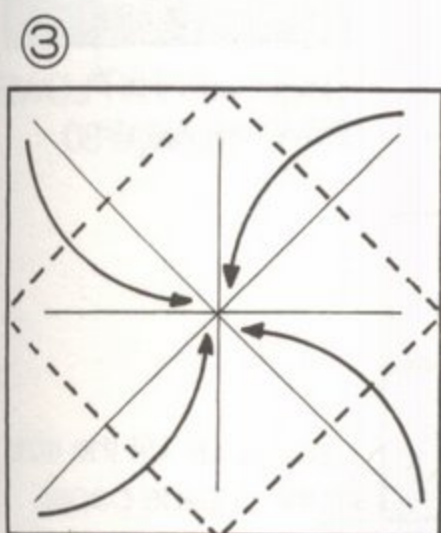
UFO



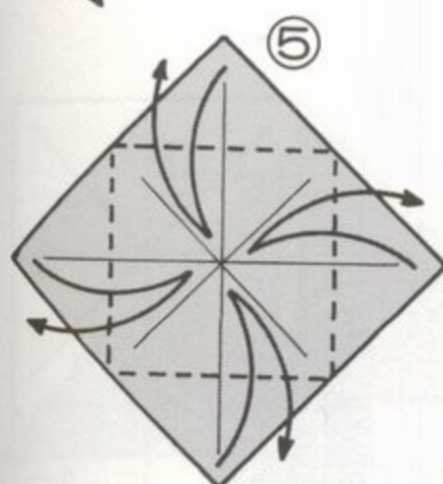
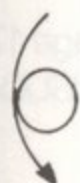
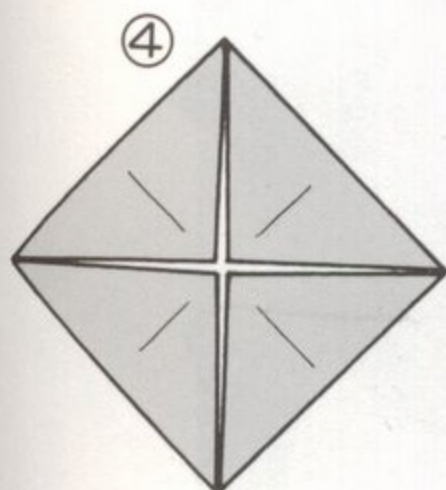
Make creases.



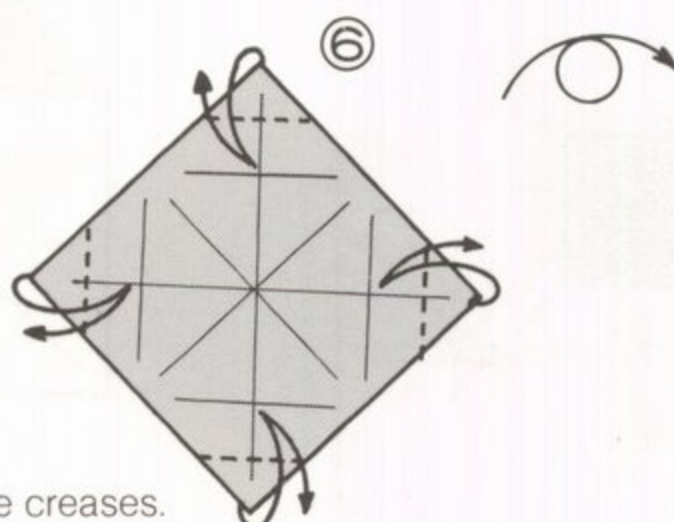
Make creases.



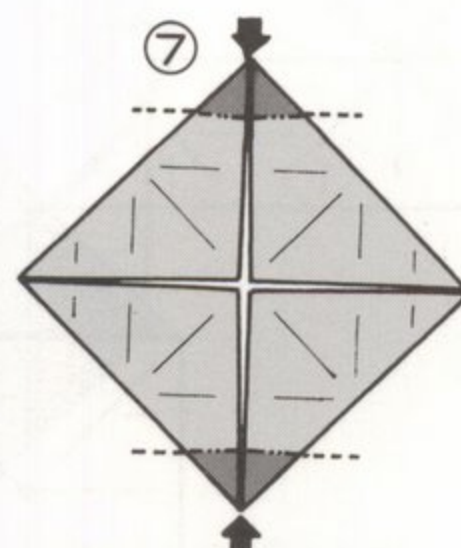
Blintz Fold.



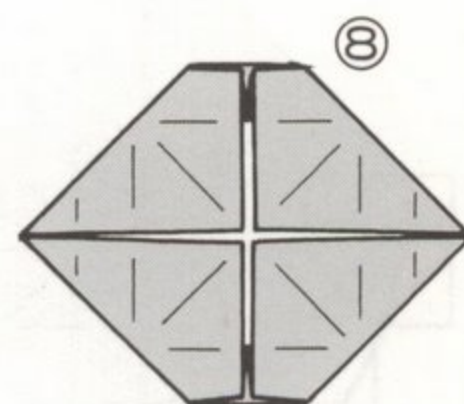
Make creases.



Make creases.

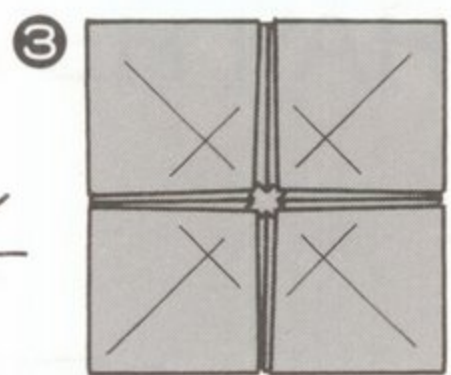


Push inward the marked parts.



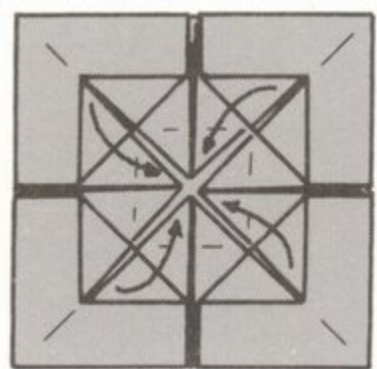
Unfold.

(Reduced figure)



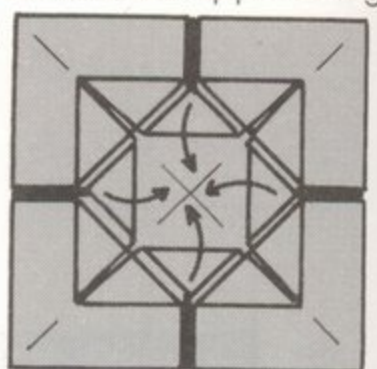
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Unfold the under triangles.



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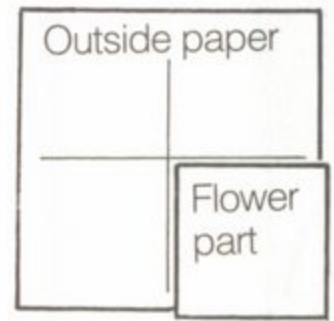
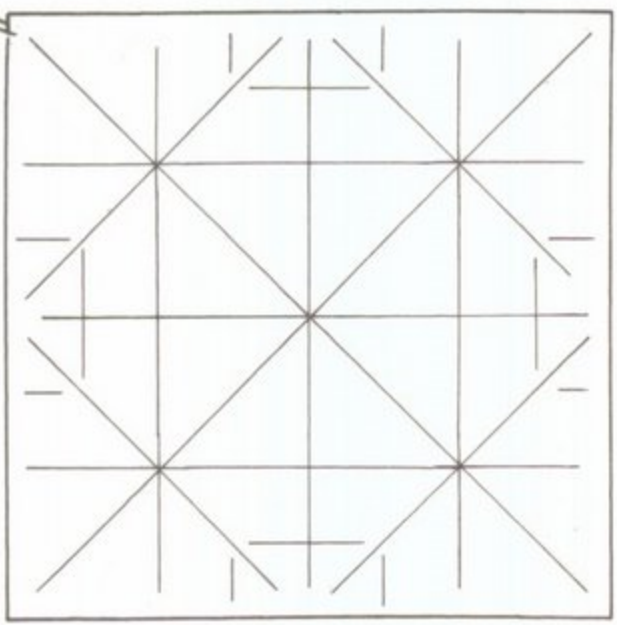
Unfold the upper triangles.



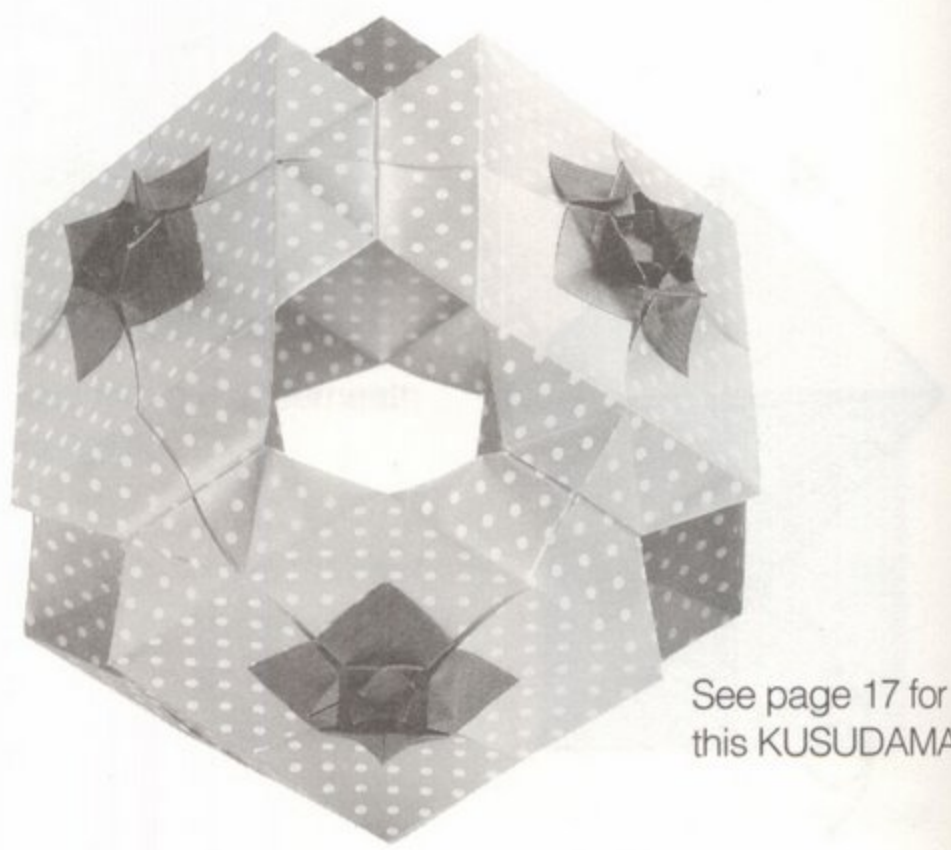
Begin with the FLOWER PART on page 30.

Insert the corner.

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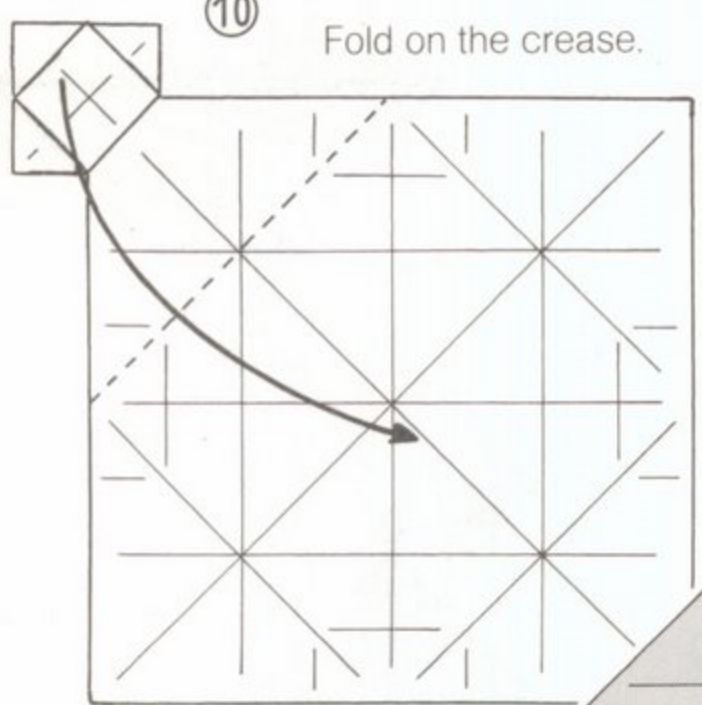
Use paper 1/4 the size of the outside paper.



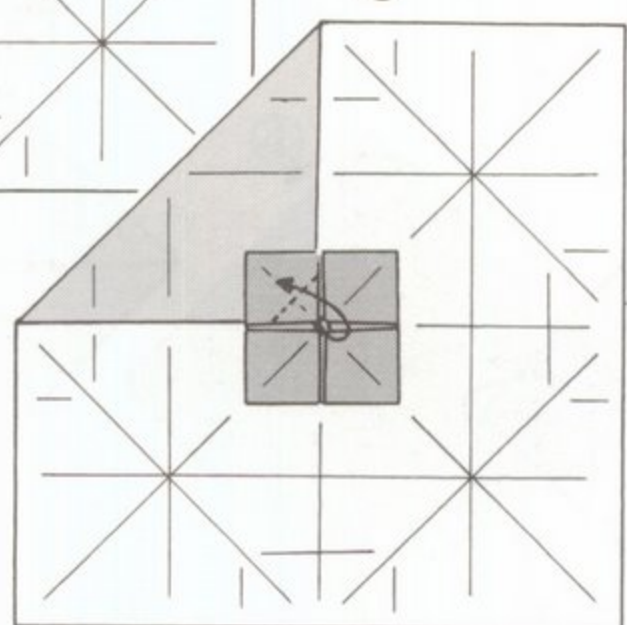
See page 17 for this KUSUDAMA.

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Fold on the crease.

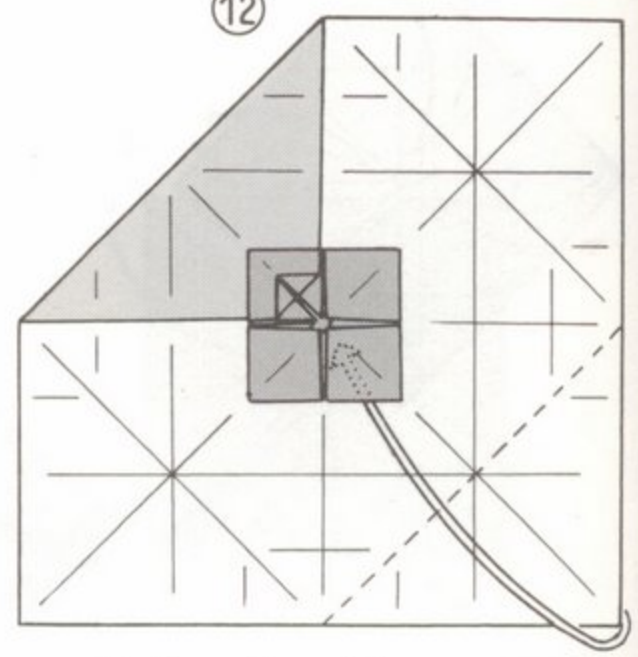


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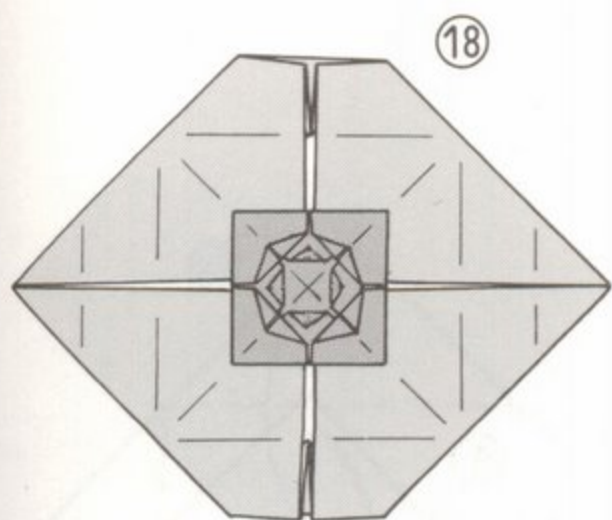


Fold and open the upper corner.

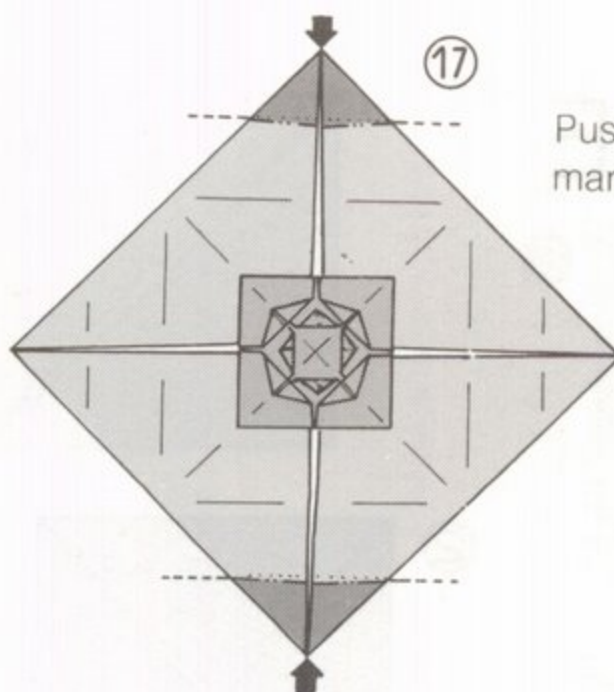
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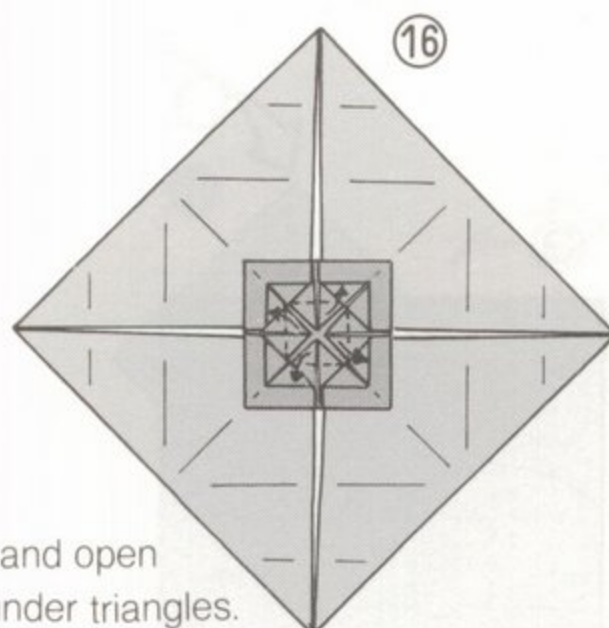
Fold and insert the corner into the slot.



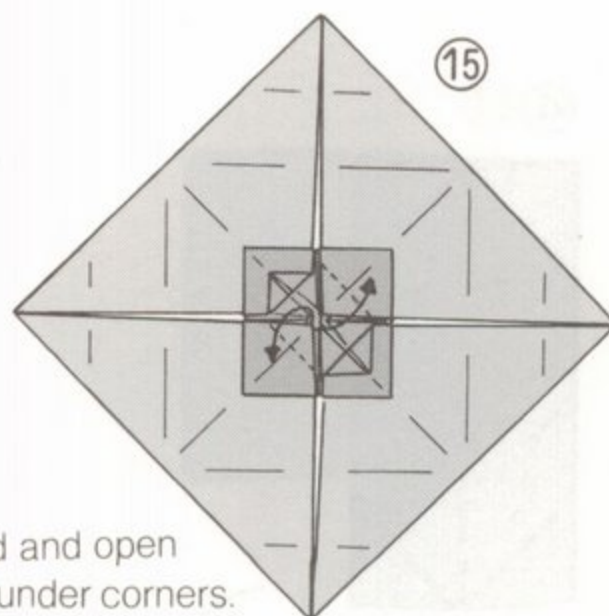
Make 6 of this unit, and assemble the units in the same way as shown on pages 16 and 17.



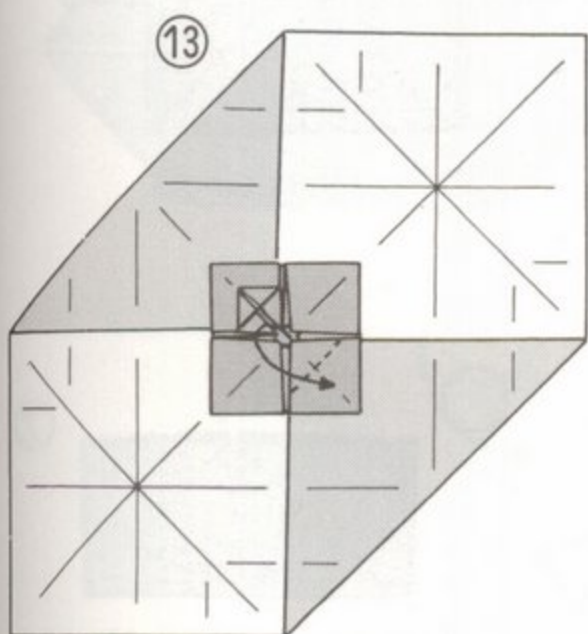
Push inward the marked parts.



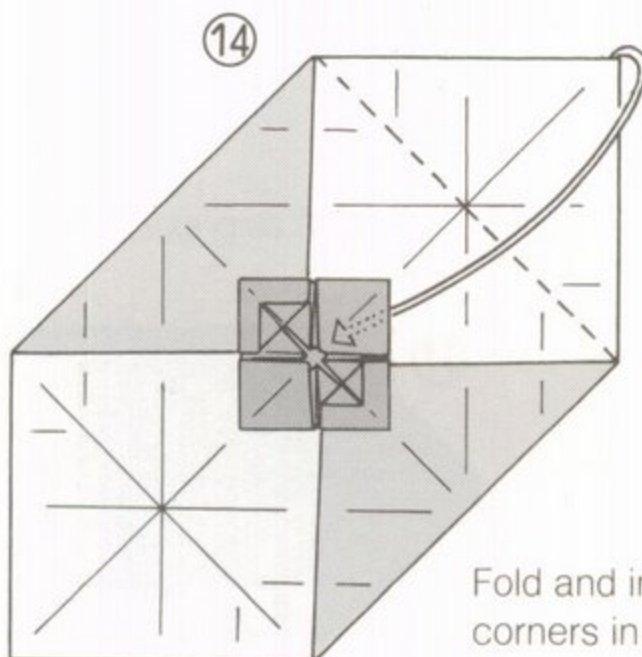
Fold and open the under triangles.



Fold and open the under corners.

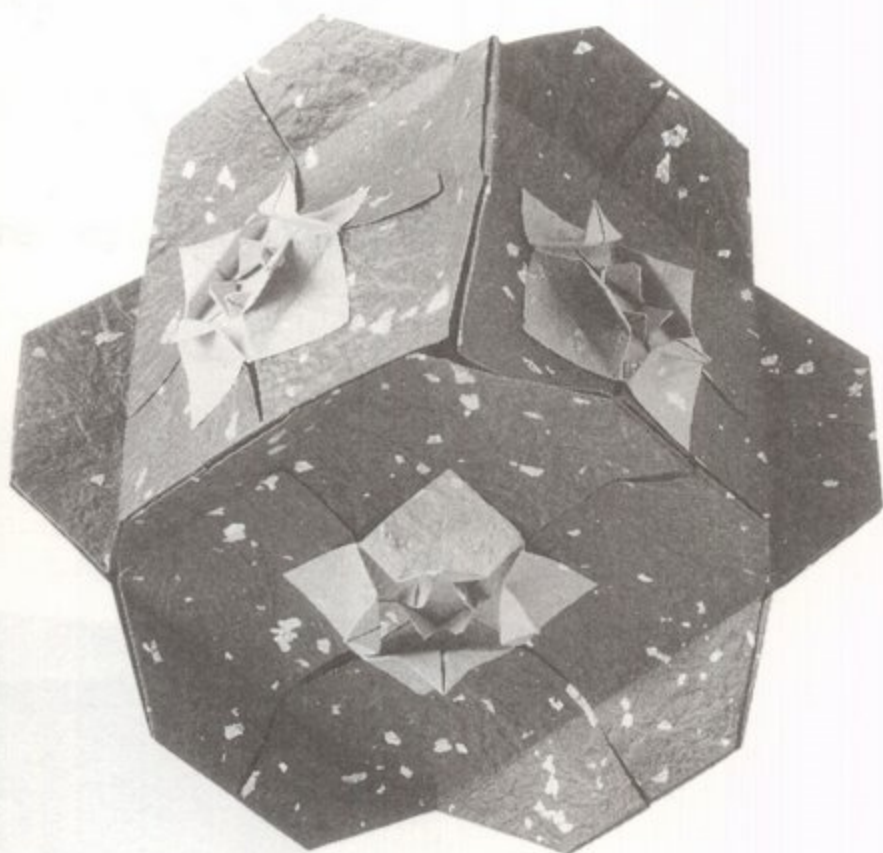


Fold and open the upper corner.



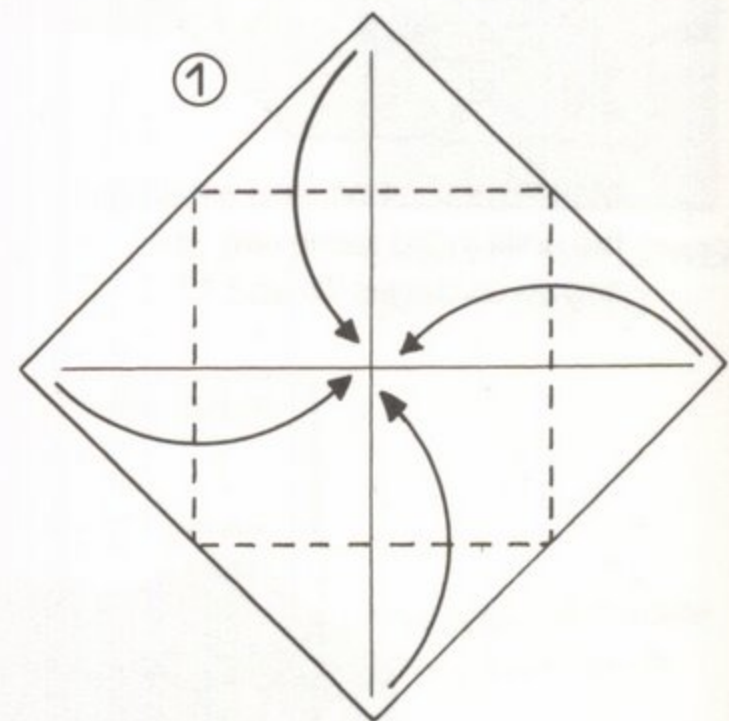
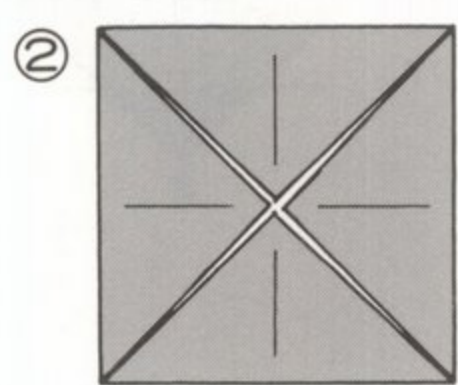
Fold and insert the other corners in the same way.

Completed.

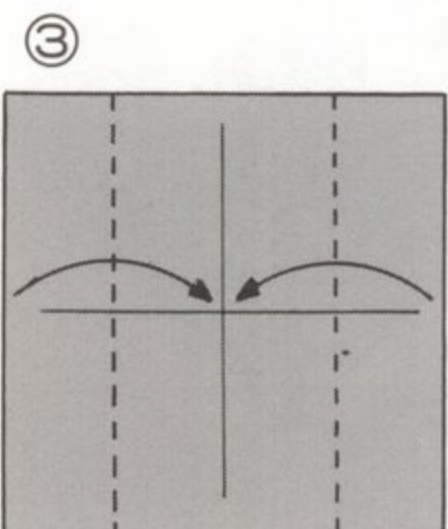


See page 16 for this KUSUDAMA.

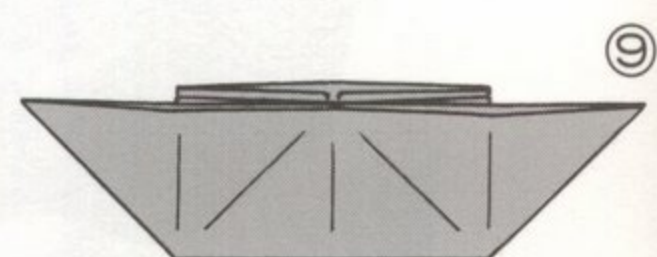
BREEZE



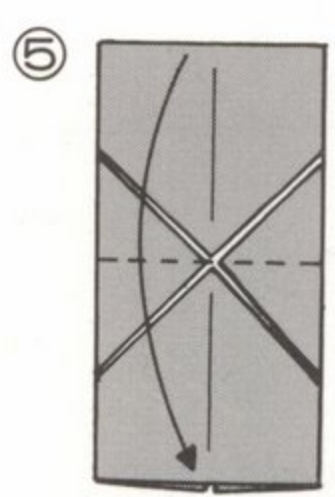
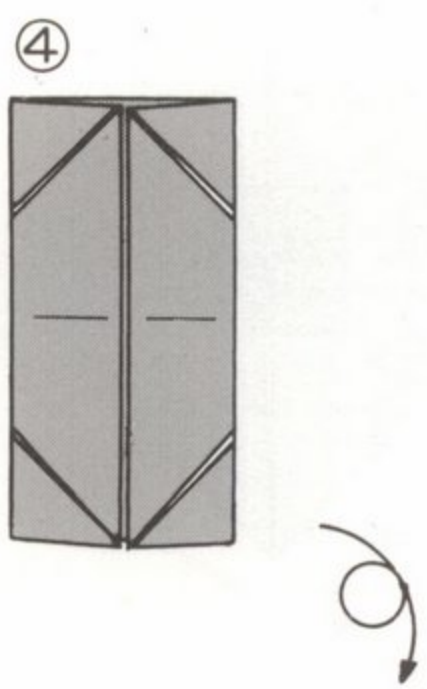
Fold the corners to the center.



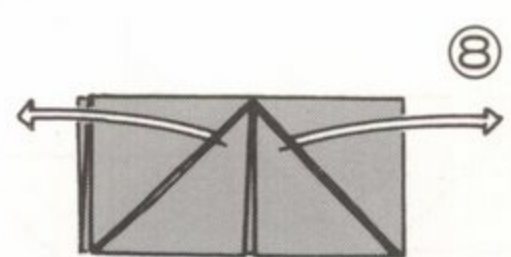
Fold over to the center line.



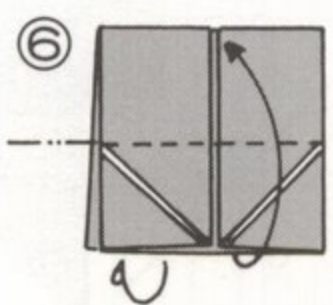
Repeat the same fold on the other side.



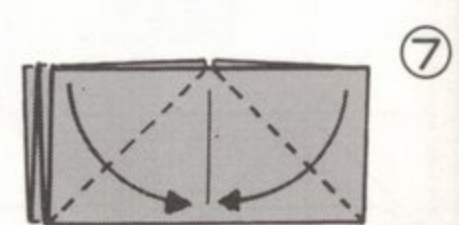
Fold in half.



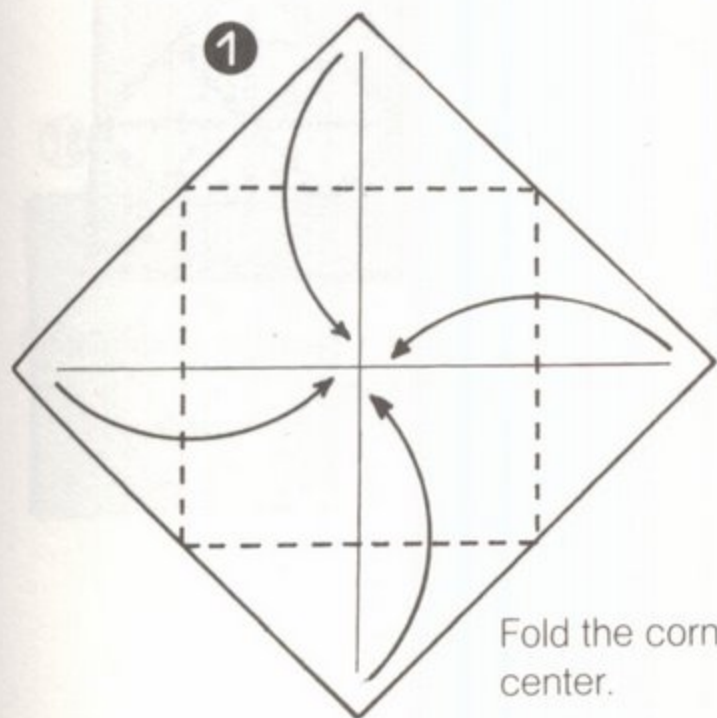
Pull out the corners.



Fold both sides in the same way.

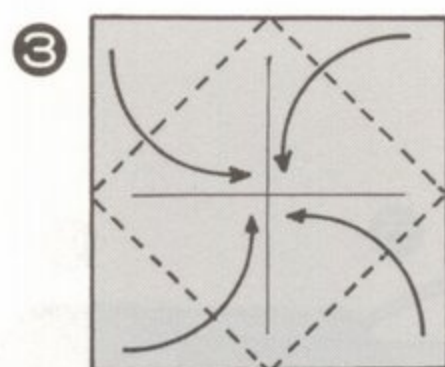
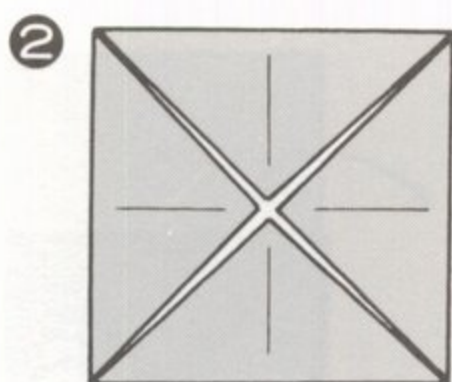


Fold the corners in triangles.

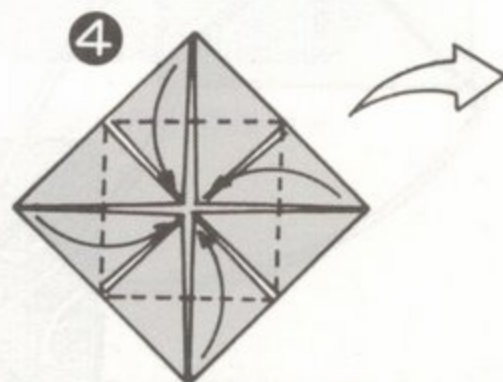


Fold the corners to the center.

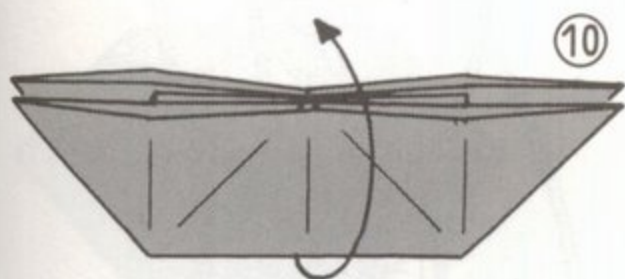
FLOWER PETAL



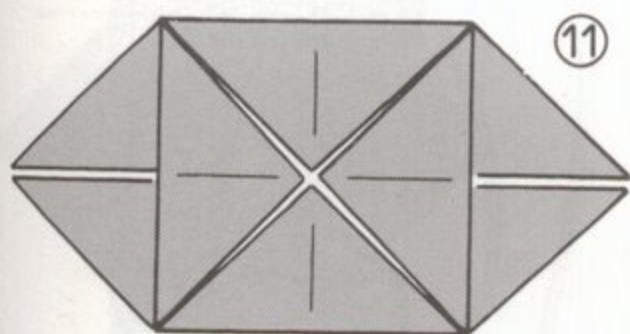
Fold the corners to the center.



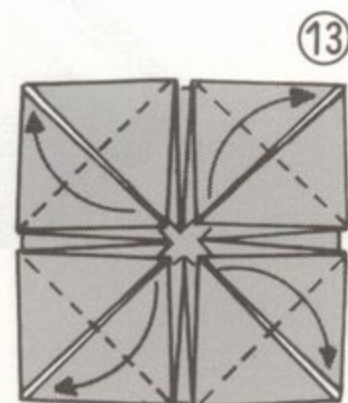
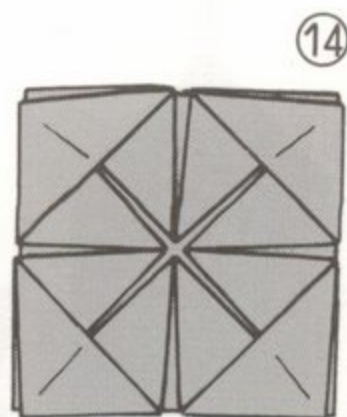
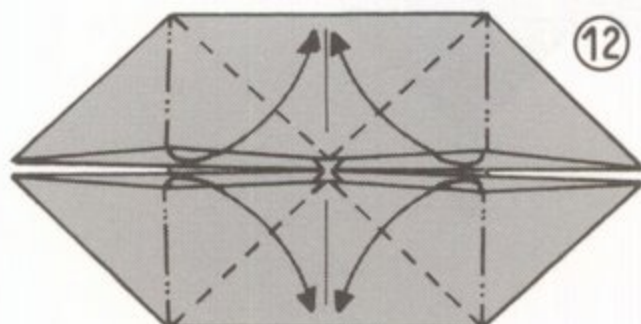
Fold the corners to the center.



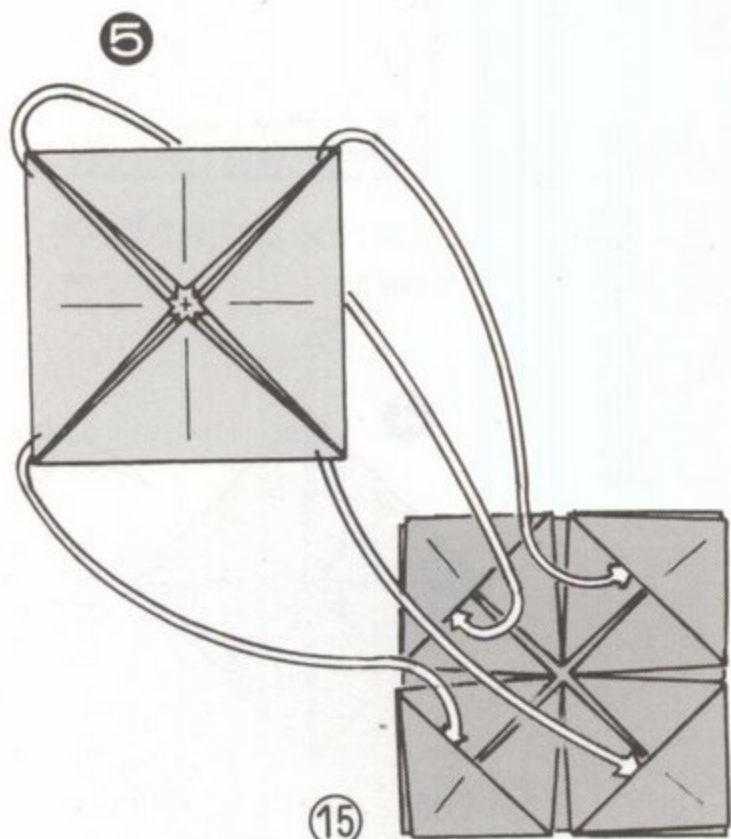
Fold over.



Open the triangles and flatten.

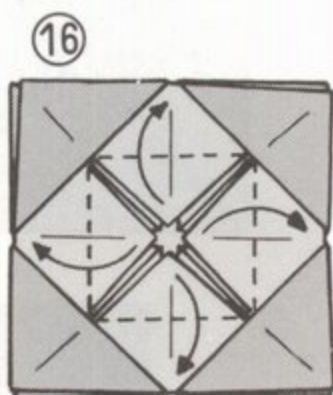


Fold over the corners.



⑤

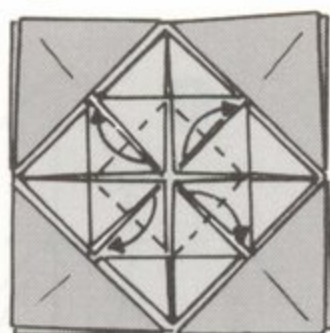
Insert each corner into each pocket.



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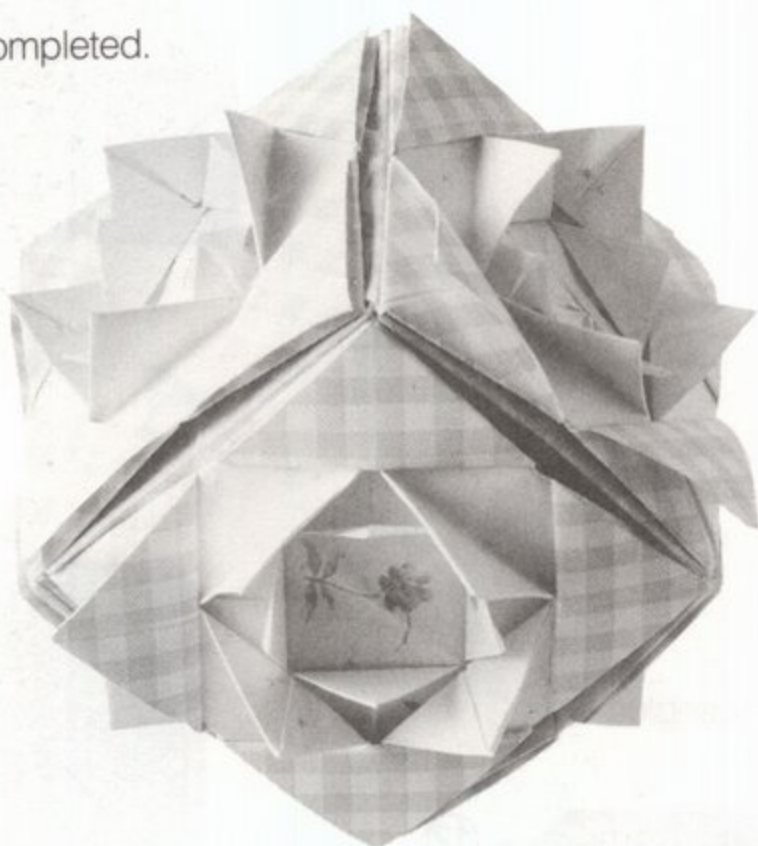
Turn over the topmost triangles.

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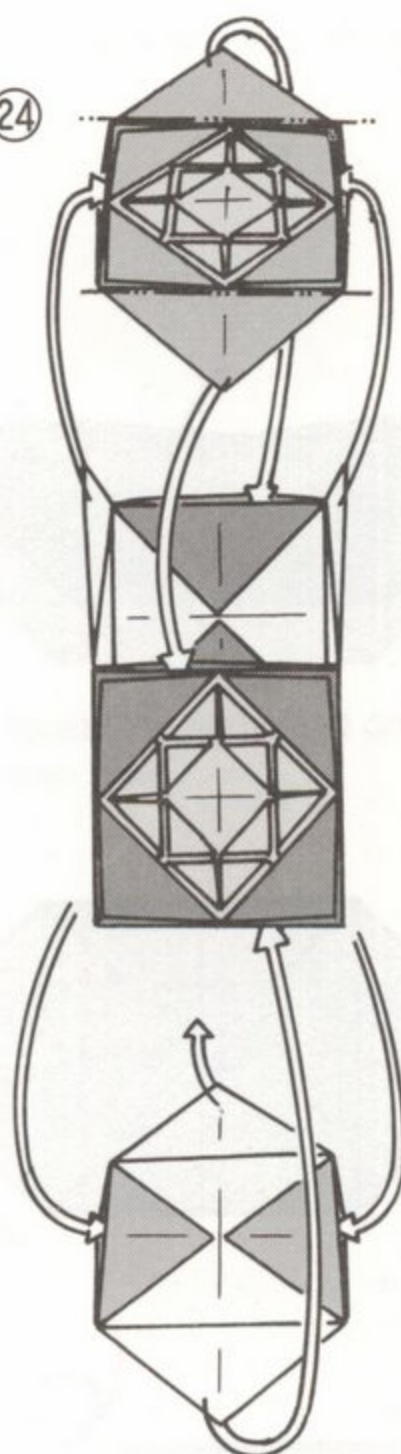


Turn over the underneath triangles.

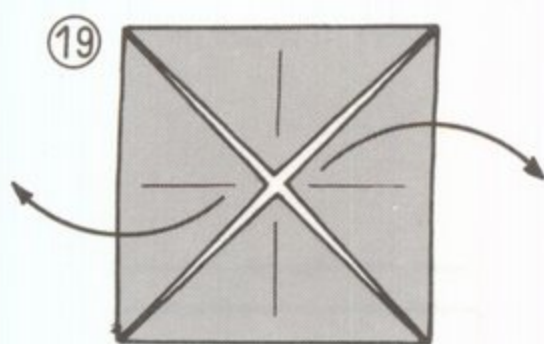
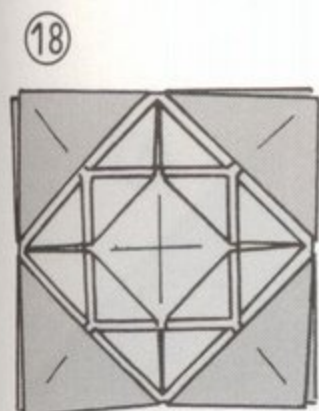
Completed.



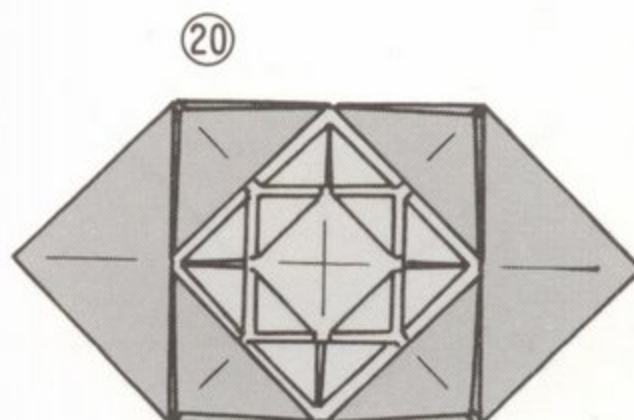
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Join the top and the bottom in the same way.

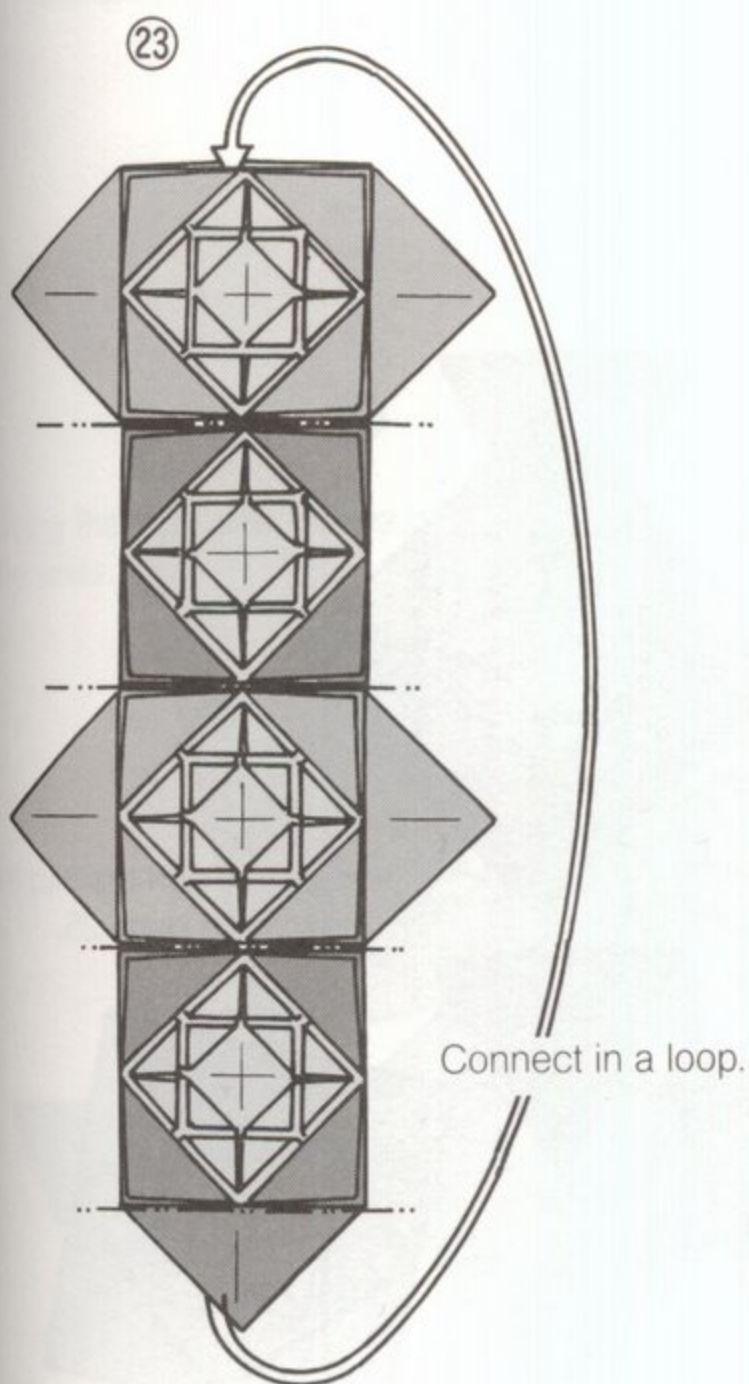
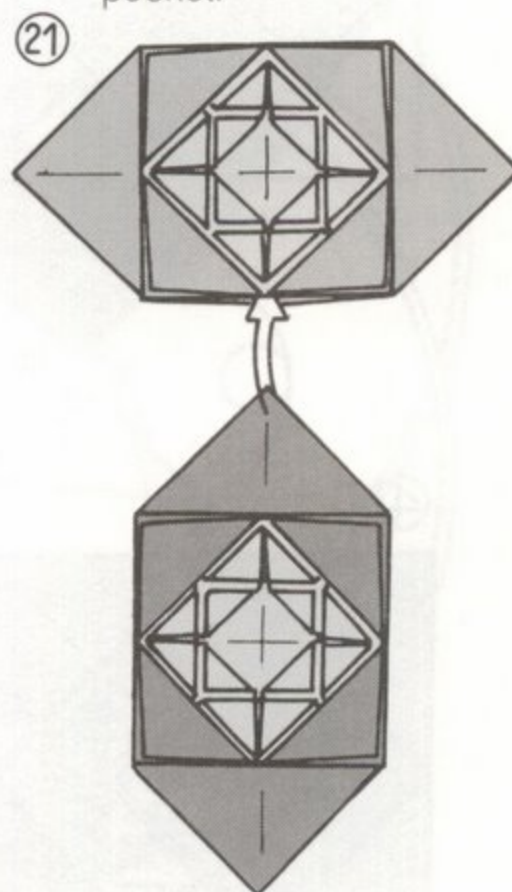


Unfold.

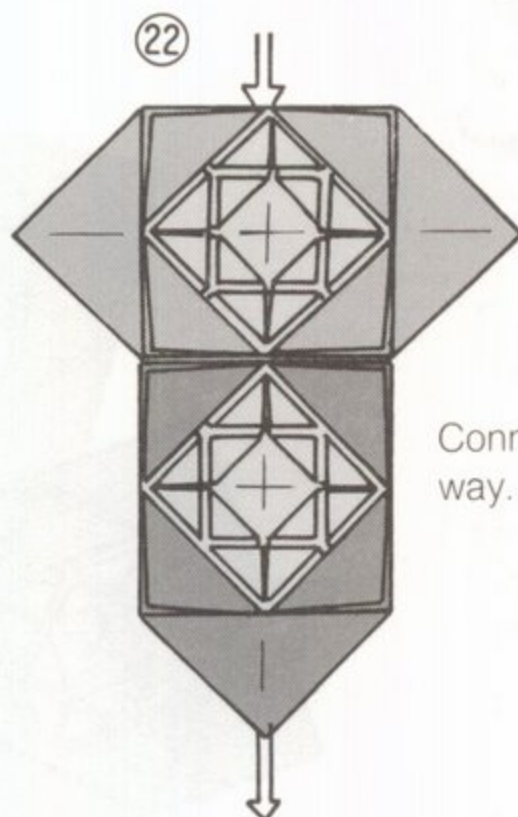


Make 6 of this unit.

Insert the triangle into the pocket.

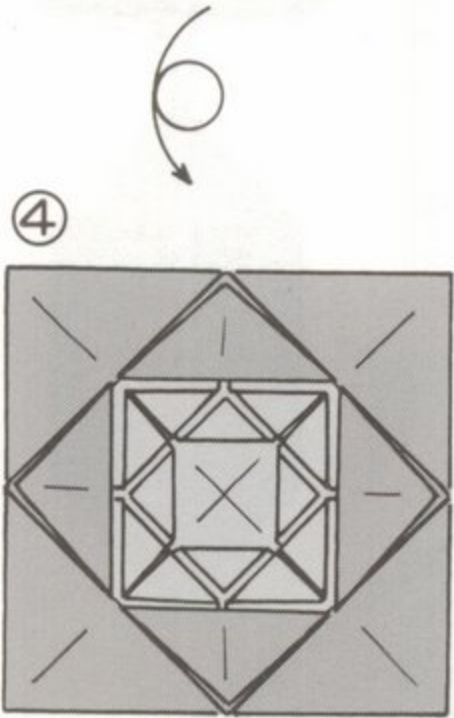
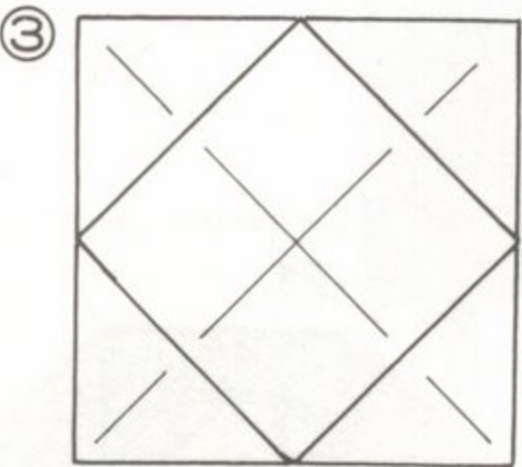


Connect in a loop.

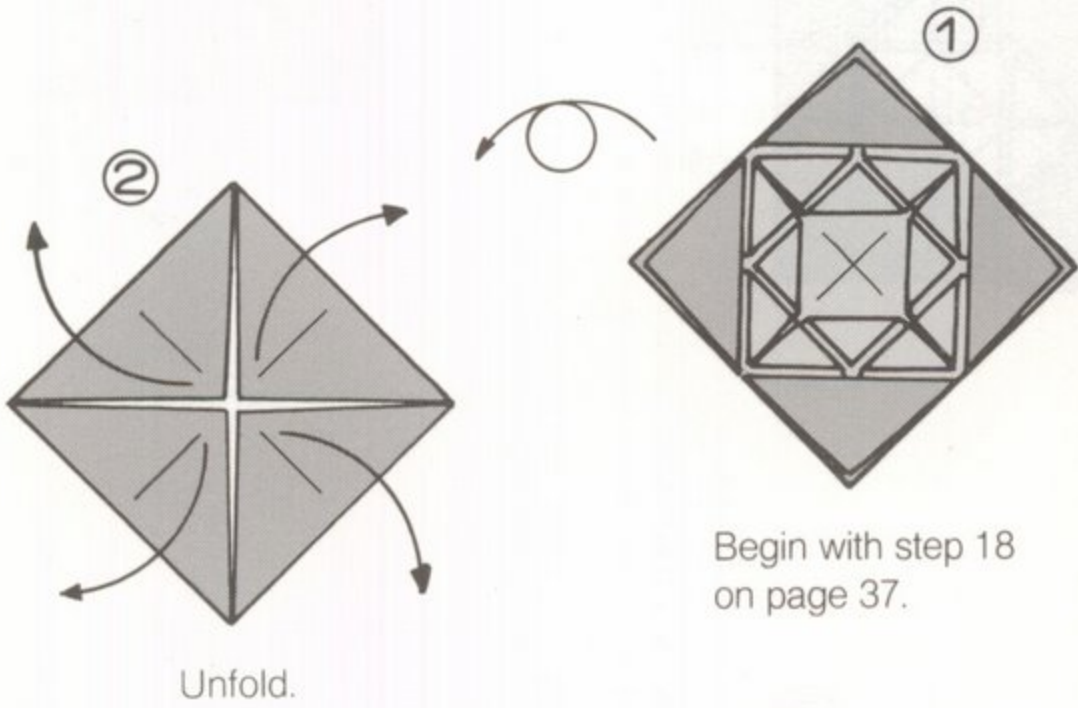


Connect 4 units in the same way.

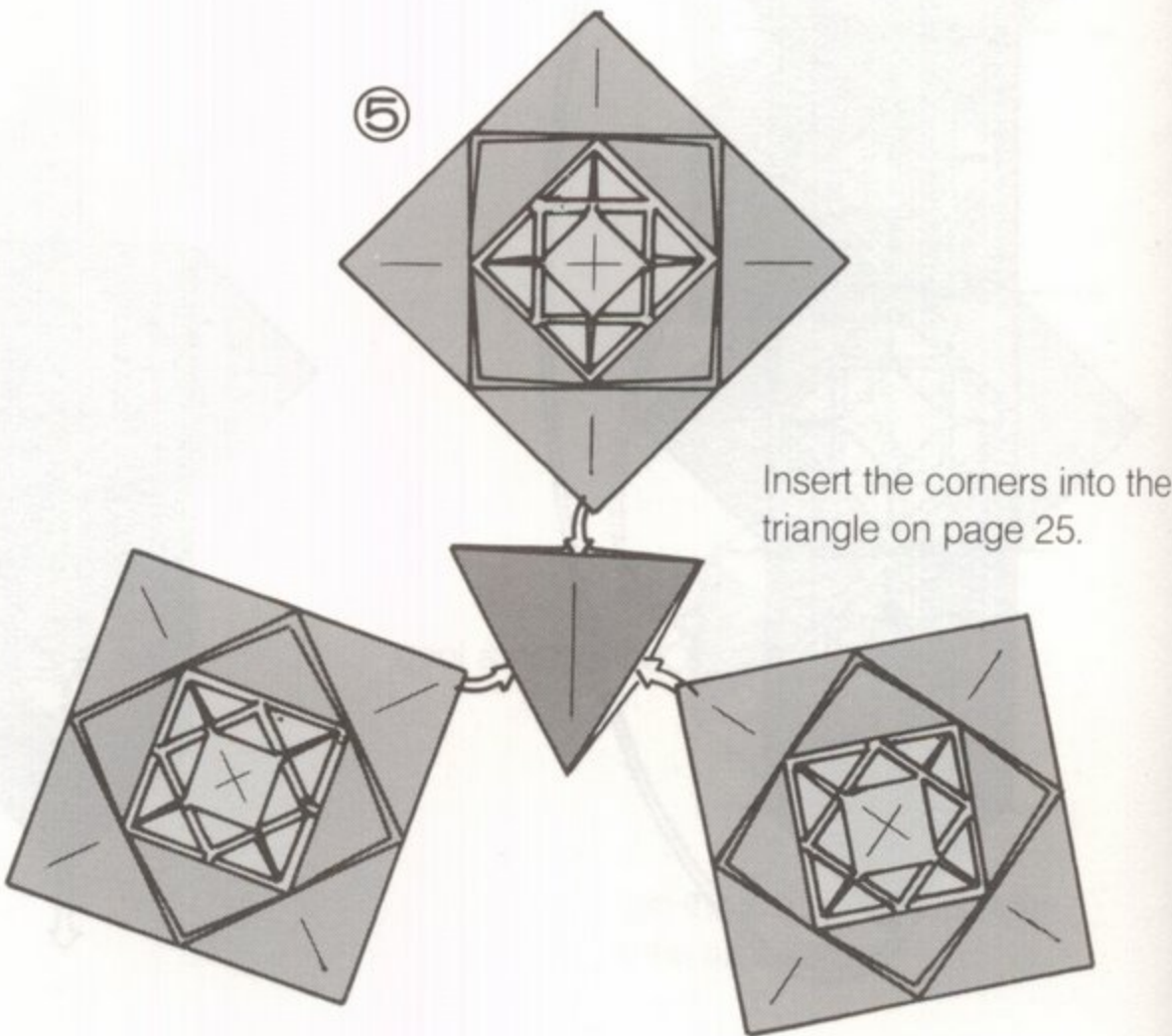
ELEGANCE



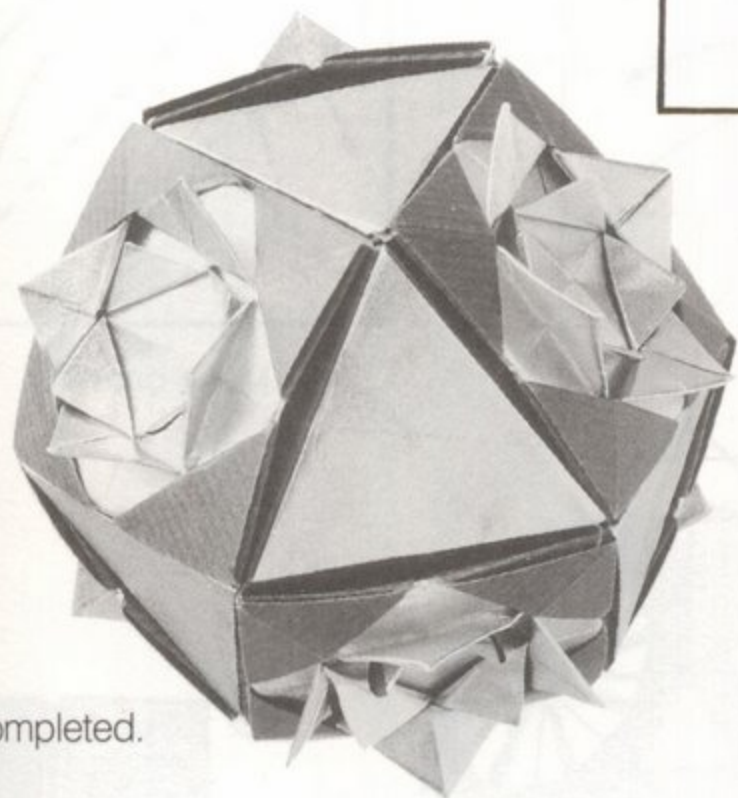
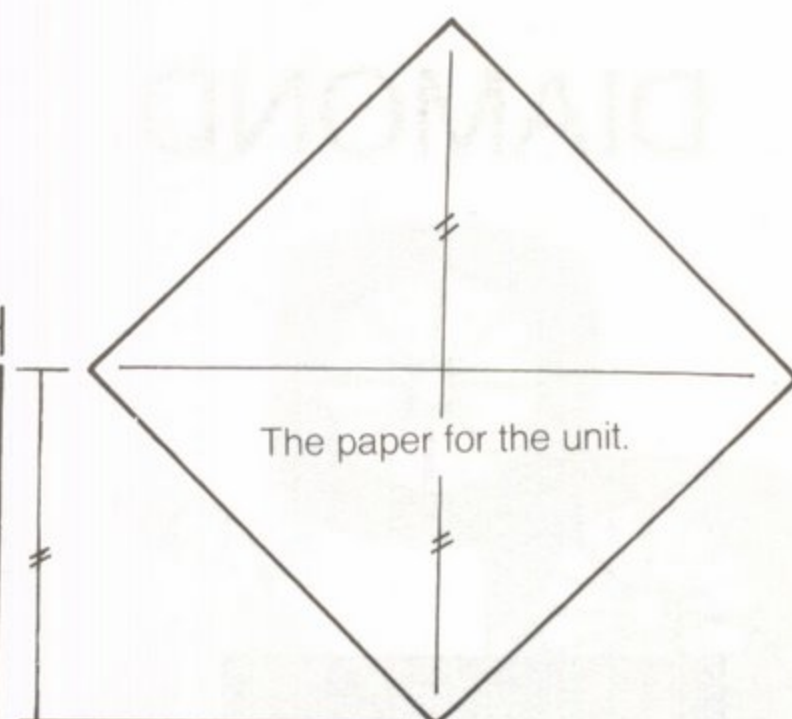
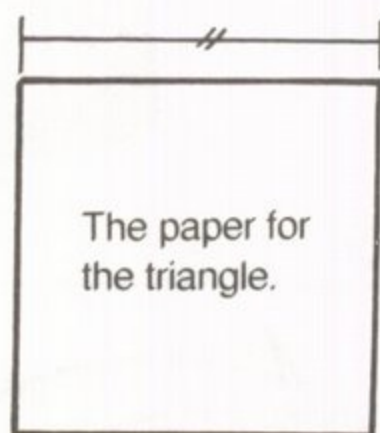
Make 6 of this unit.



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on page 37.

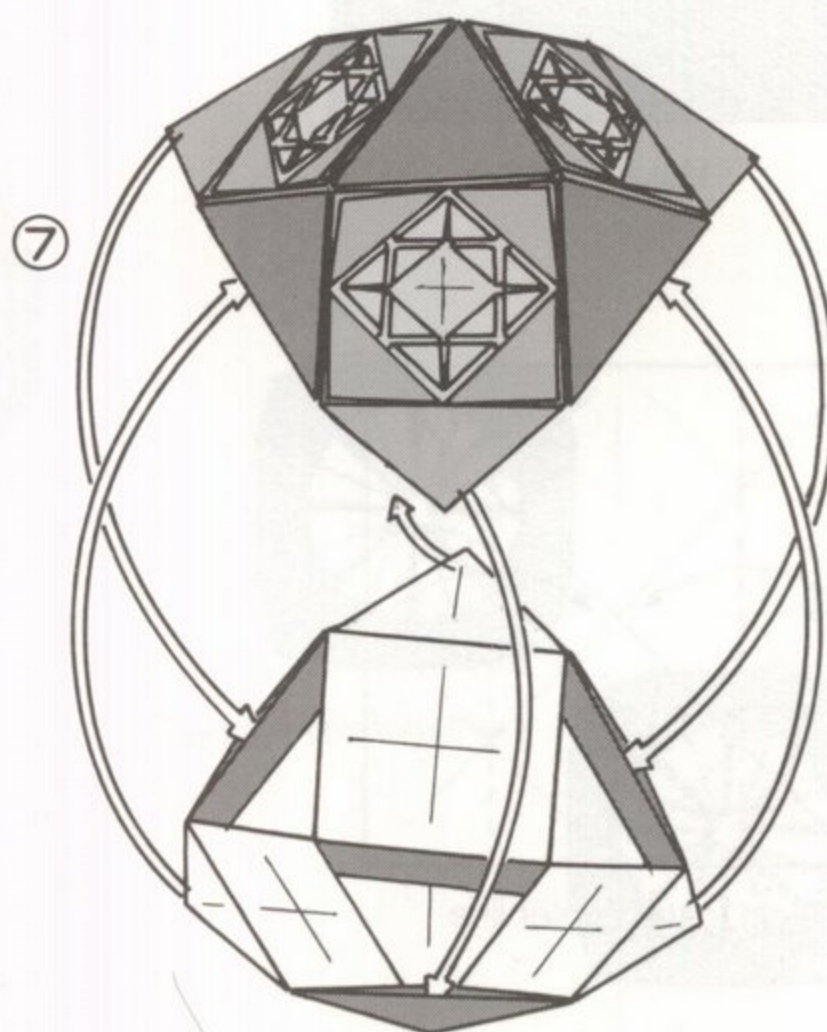


The Ratio of Paper



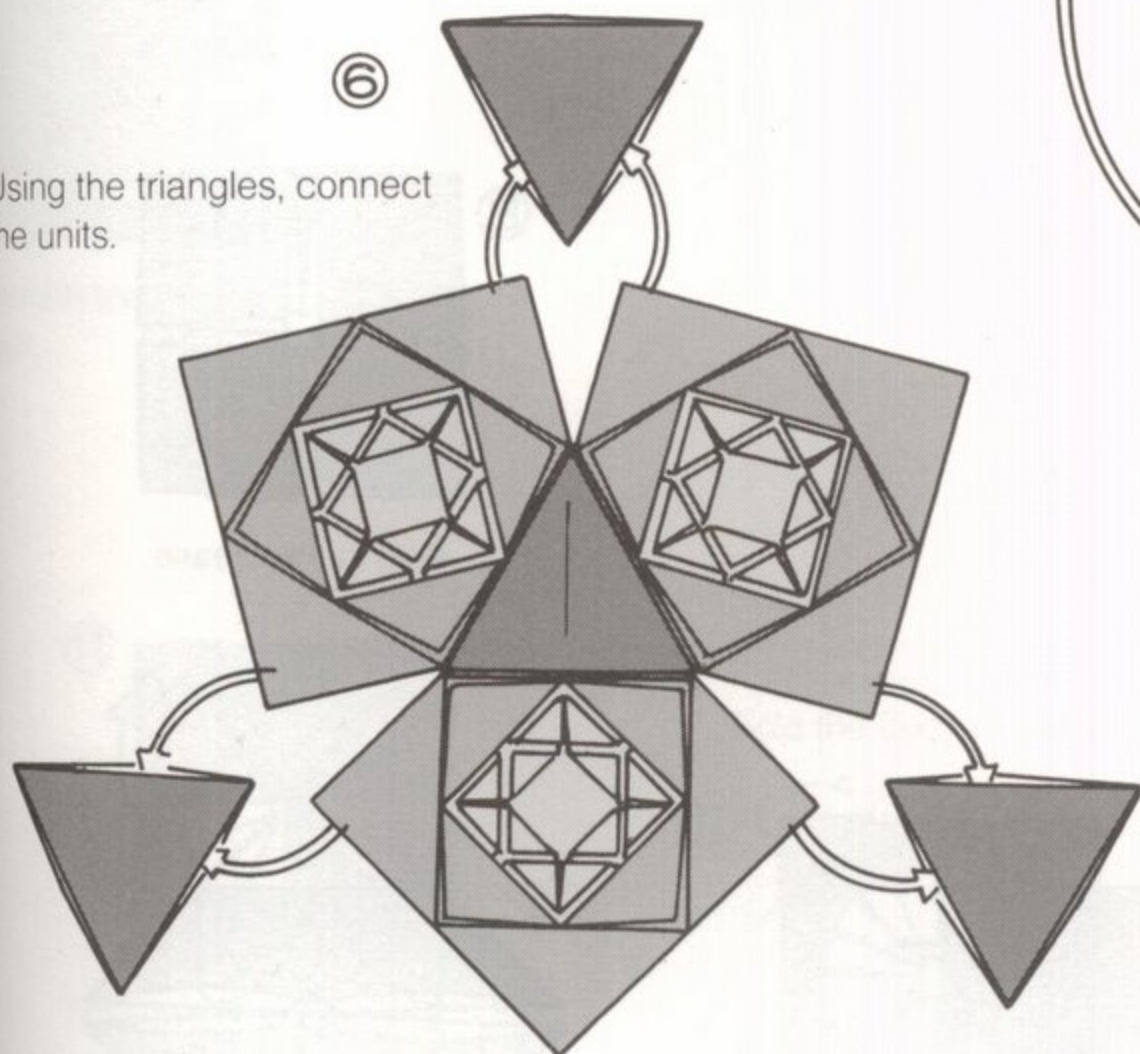
Completed.

Assemble the two groups.

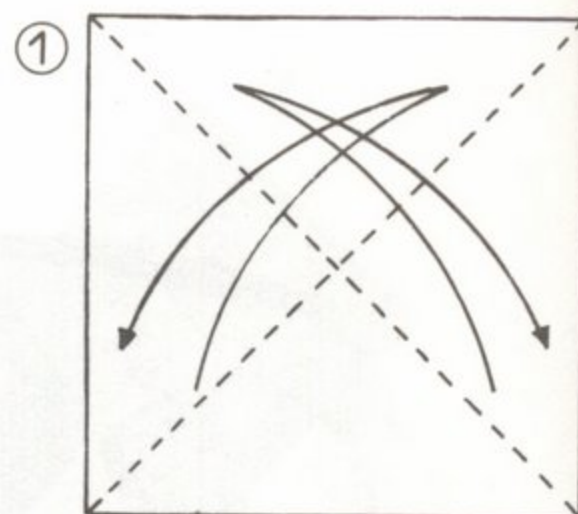


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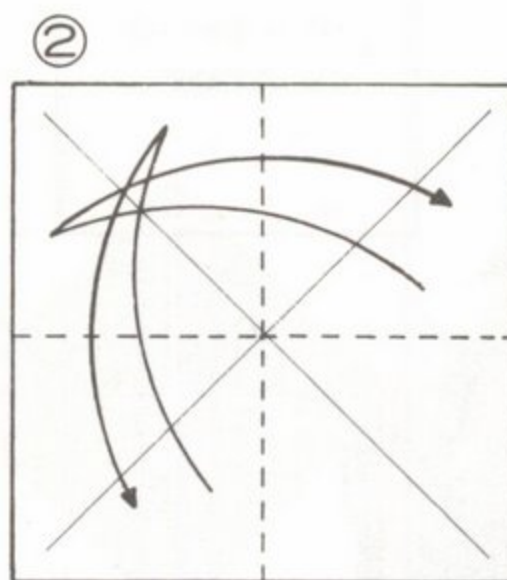
Using the triangles, connect the units.



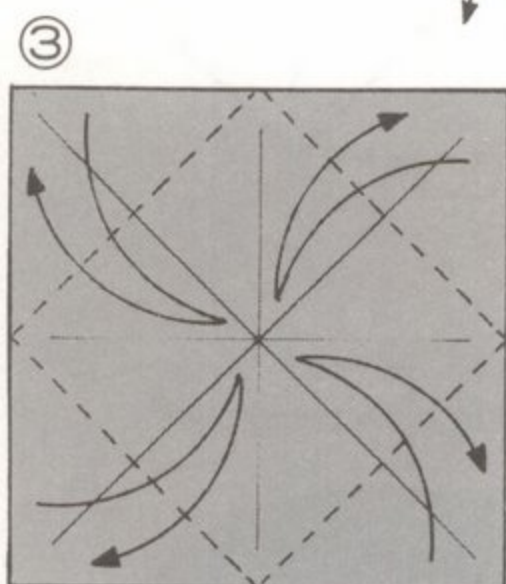
DIAMOND



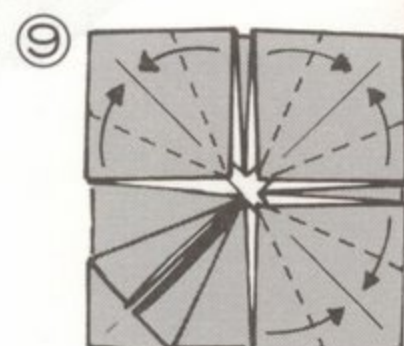
Make creases.



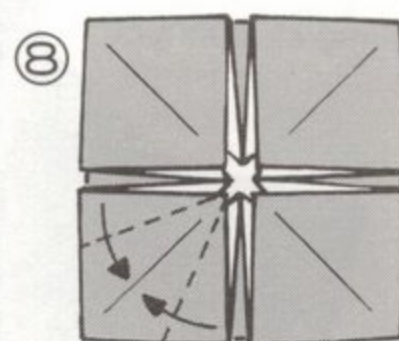
Make creases.



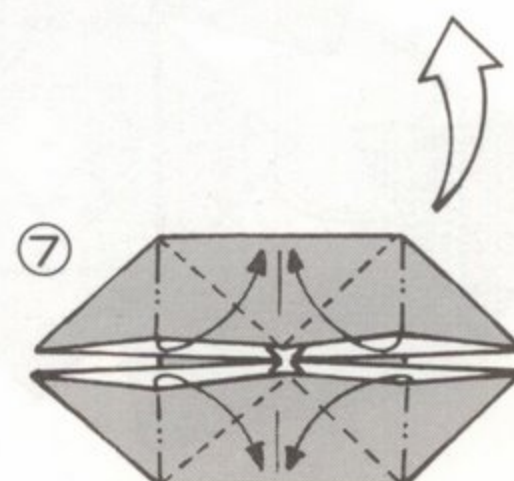
Make creases.



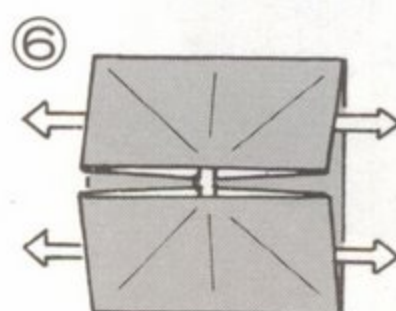
Fold the other squares in the same way.



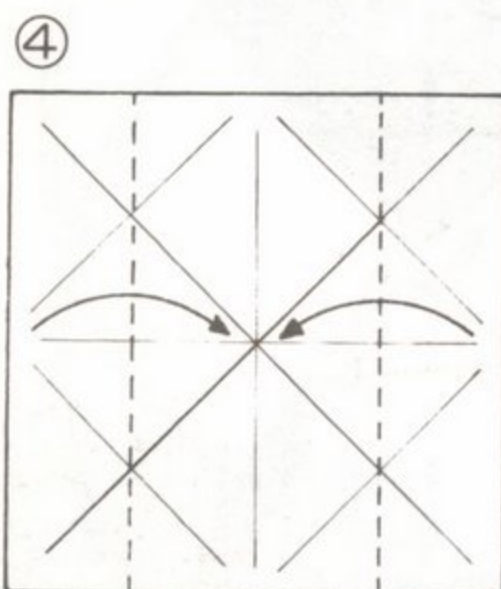
Fold to the crease.



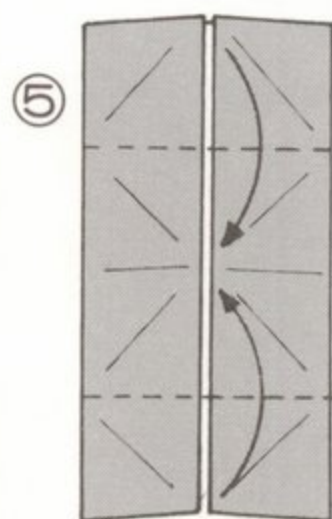
Open the triangles and flatten to form squares.



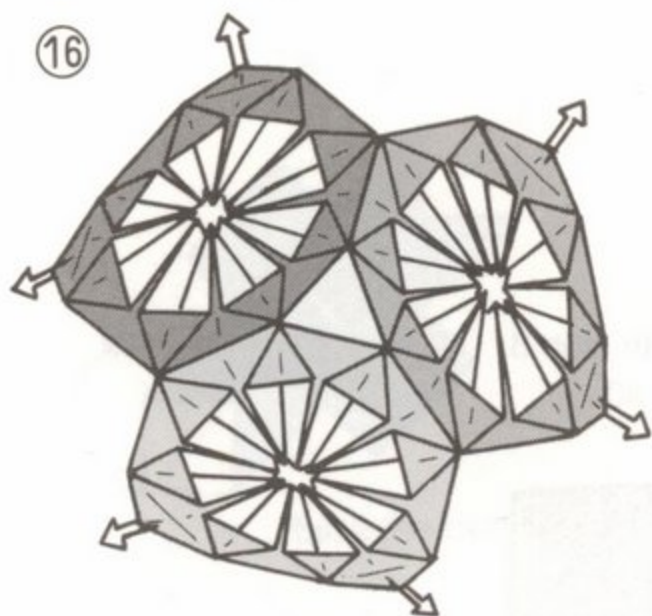
Pull out the corners.



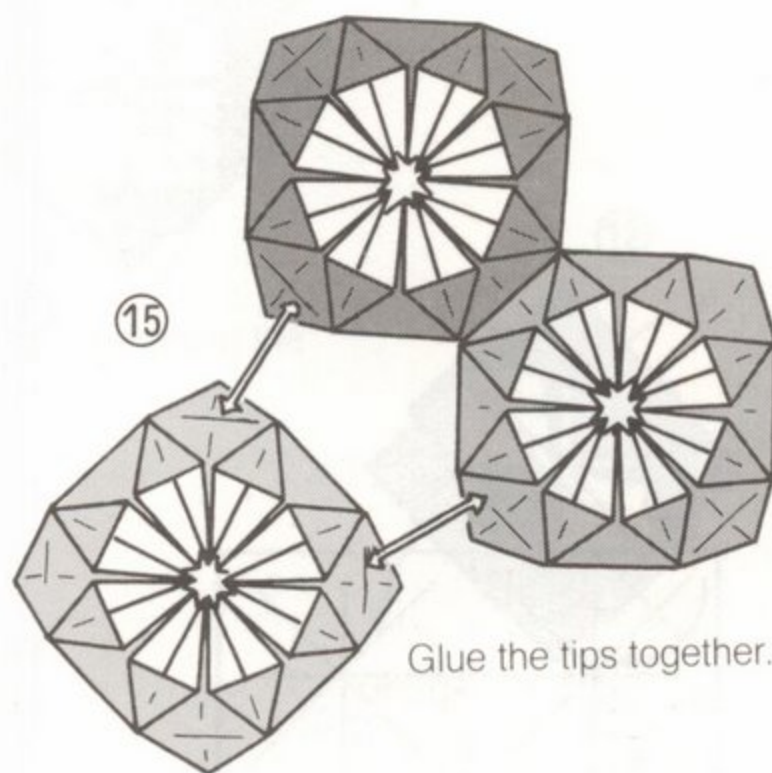
Fold to the center line.



Fold to the center line.



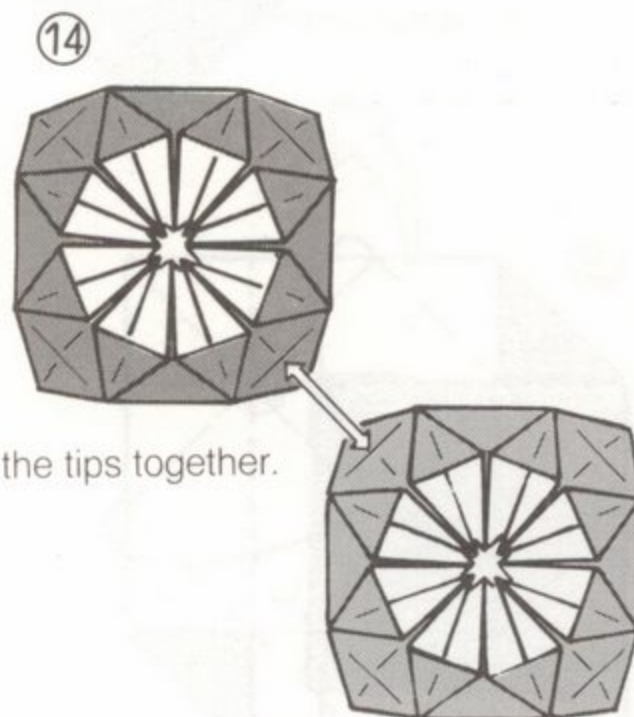
Glue the other tips together.



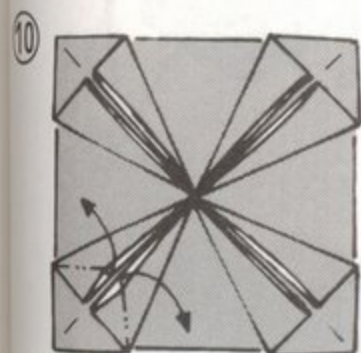
Glue the tips together.



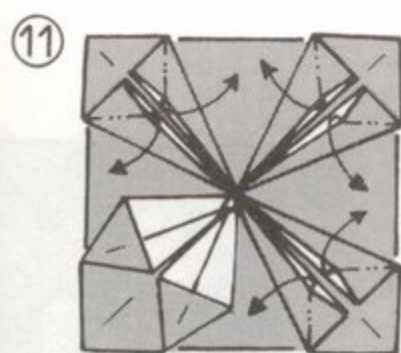
Completed.



Glue the tips together.

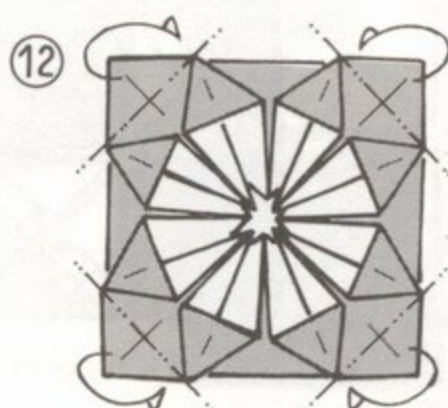


Open the triangles and flatten.

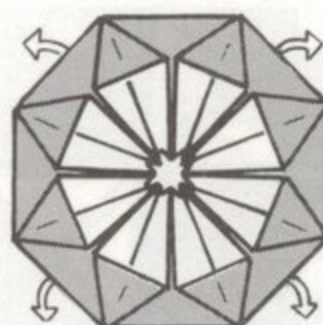


Fold the other triangles in the same way.

Fold the corners under.



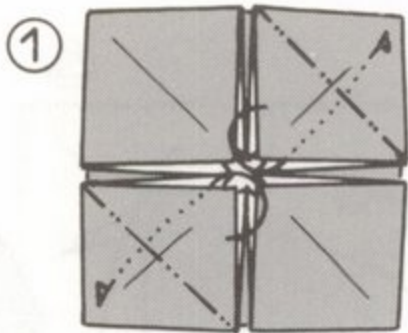
Unfold.



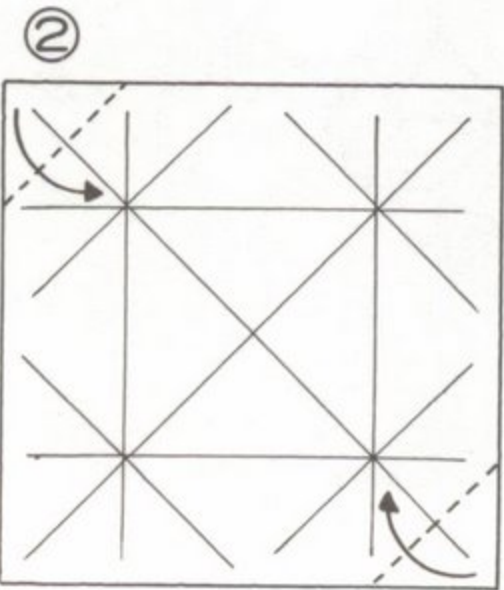
Make the same 6 units.

DICE

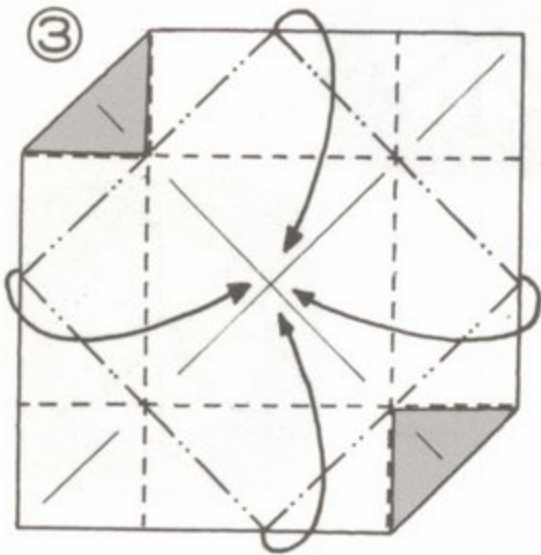
Begin with step 8
on page 40.



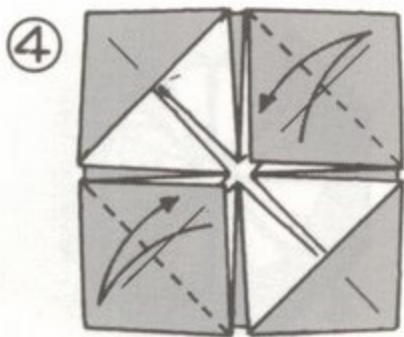
Fold the corners in, and then
open them out again.



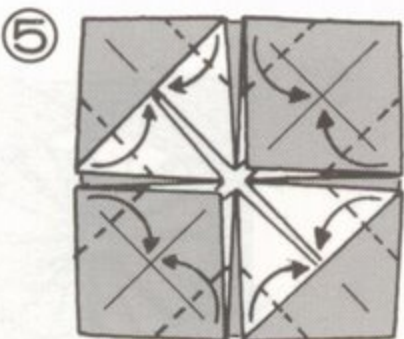
Fold the corners.



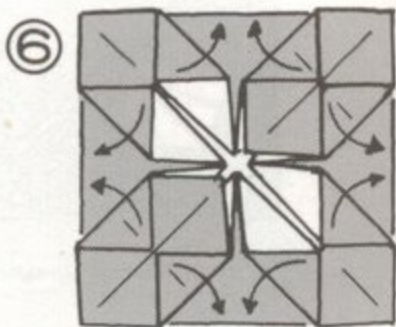
Fold again.



Make creases.

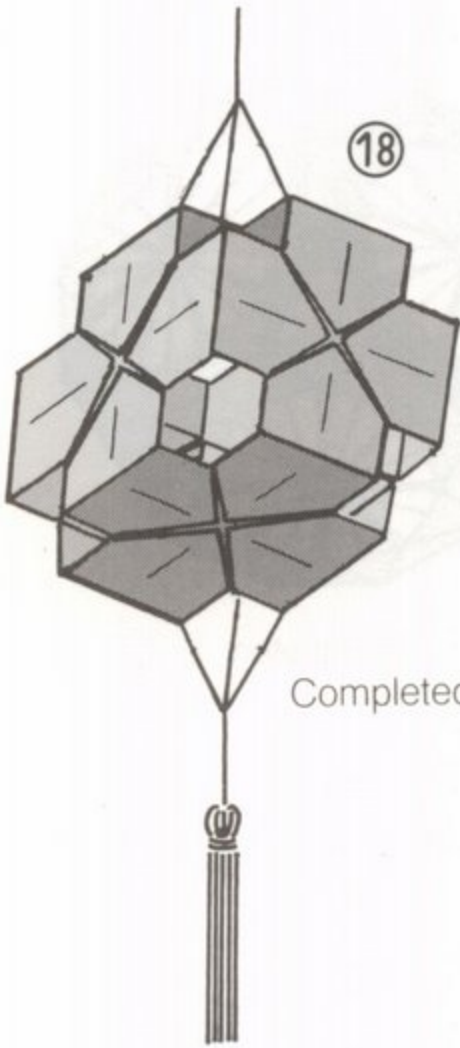
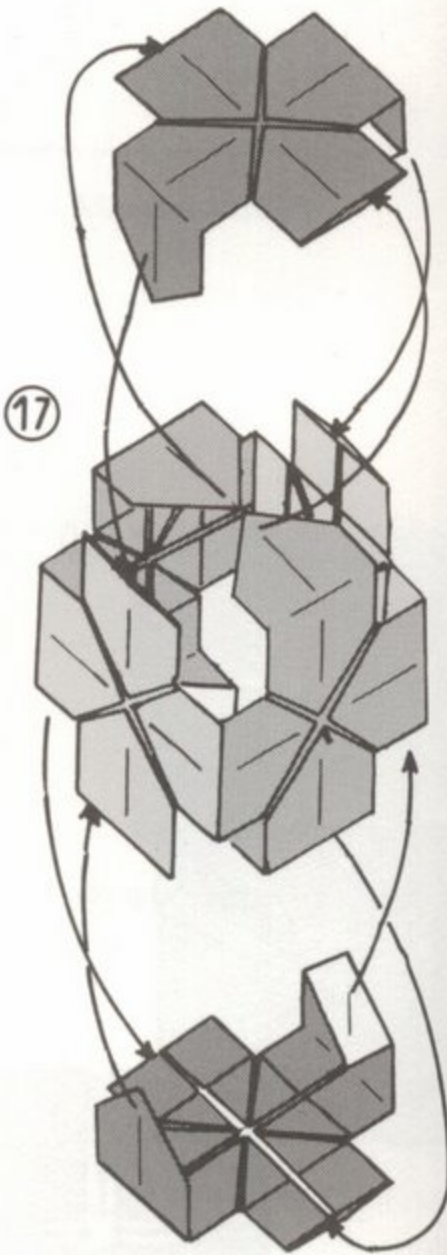


Fold all the corners.

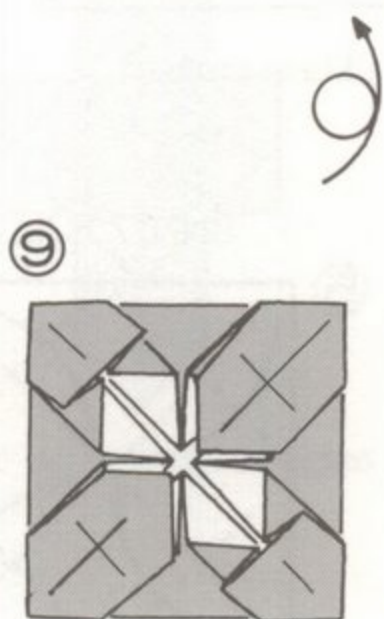
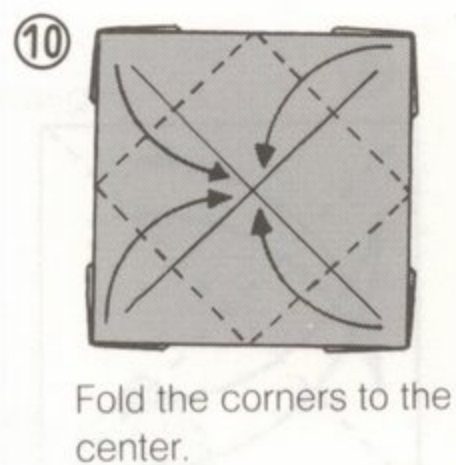
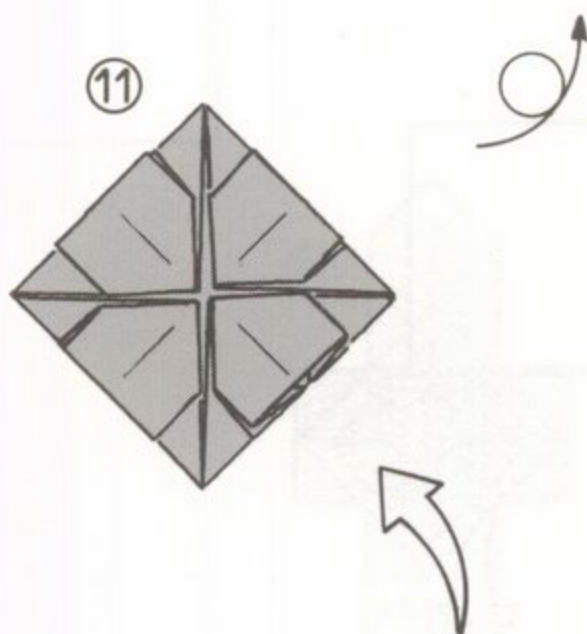
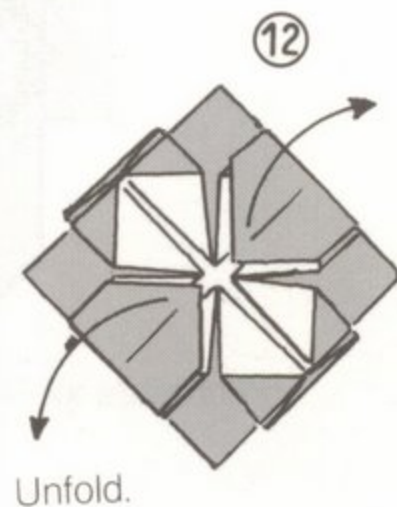
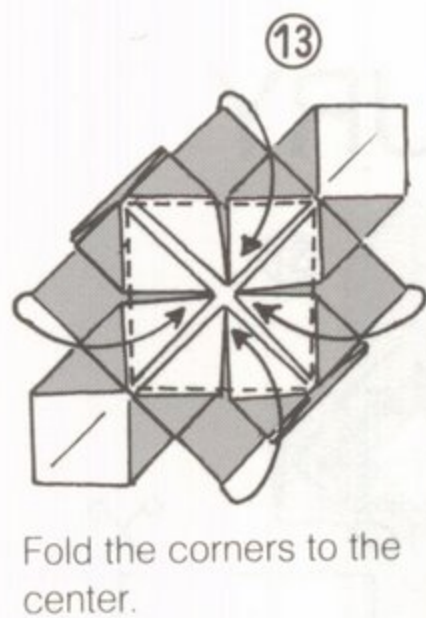
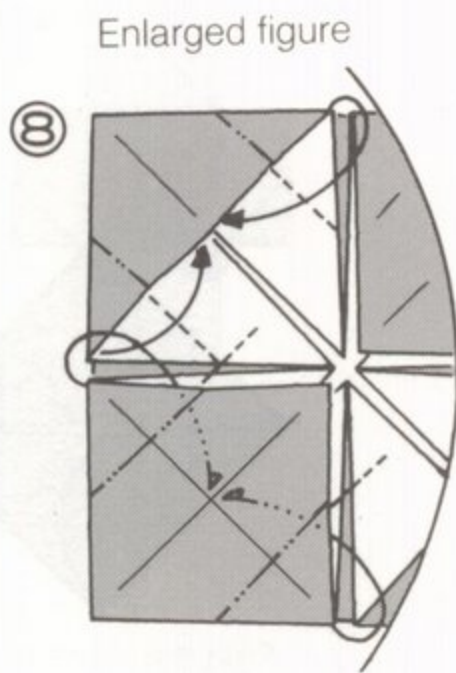
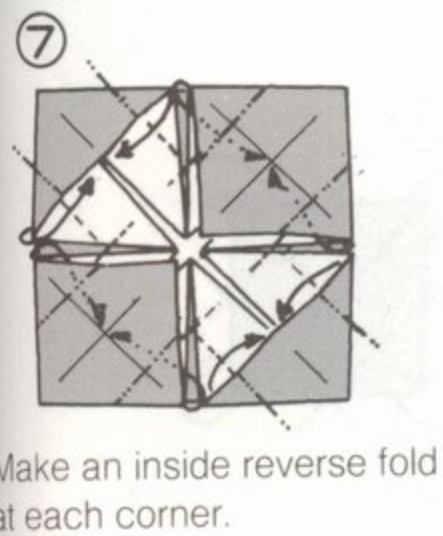
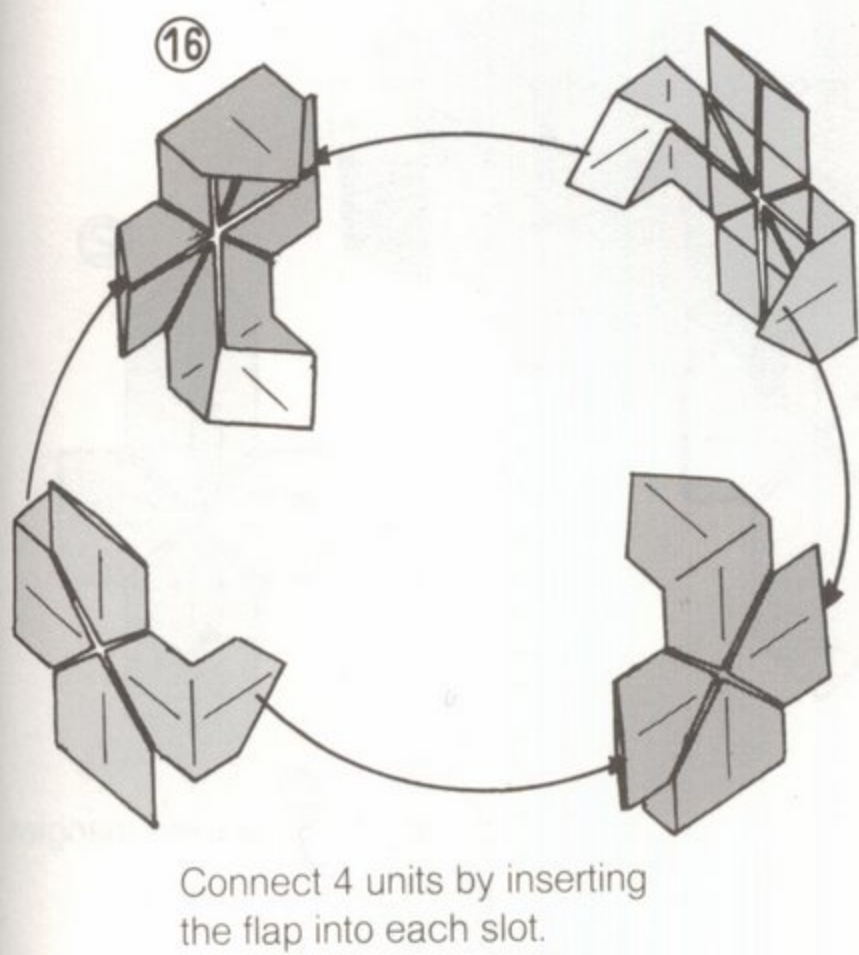
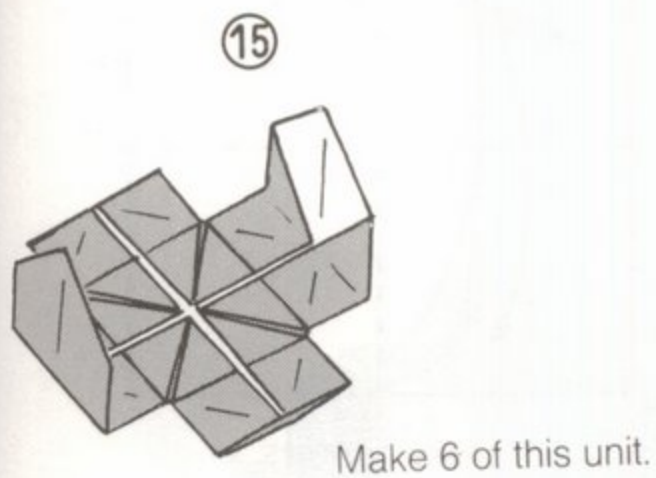
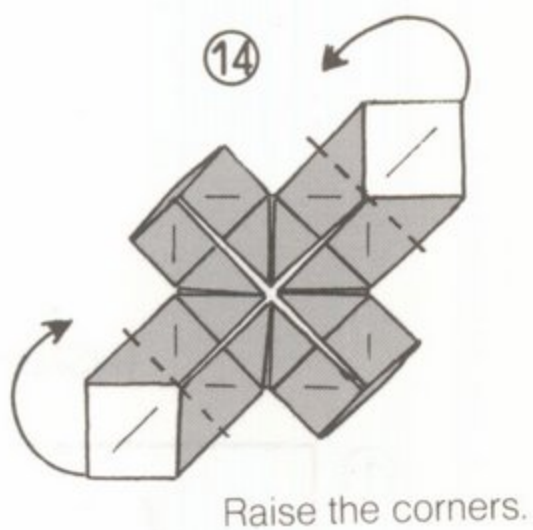


Unfold.

Connect the top and bottom
in the same way.

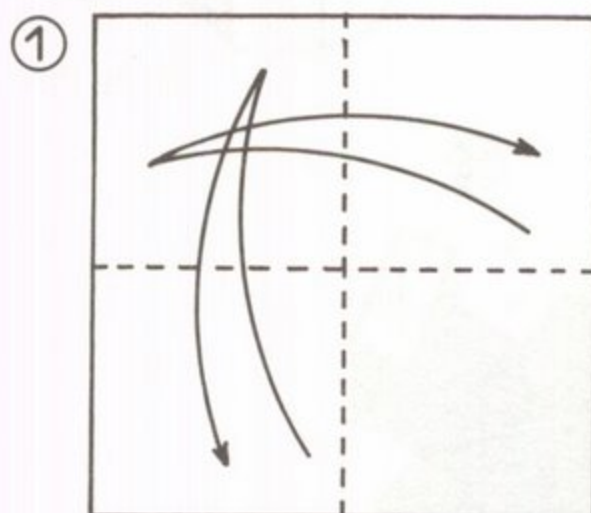


Completed.

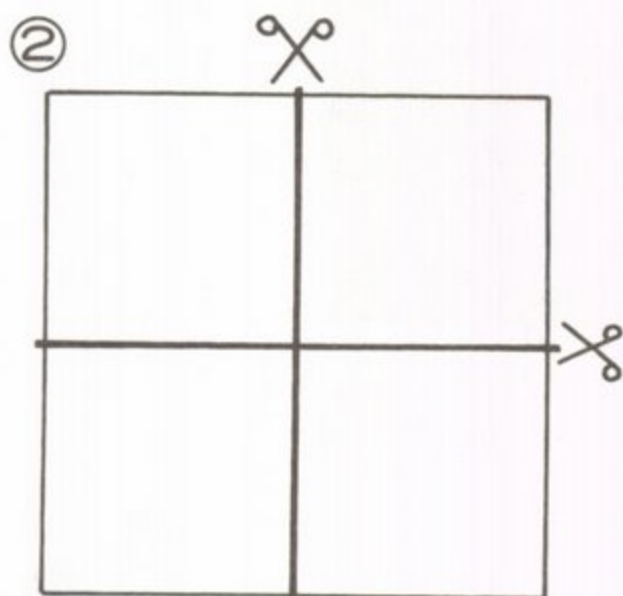


MERCURY

INSIDE



Make creases.

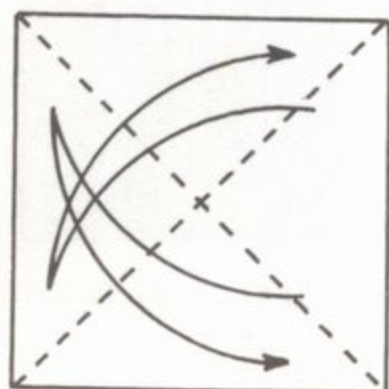


Cut into 4 pieces.

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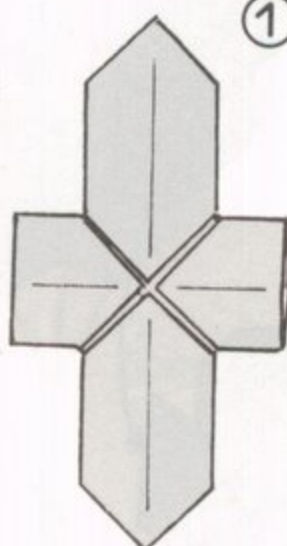
④



Make creases.

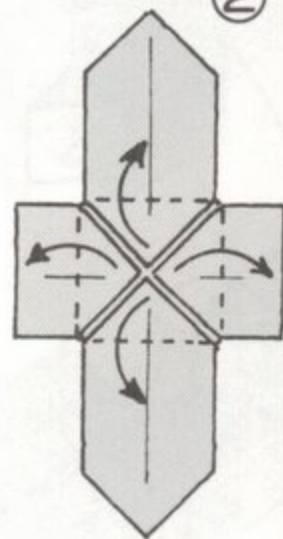
OUTSIDE

①



Begin with step 14
on page 43.
(Turned over)

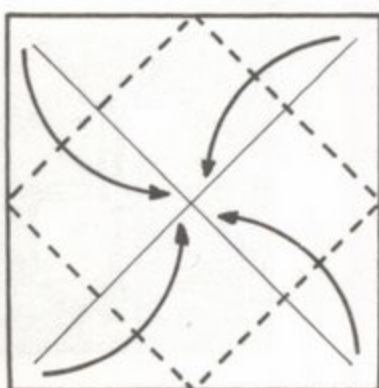
②



Fold over the triangles.

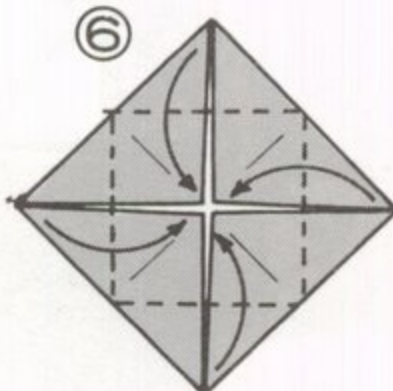
BLINTZ FOLD

⑤



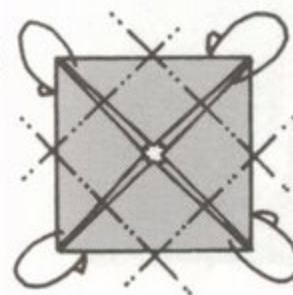
Fold the corners to the
center.

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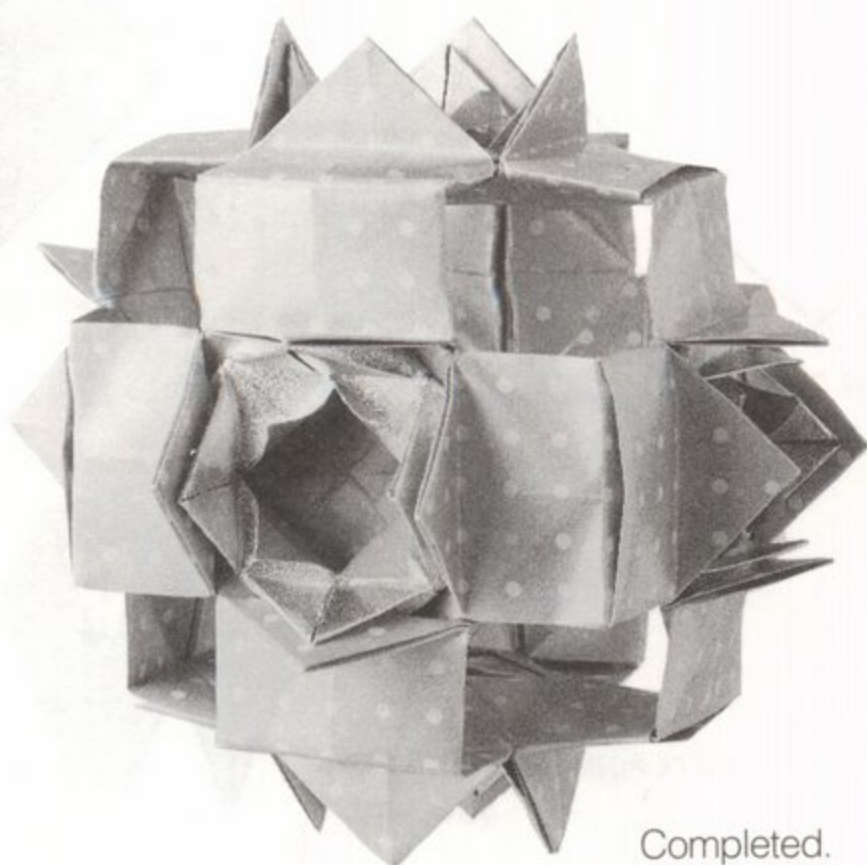


Fold the corners to the
center.

⑦



Fold the corners back.

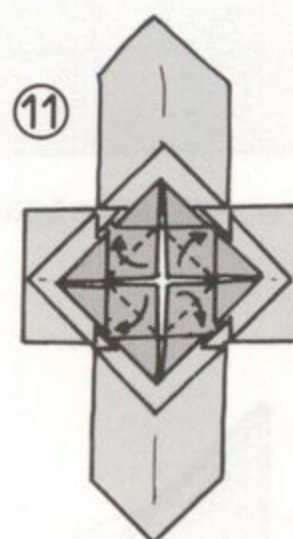


Completed.

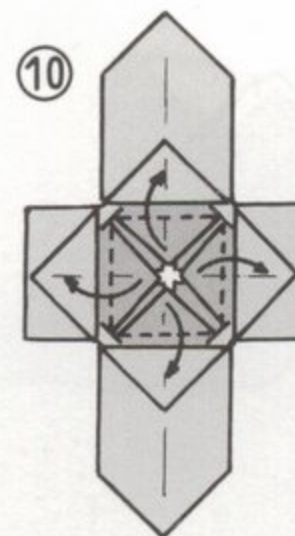


Make 6 of this unit.

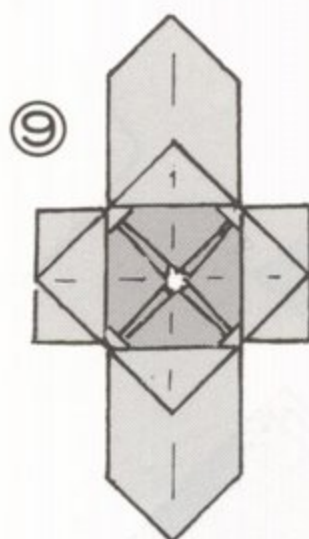
See pages 42-43 for assembling.



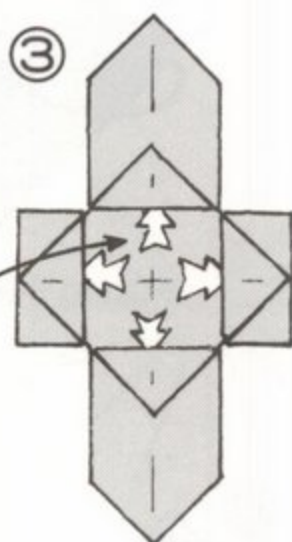
Open the underneath triangles.



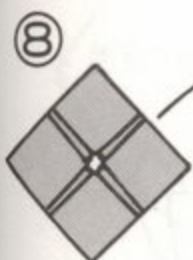
Open the topmost triangles.



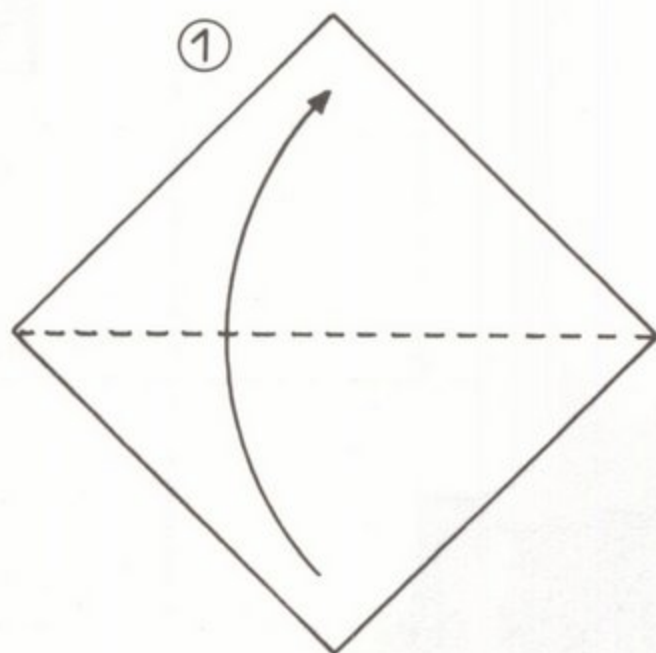
Joined unit.



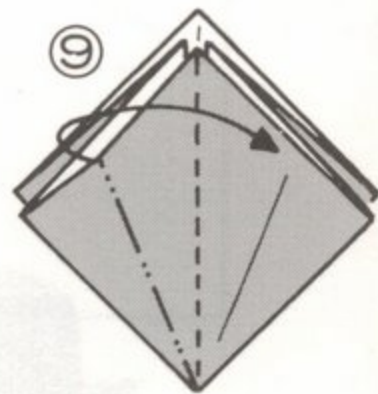
Insert into the slots.



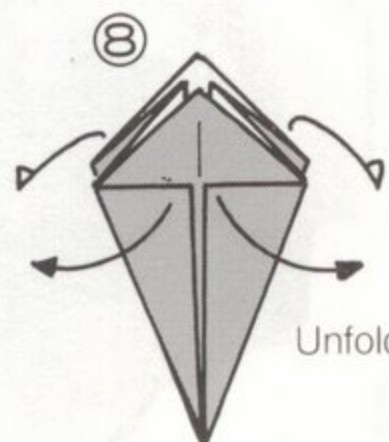
VENUS



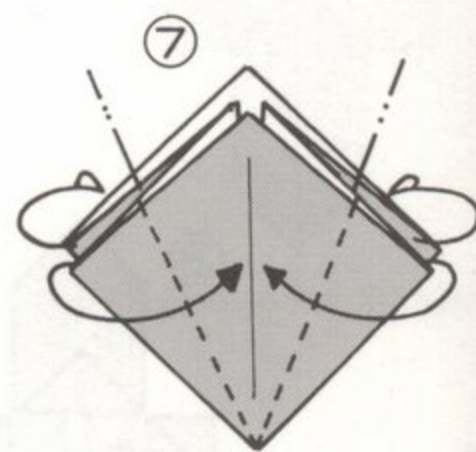
Fold over.



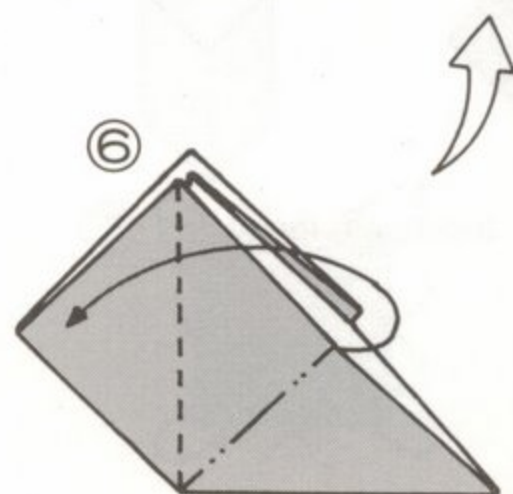
Open and flatten.



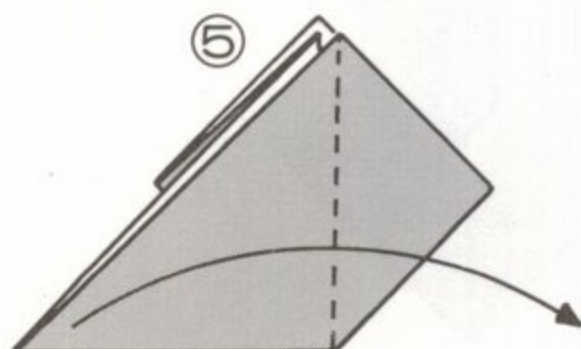
Unfold.



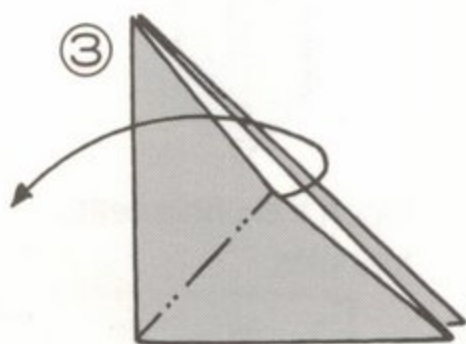
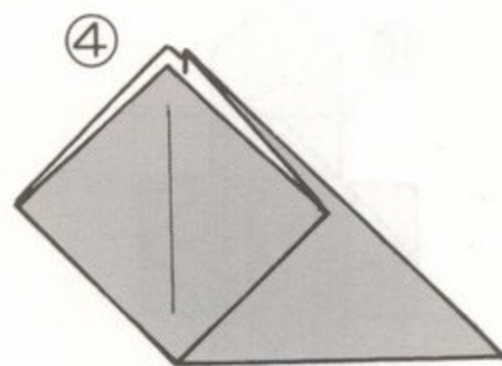
Fold to the center line.



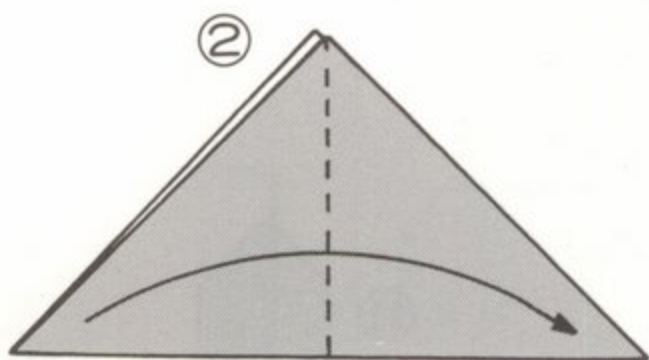
Open and flatten.



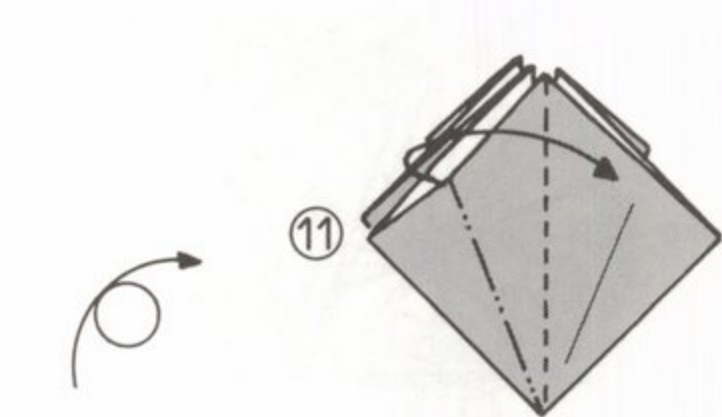
Turn over.



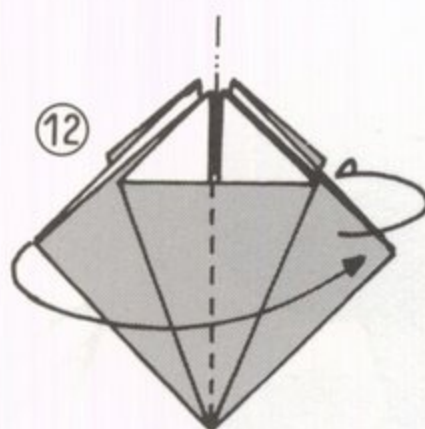
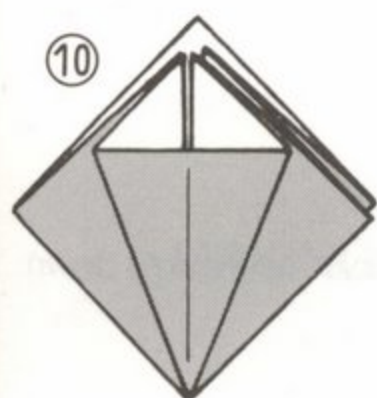
Open and flatten.



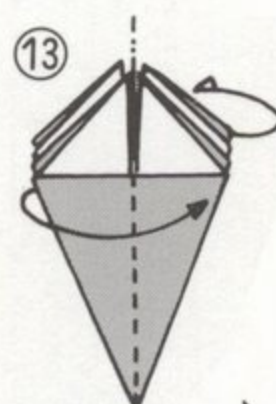
Fold over again.



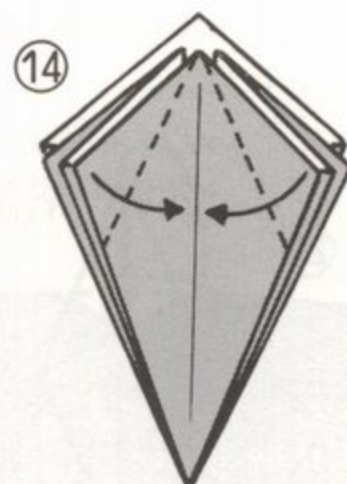
Open and flatten.



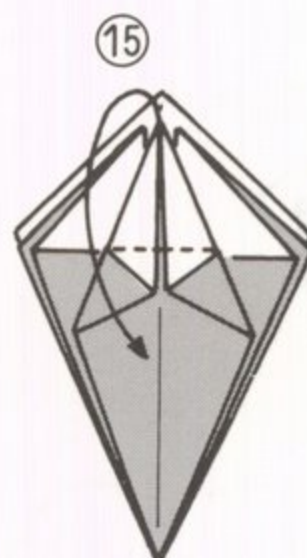
Fold the other flaps in the same way.



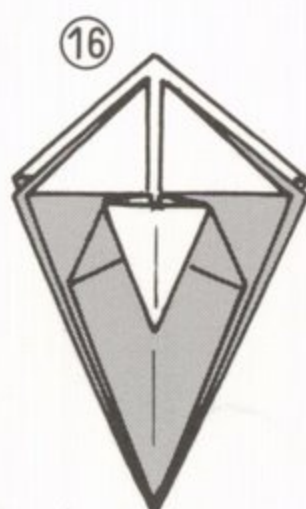
Turn over.



Fold to the center line.



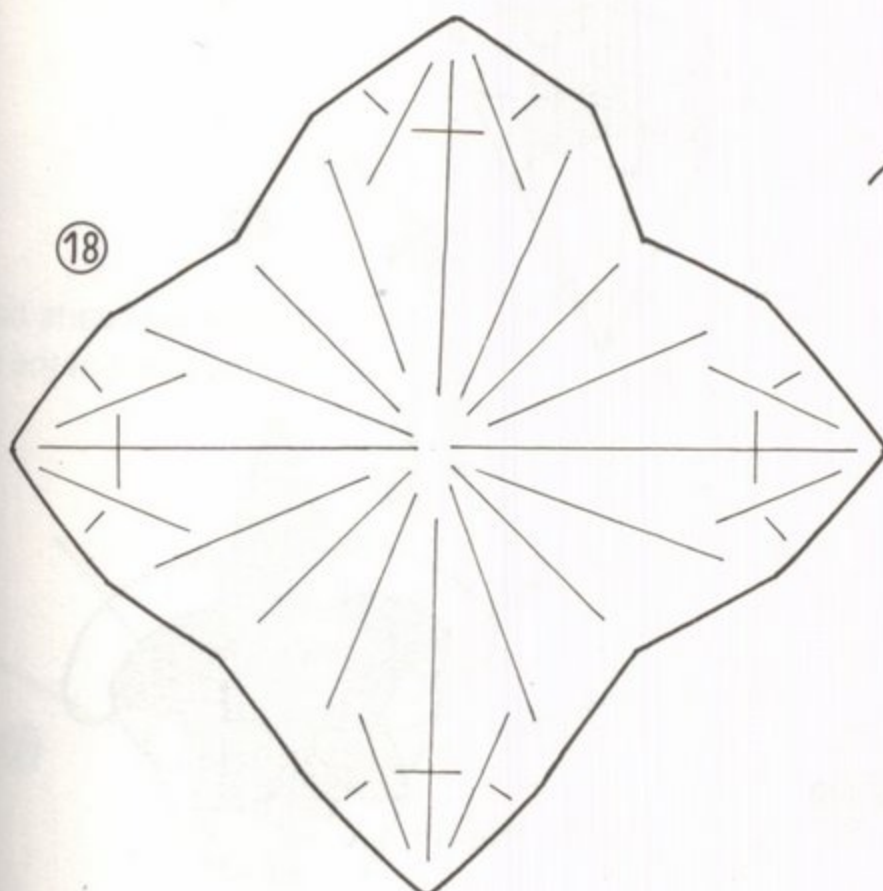
Fold down the triangle.



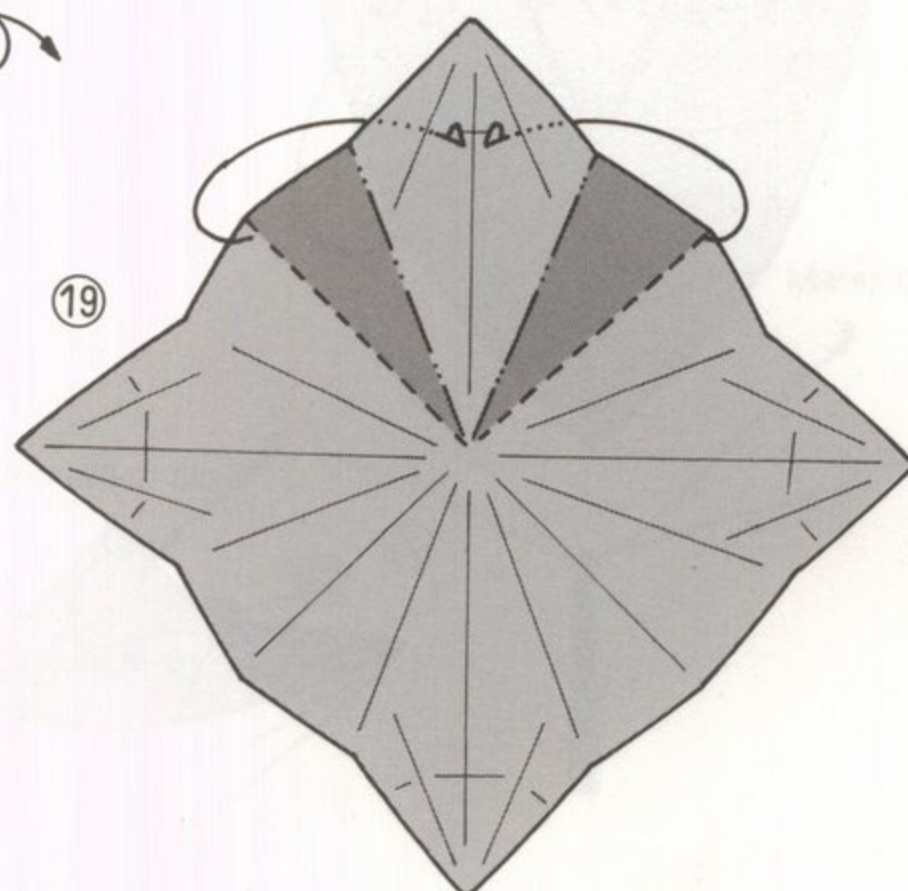
Fold the other flaps in the same way.



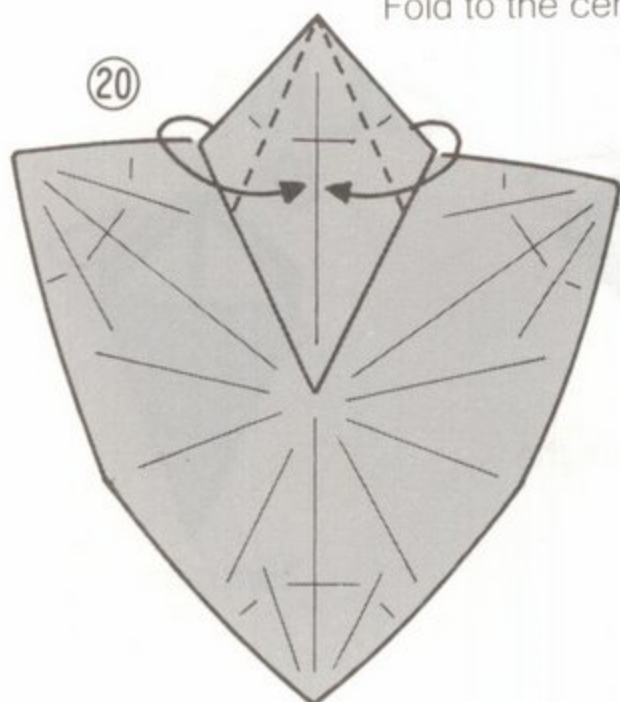
Unfold and open.



Fold the marked parts back so that they meet at the back.



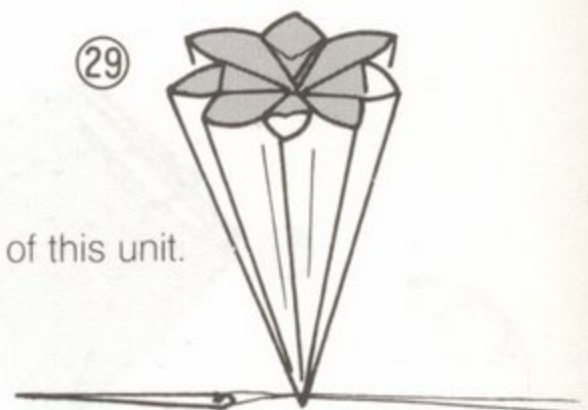
Fold to the center.



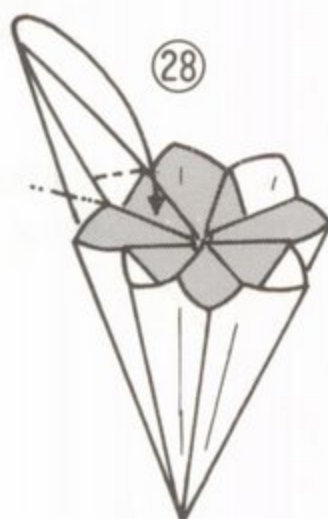
20

Make 40 of this unit.

29



Pass thread through 10 units and tie.



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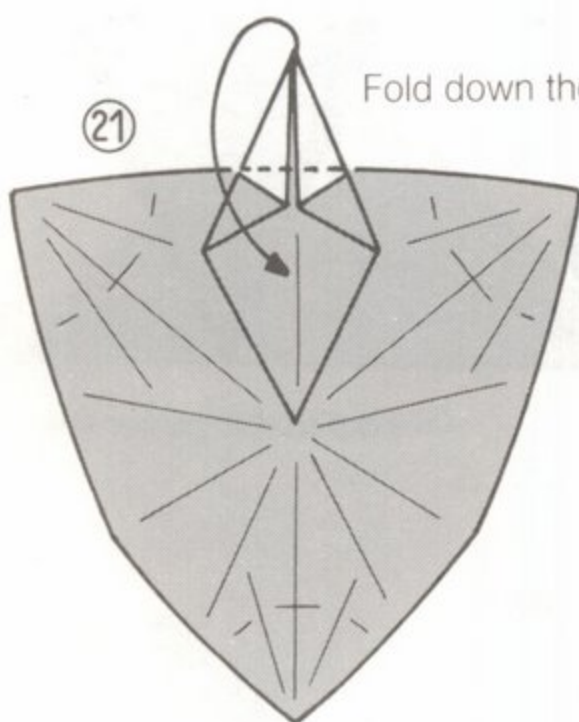
Seen from the side.



27

Fold the triangle down.

Fold down the triangle.



21

Fold on the creases as in step 20.



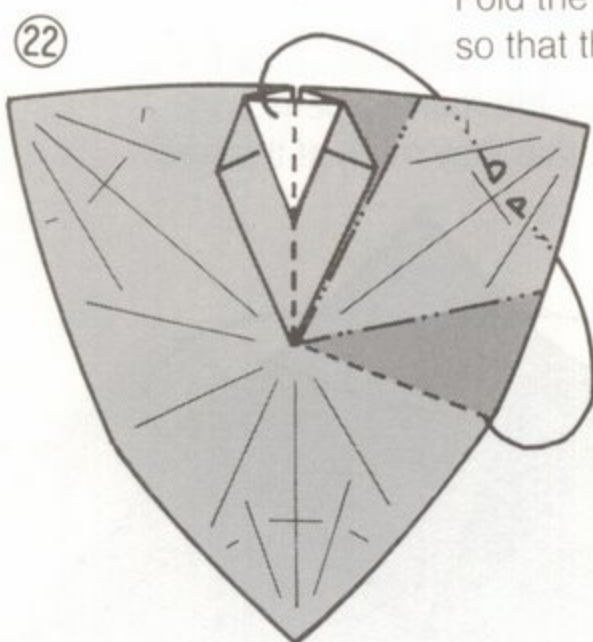
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Open the slit a little.



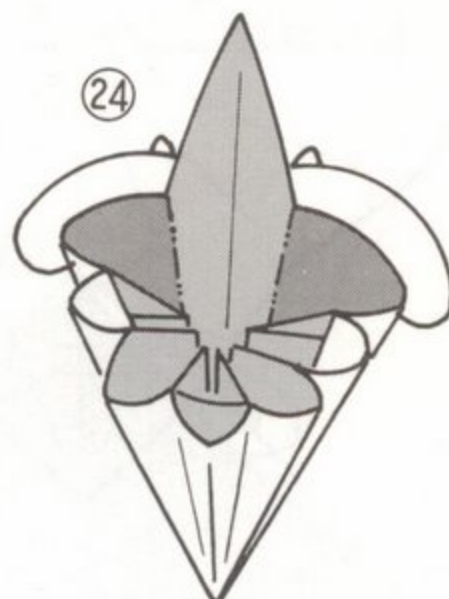
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Fold the marked parts back so that they meet at the back.



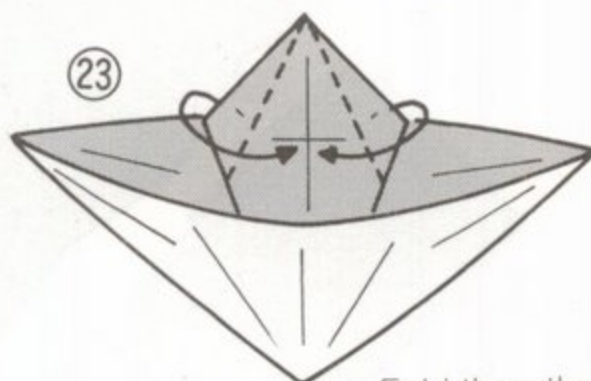
22

Fold the marked parts back so that they meet at the back.



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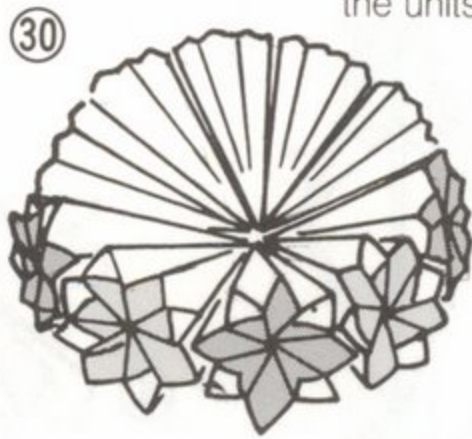
Fold to the center.



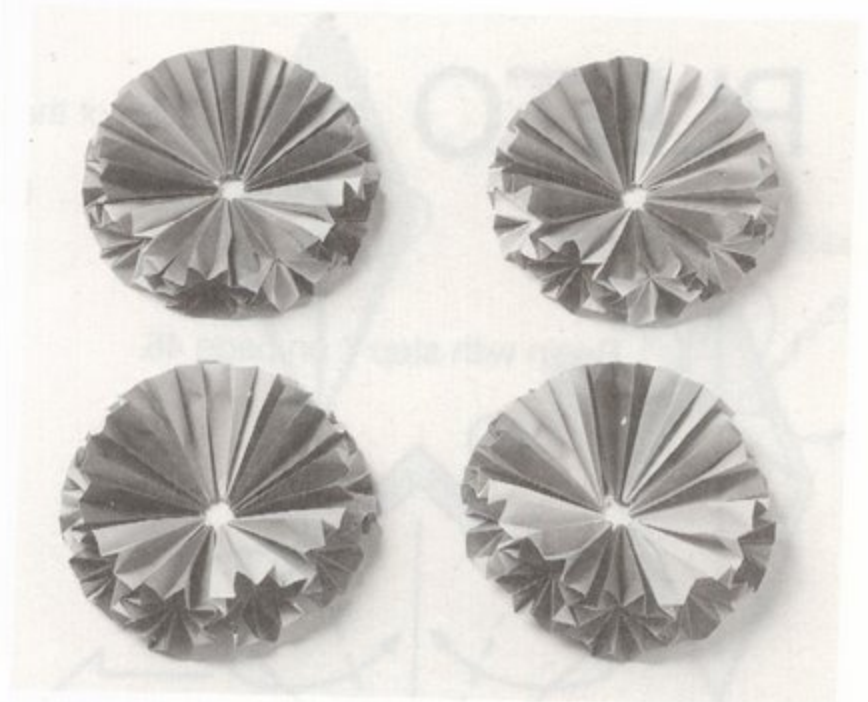
23

Fold the other corners in the same way.

See pages 11-12 for assembling the units.

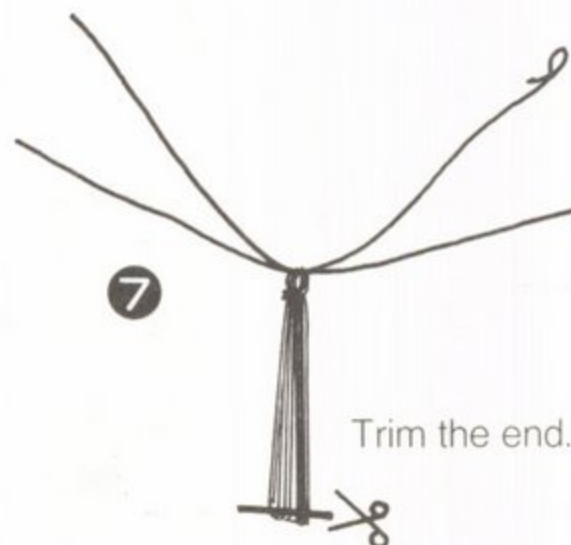
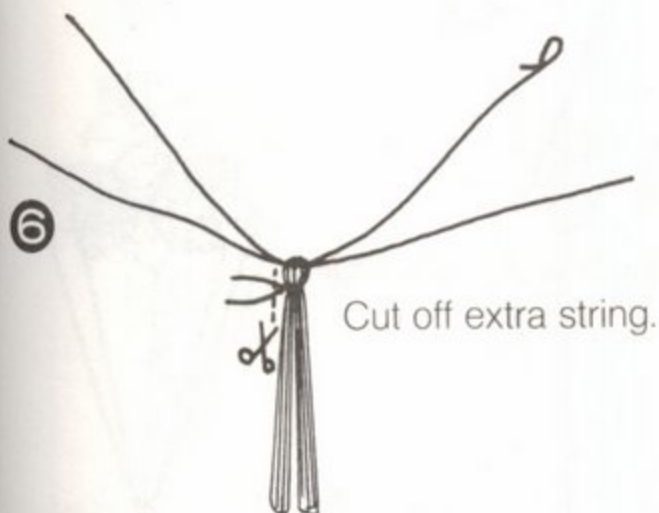
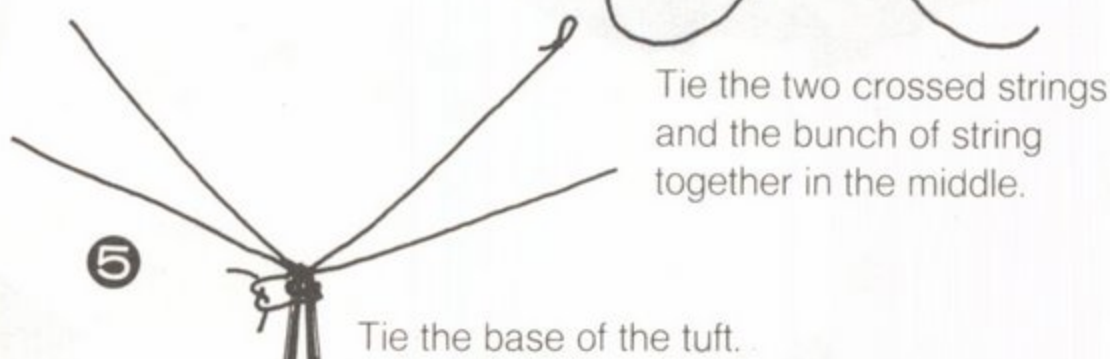
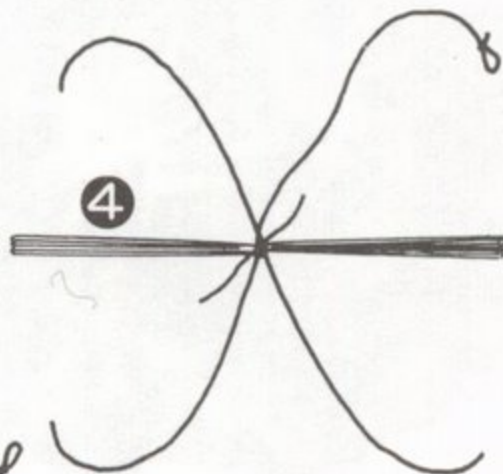
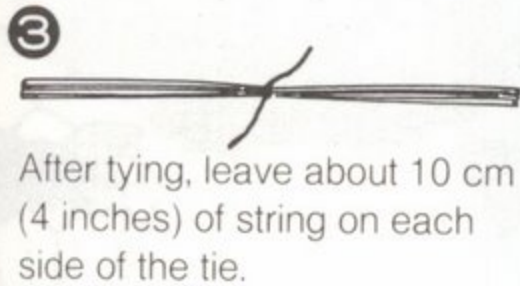
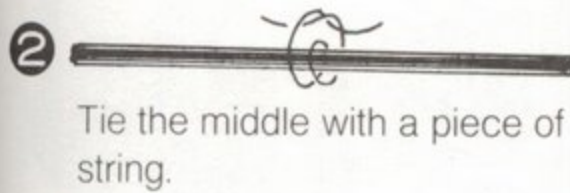


Connect 10 units with thread and tie the base.

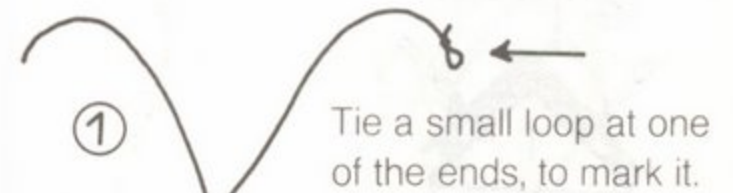


MAKING THE TASSEL

Make 4 groups of 10 units.



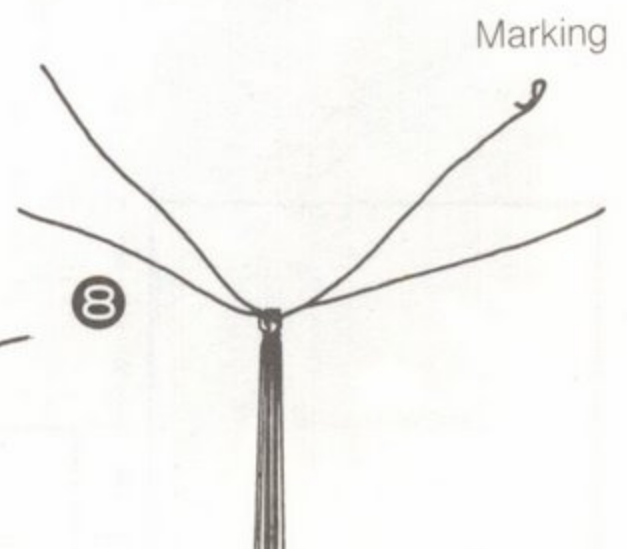
Prepare two pieces of long string and tie them at the middle.



HANGER



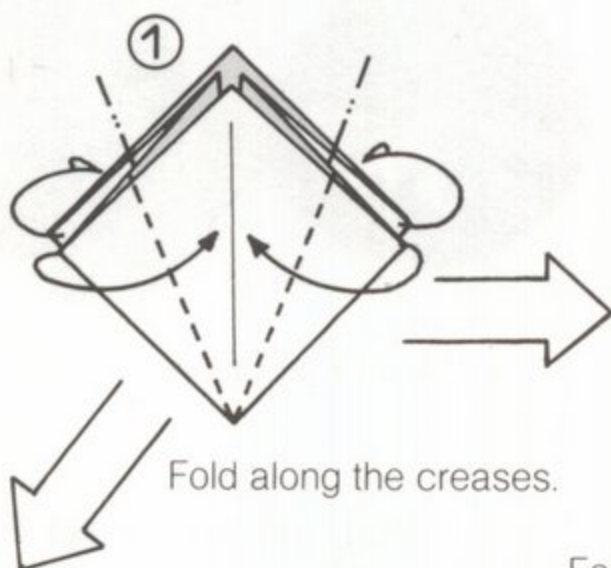
Prepare a loop of string for hanging.



PLUTO

A Variation of the design
on page 46.

Begin with step 7 on page 46.



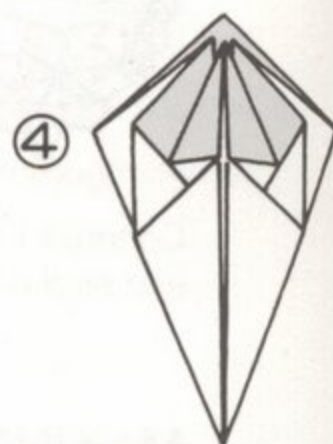
Fold along the creases.



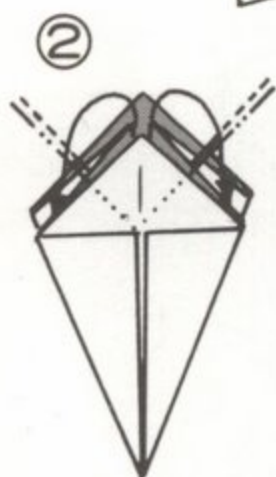
Fold along the creases.



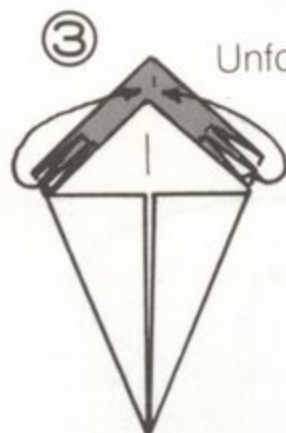
Open the triangles and
flatten.



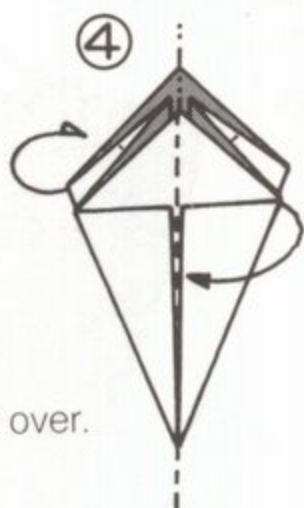
Fold the other side in the
same way.



Make inside reverse folds.



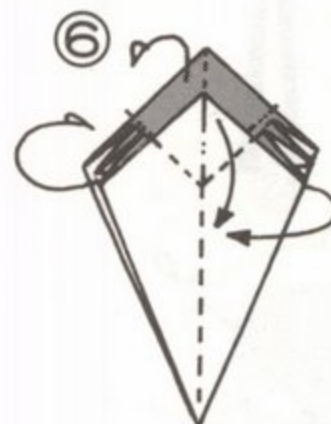
Unfold.



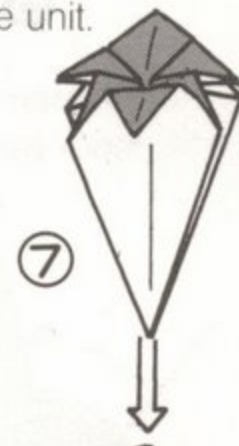
Fold over.



Make inside reverse folds.



Fold so that all the triangles
open.

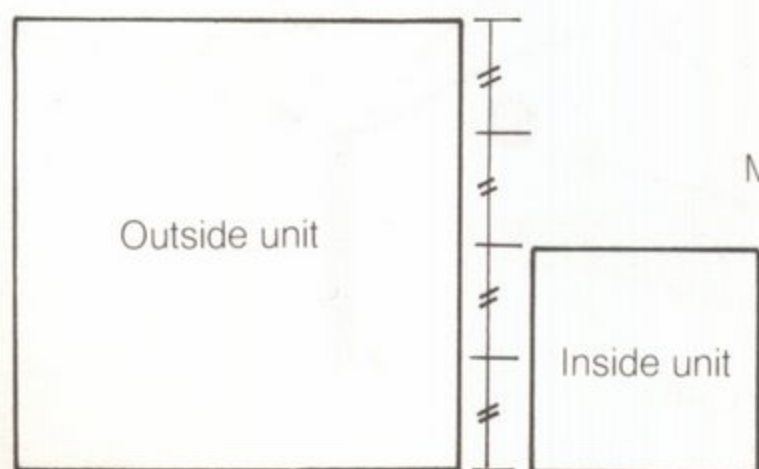


Insert into the center of the
outside unit.



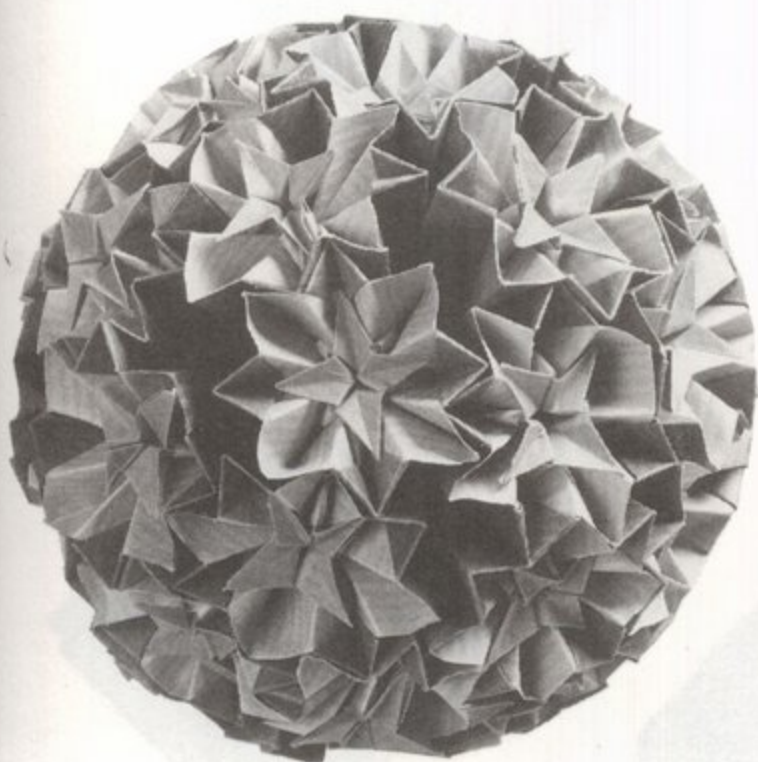
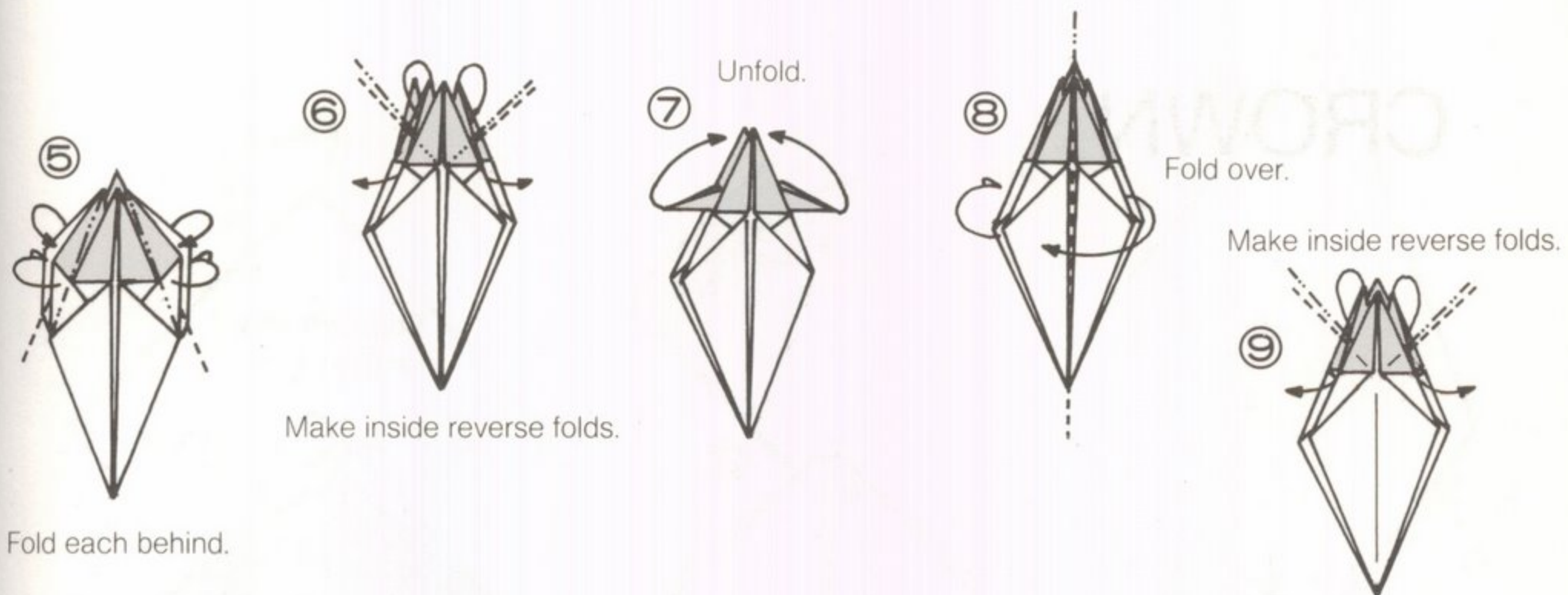
Make 40 of this unit.

Join the units the same way
as VENUS on page 46.

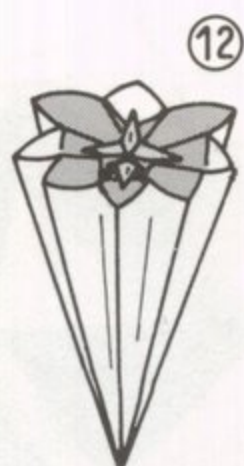


The ratio of paper sizes.

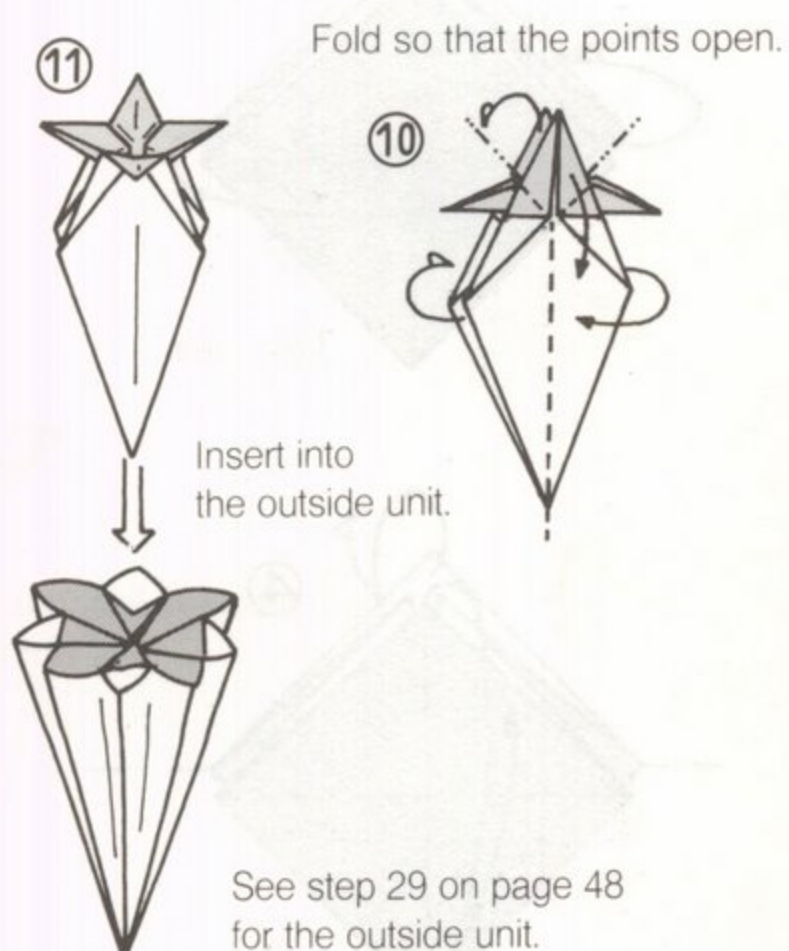
See step 29 on page 49 for
the outside unit.



Make 40 of this unit.

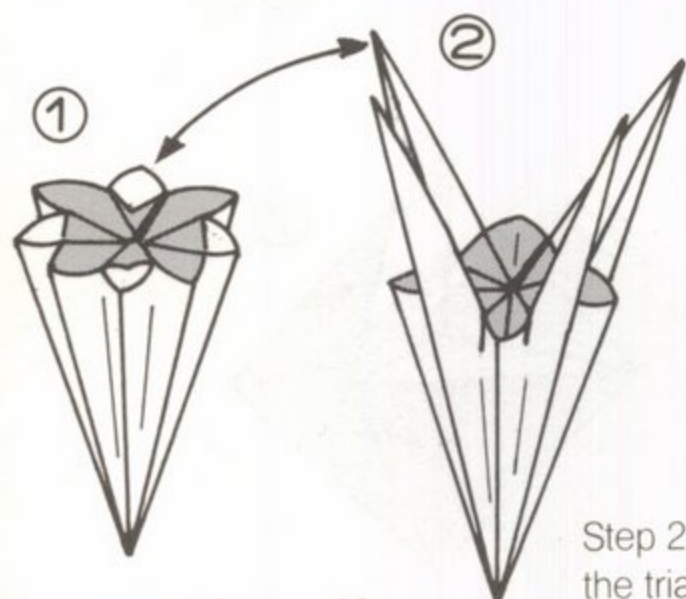


Join the units the same way as VENUS on page 46.

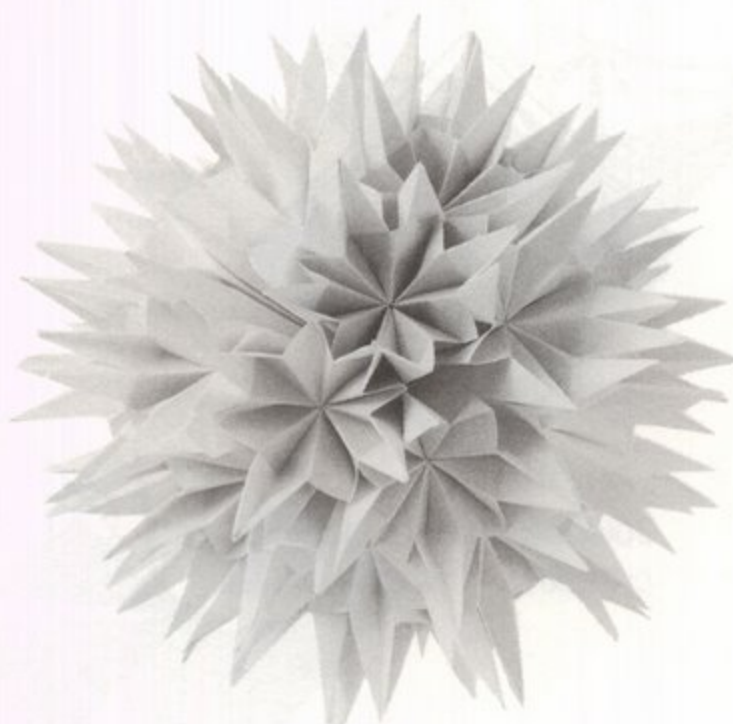


Make 40 of the unit with horns on page 48.

Join the units the same way as VENUS on page 46.



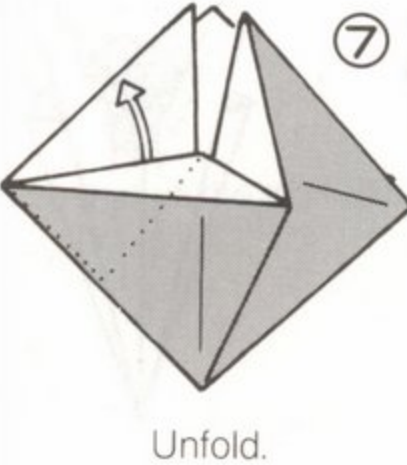
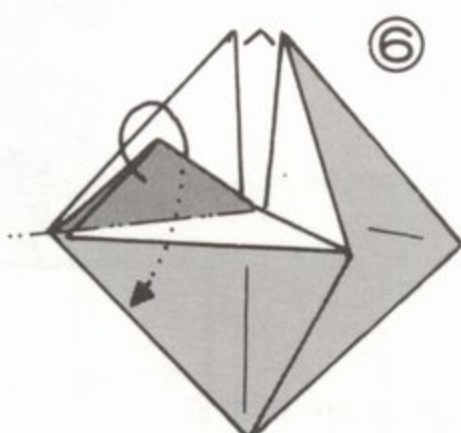
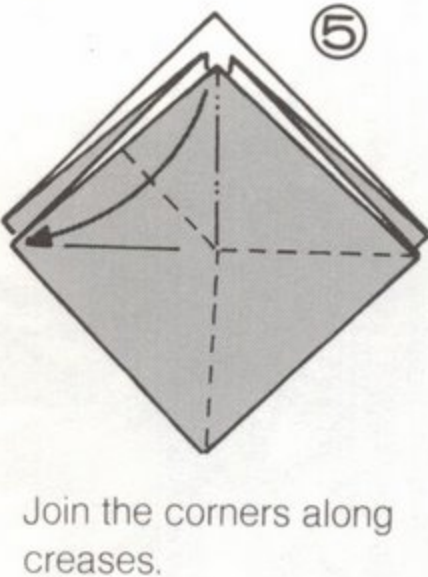
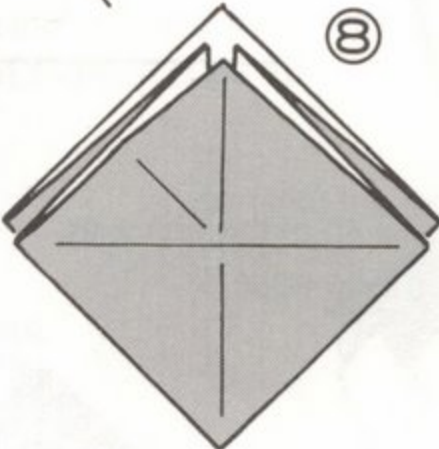
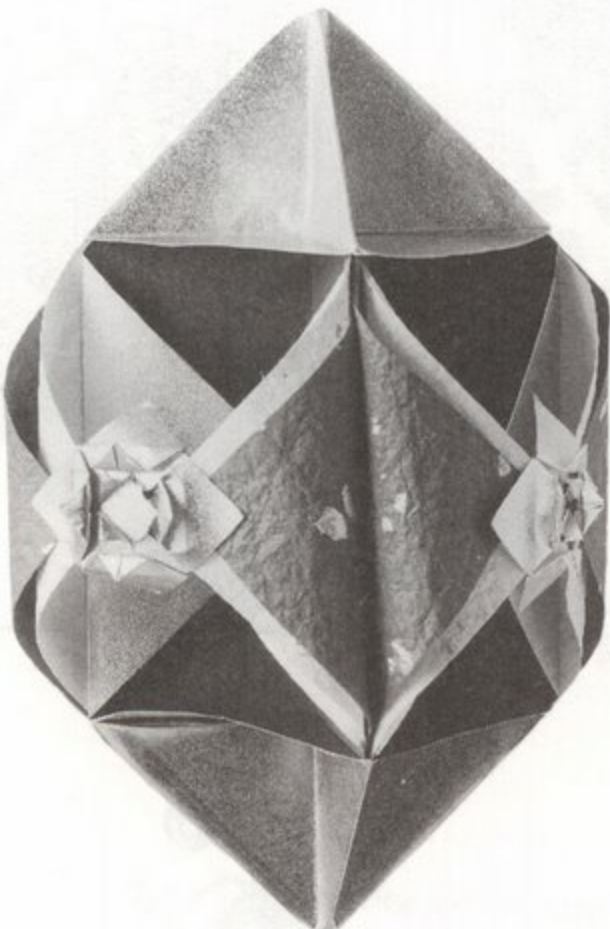
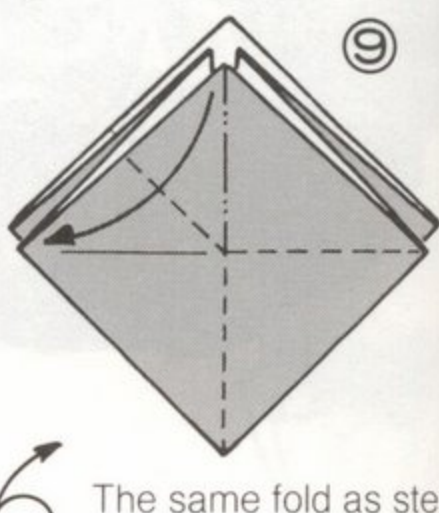
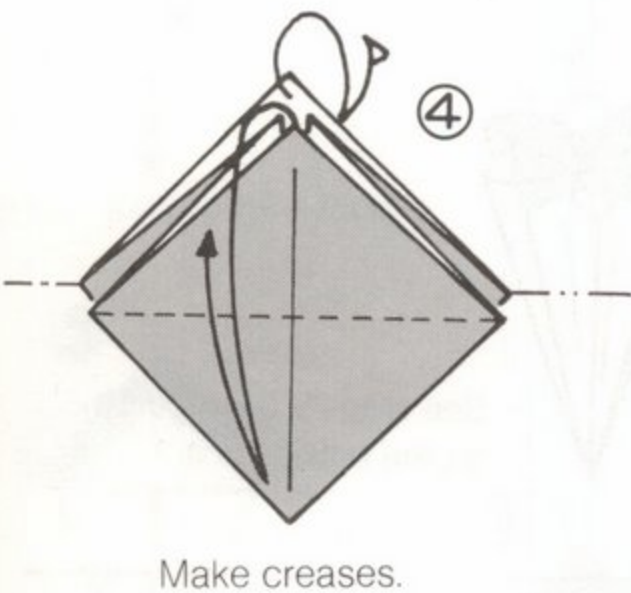
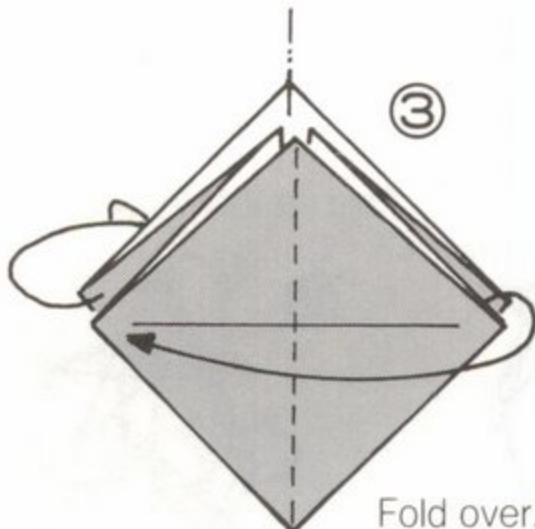
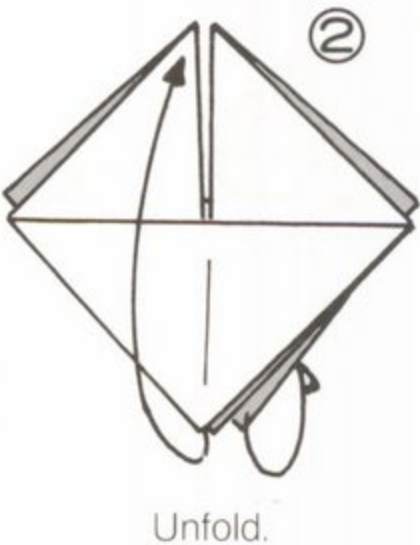
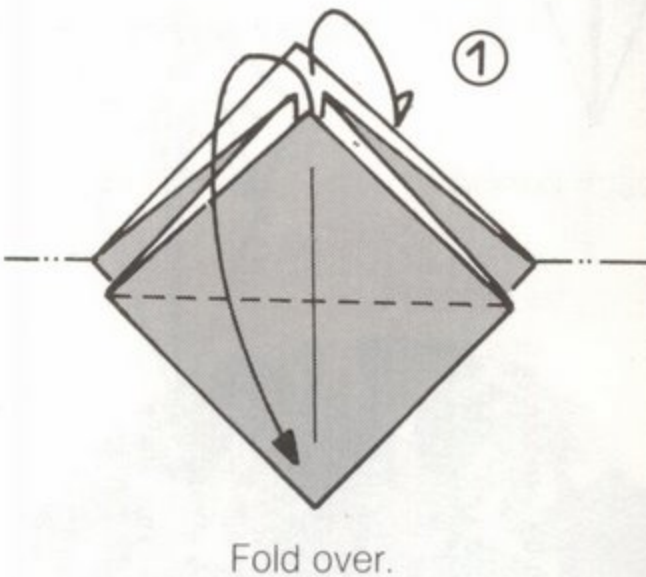
Step 27 on page 48 before folding the triangles.



The unit on page 48 (step 29).

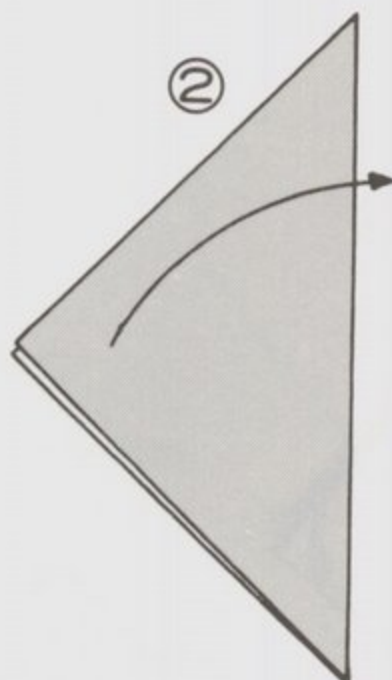
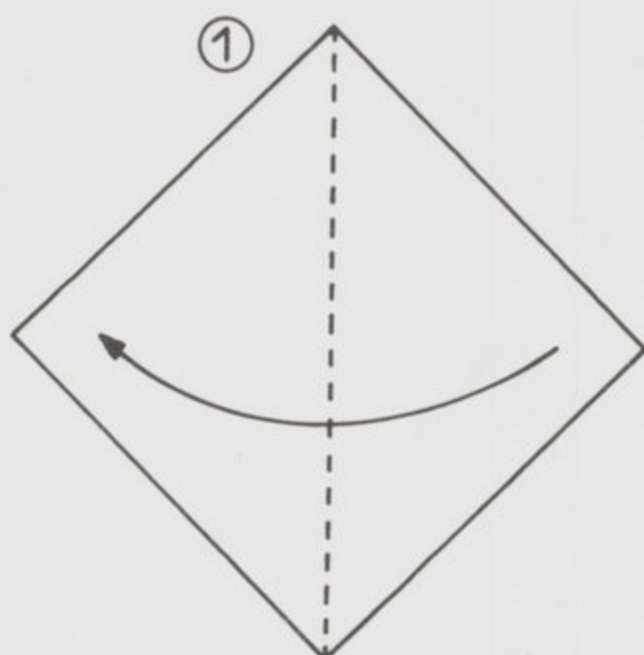
CROWN

Begin with step 7
on page 46.

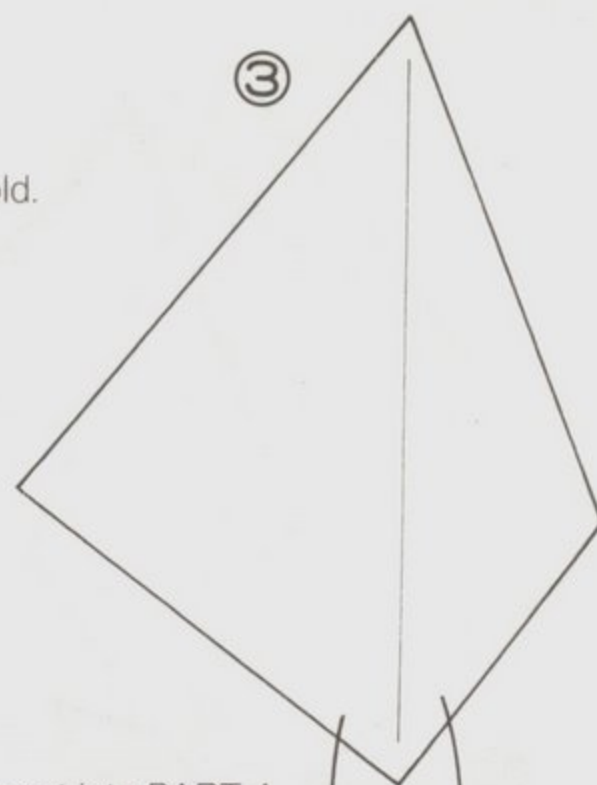


PART B

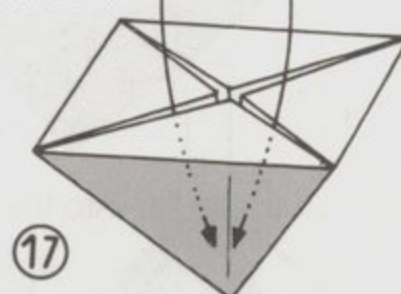
(Make 4)



Unfold.

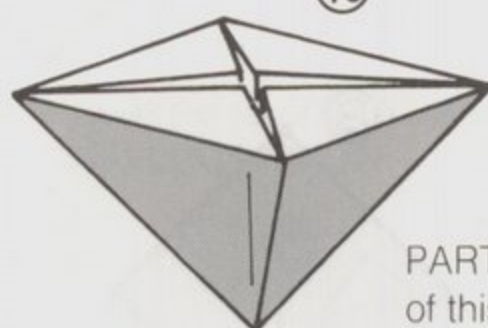


Insert into PART A.

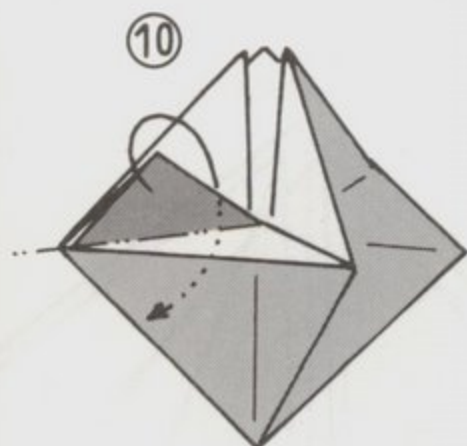


PART A

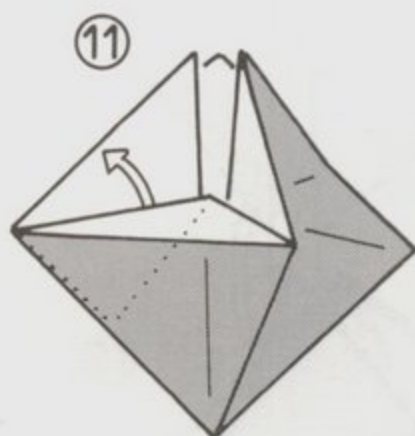
(Make 2)



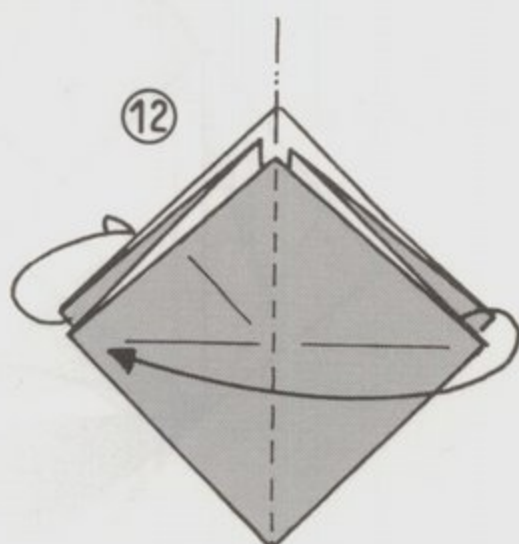
PART A completed. Make 2 of this unit.



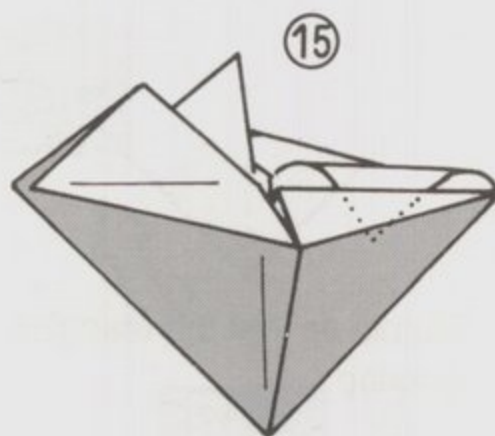
Insert the marked part into the pocket.



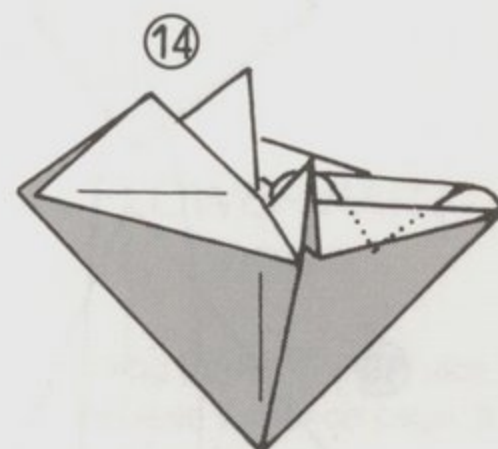
Unfold.



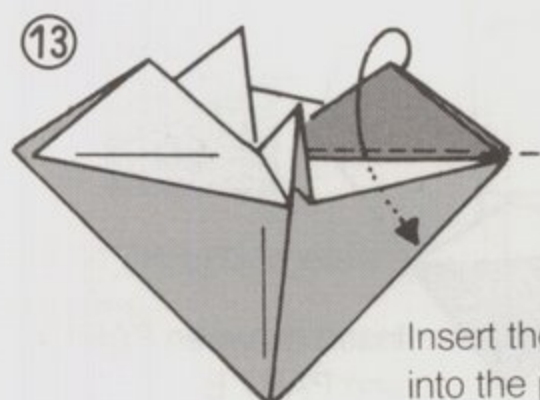
Fold over and fold the other sides in the same way.



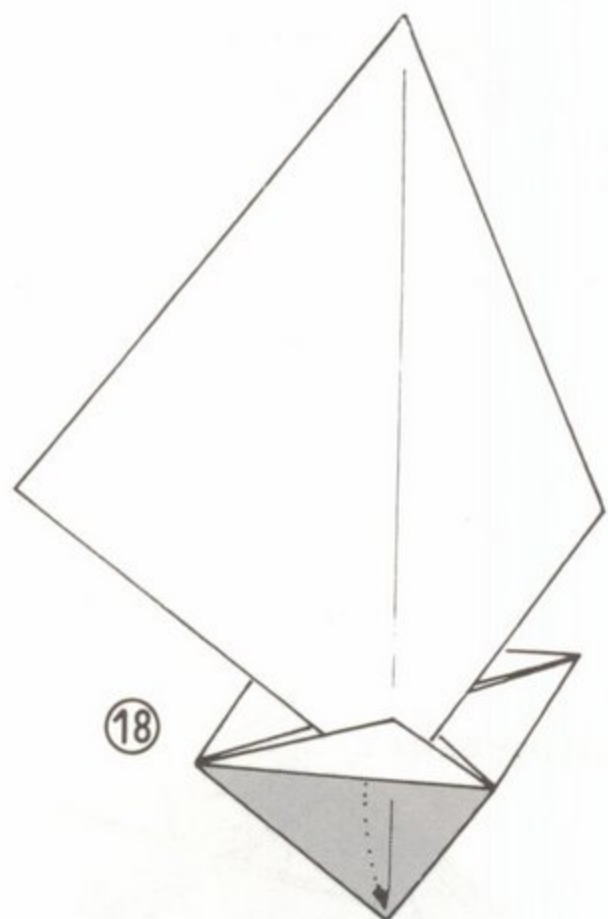
Insert all the other corners inside the pockets in the same way.



Fold like this.



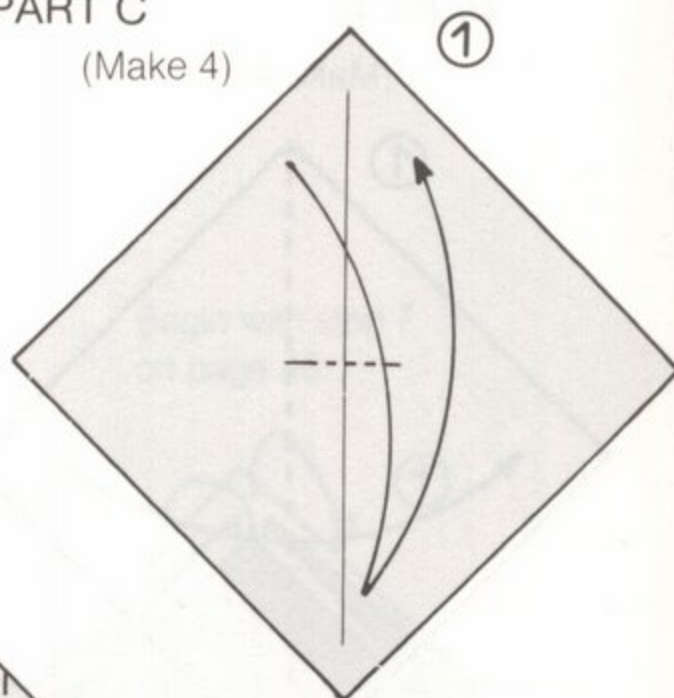
Insert the marked part into the pocket.



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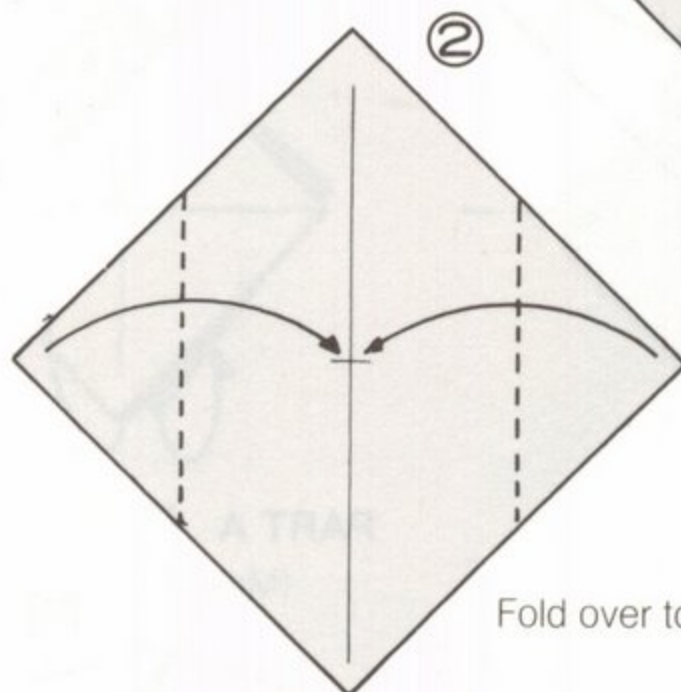
Insert far into the bottom.

PART C
(Make 4)



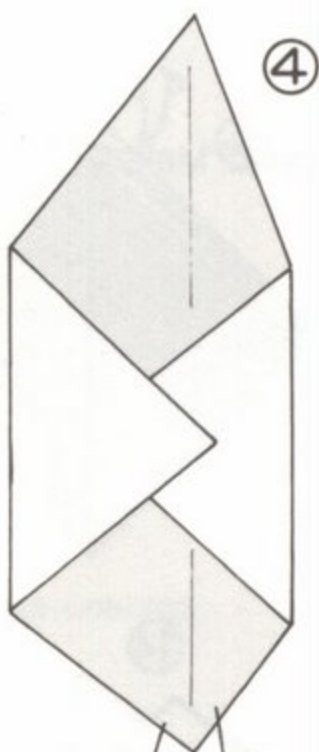
1

Make a short crease in the center just for identification.

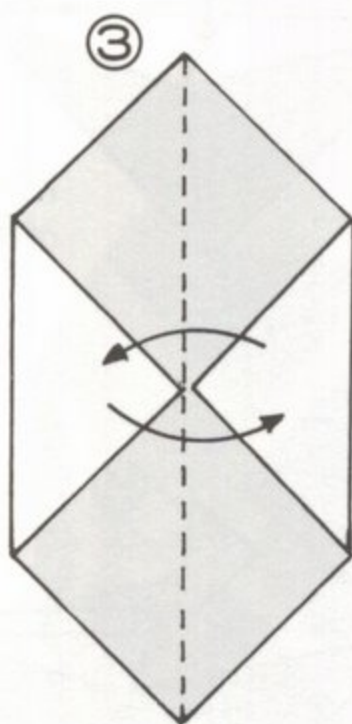


2

Fold over to the crease.

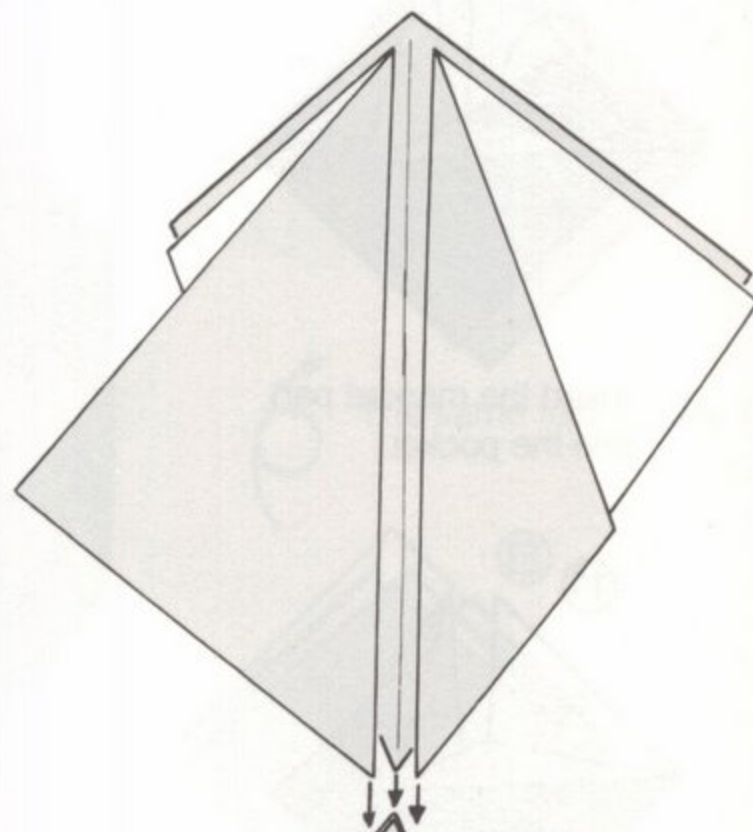


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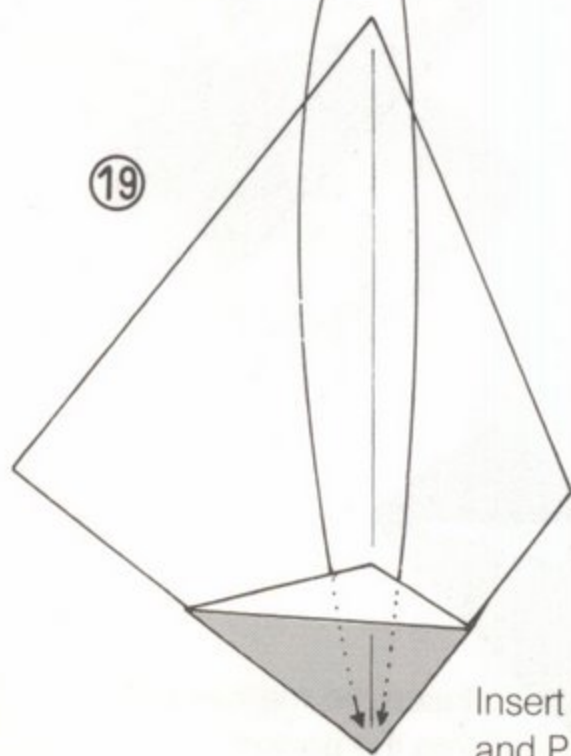
3

Unfold so that the triangles overlap.



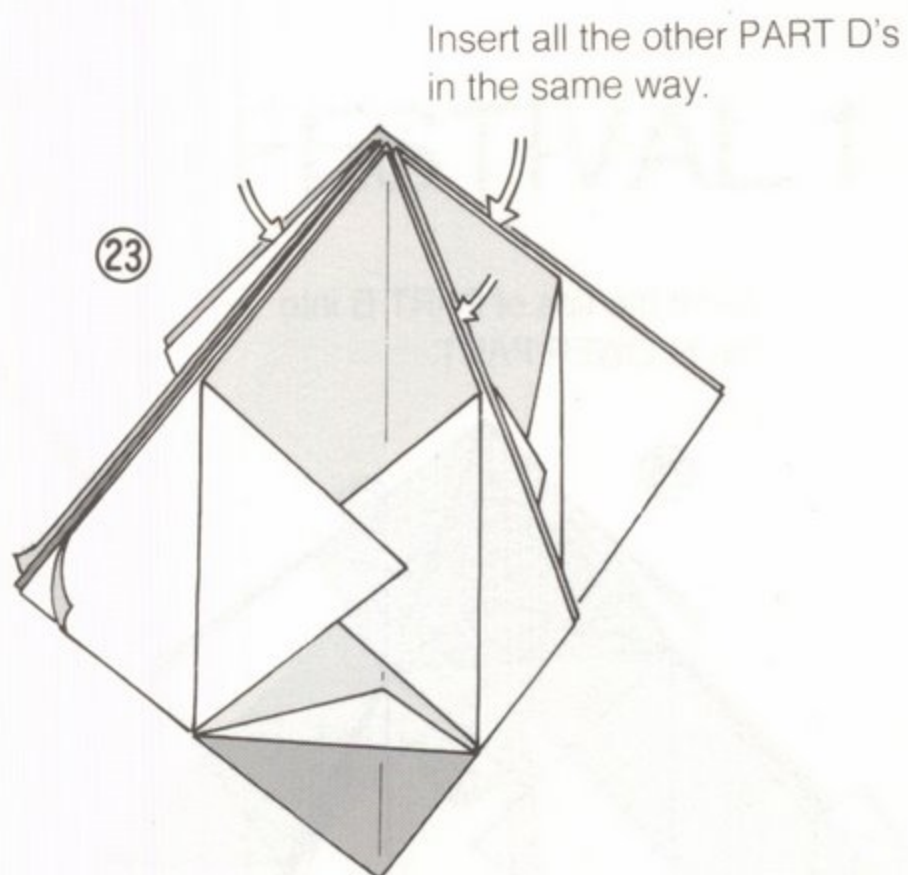
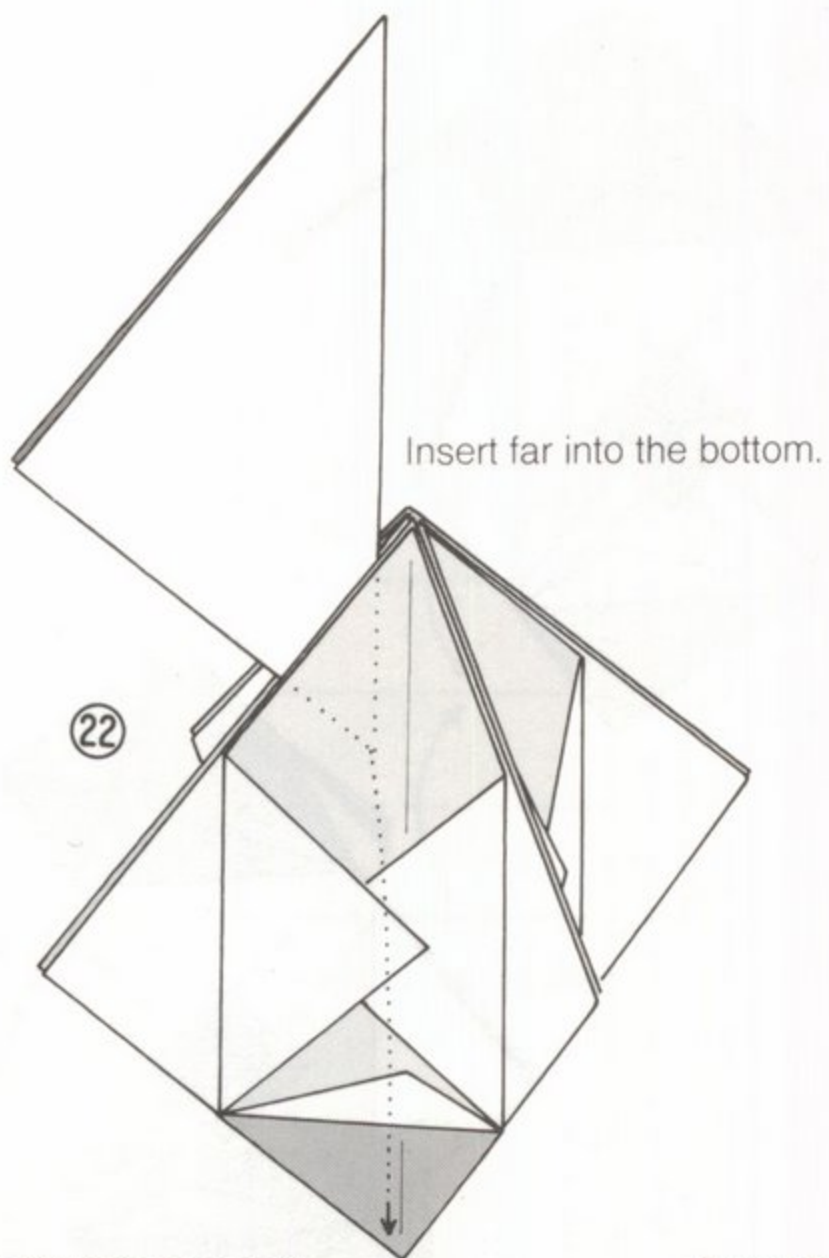
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Insert all the other parts
between PART A and PART B.

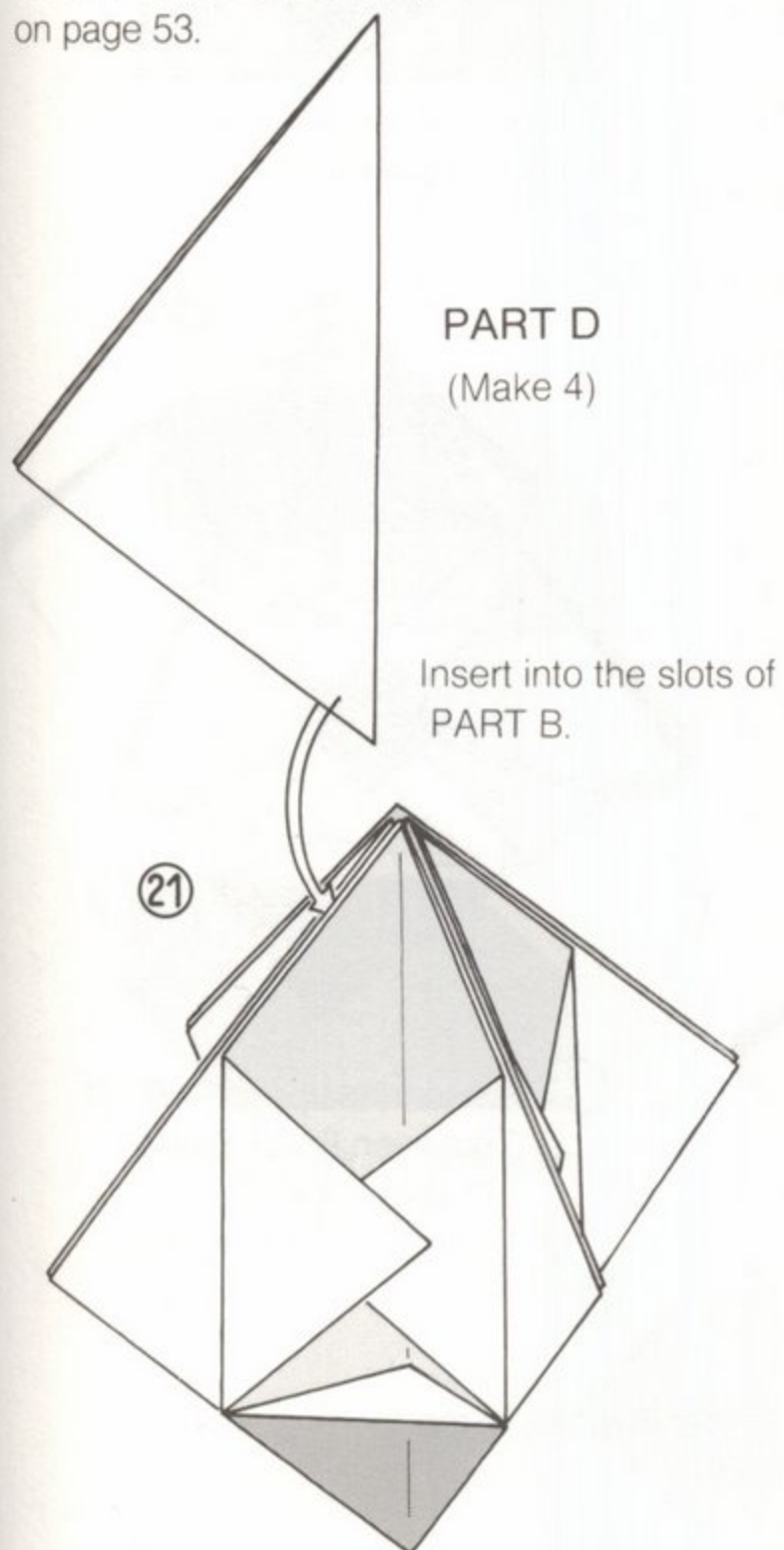


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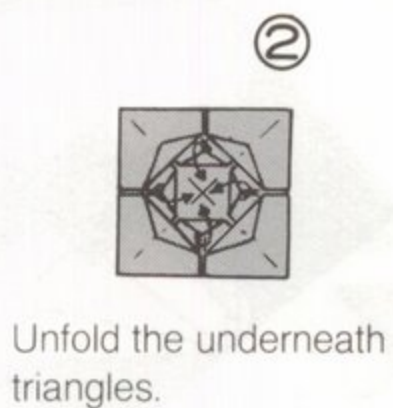
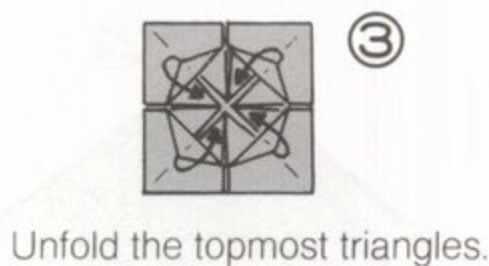
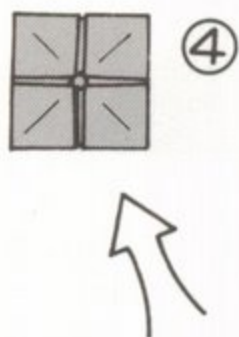
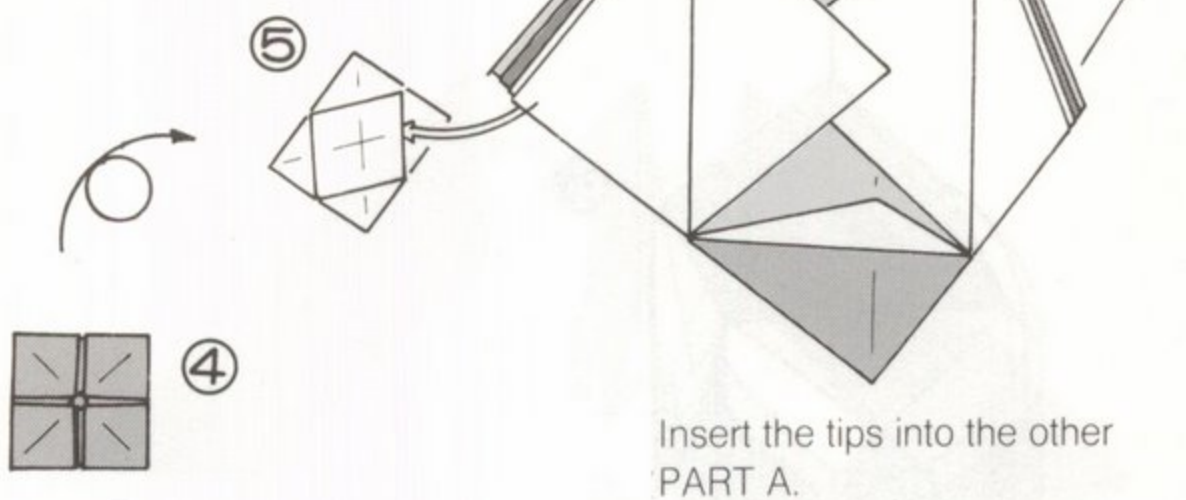
Insert between PART A
and PART B.



The same triangle as step 2 on page 53.

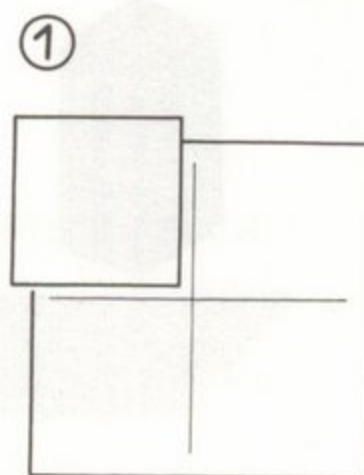


Insert the tip of PART B into the FLOWER PART.

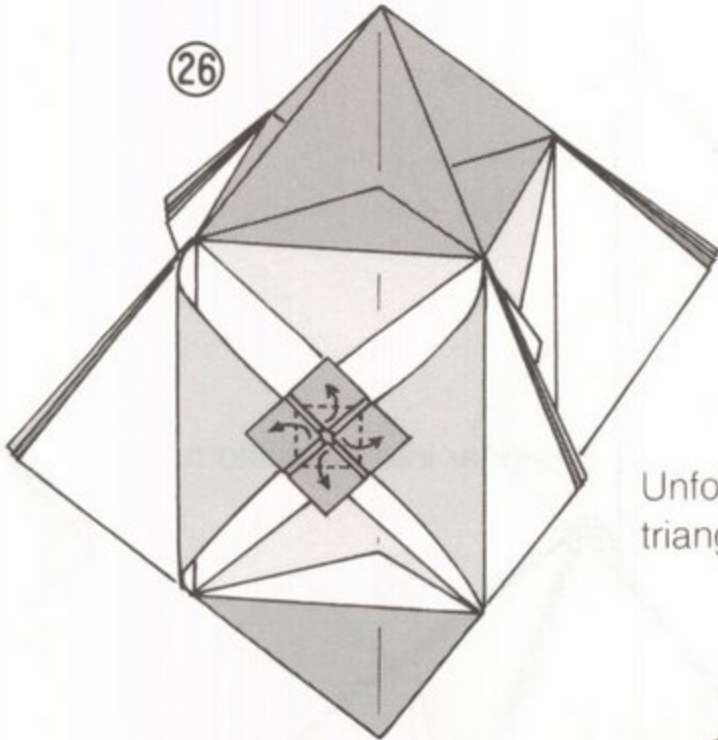
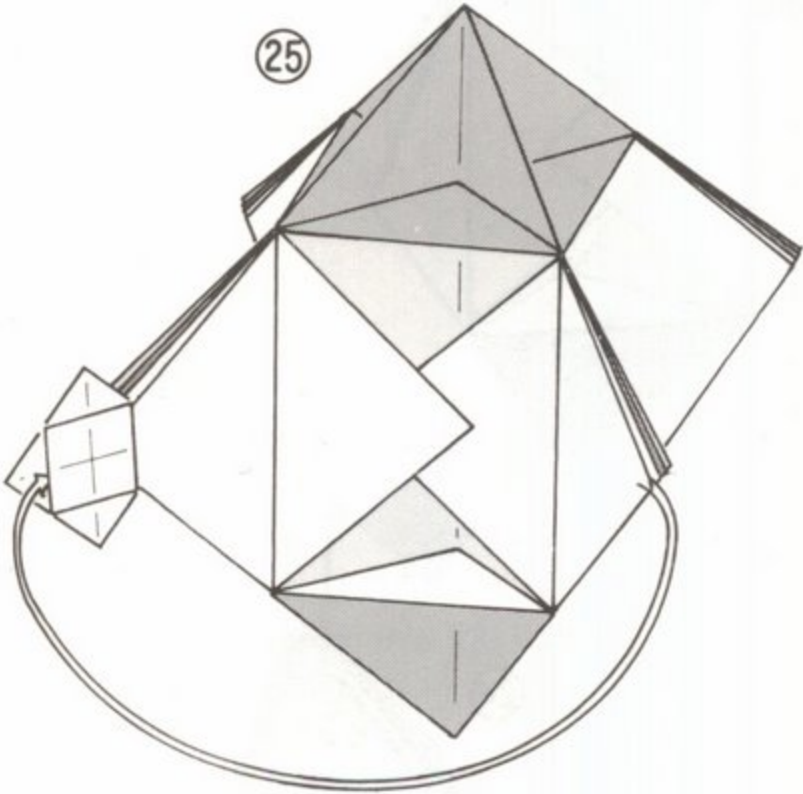


FLOWER PART (Make 4)

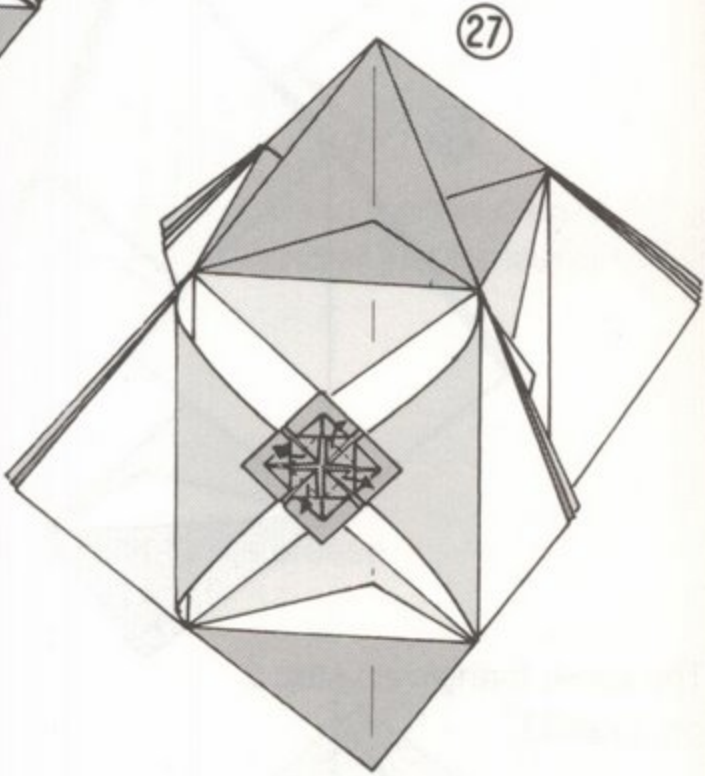
Using paper 1/4 the size, fold the rose flower on page 30.



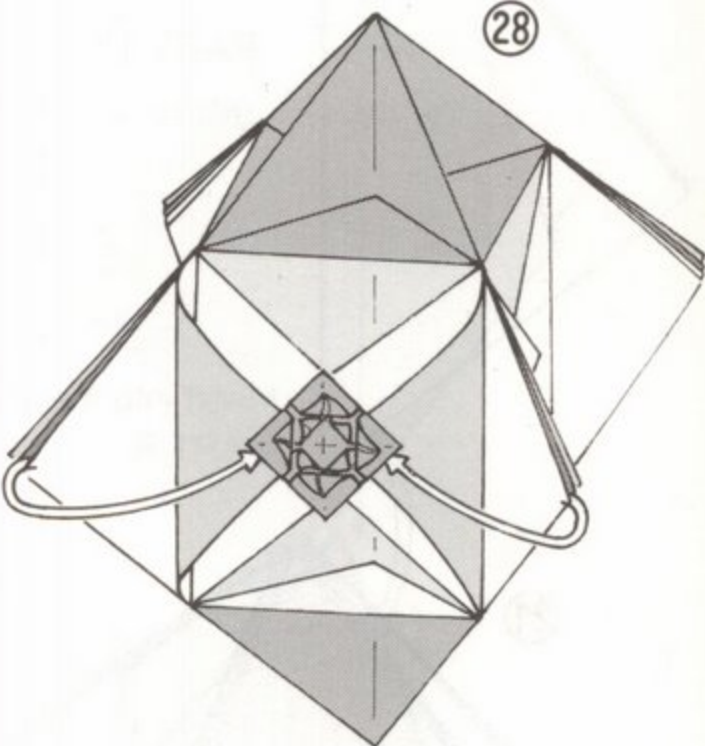
Insert the tips of PART B into the FLOWER PART.



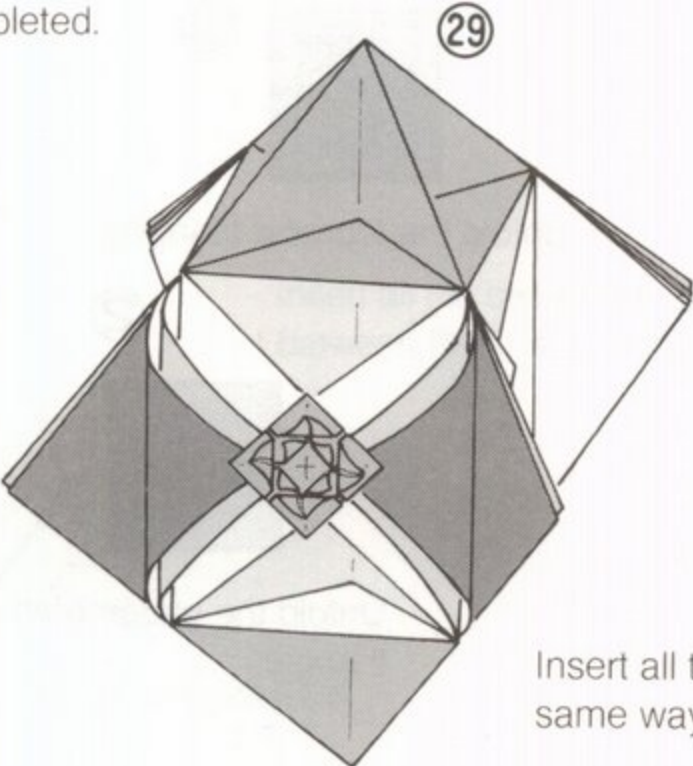
Unfold the upper triangles.



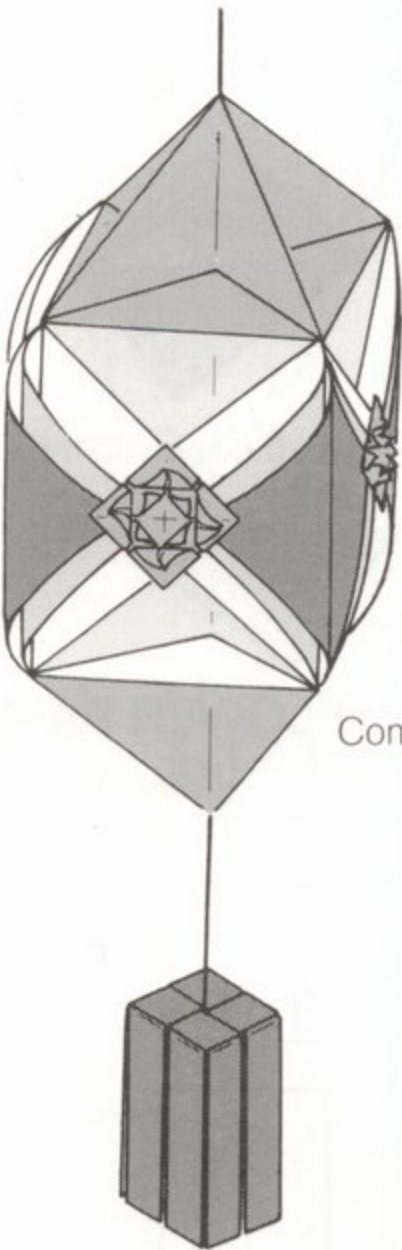
Unfold the lower triangles.



Insert the tips of PART D between PART B and FLOWER PART.
Use glue if necessary.

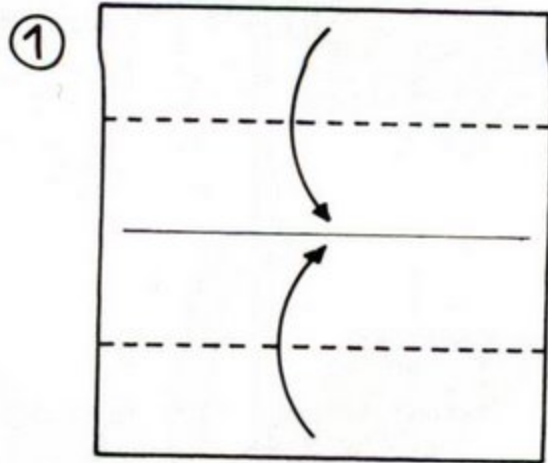


Insert all the other tips in the same way.

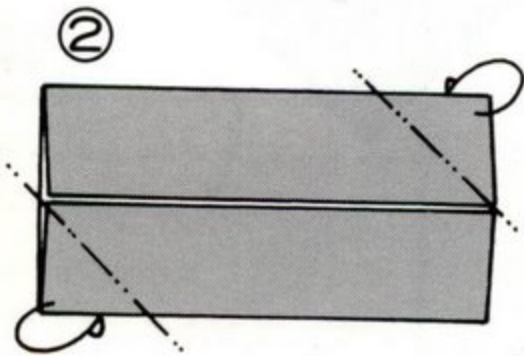


Completed.

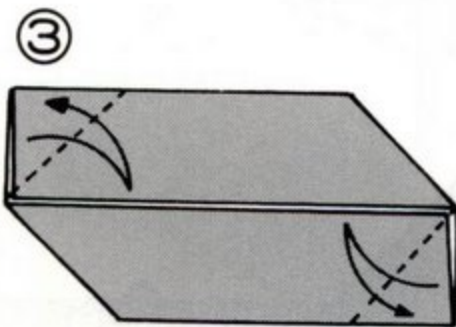
FESTIVAL 1



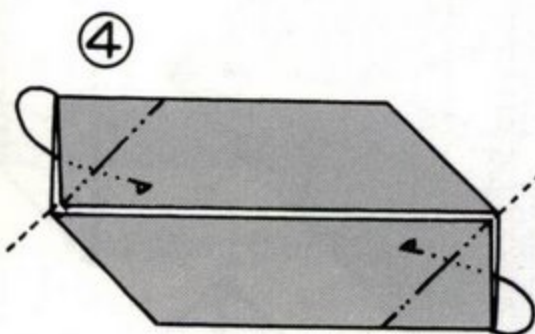
Fold along creases.



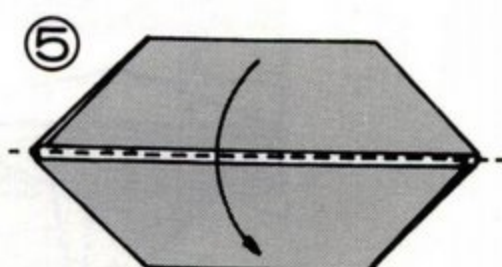
Fold the corners under.



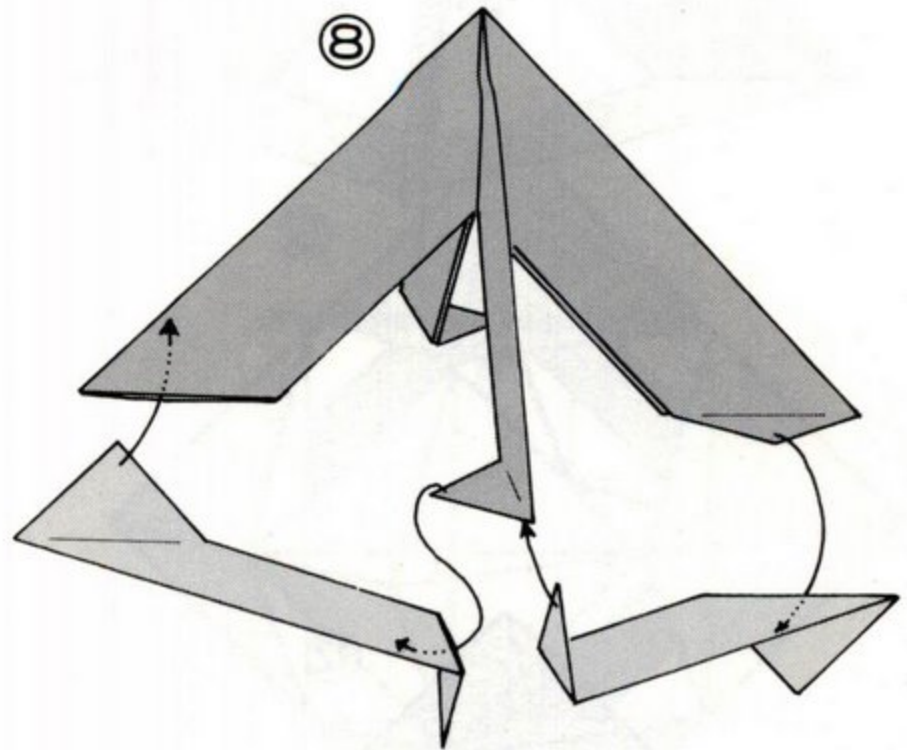
Make creases.



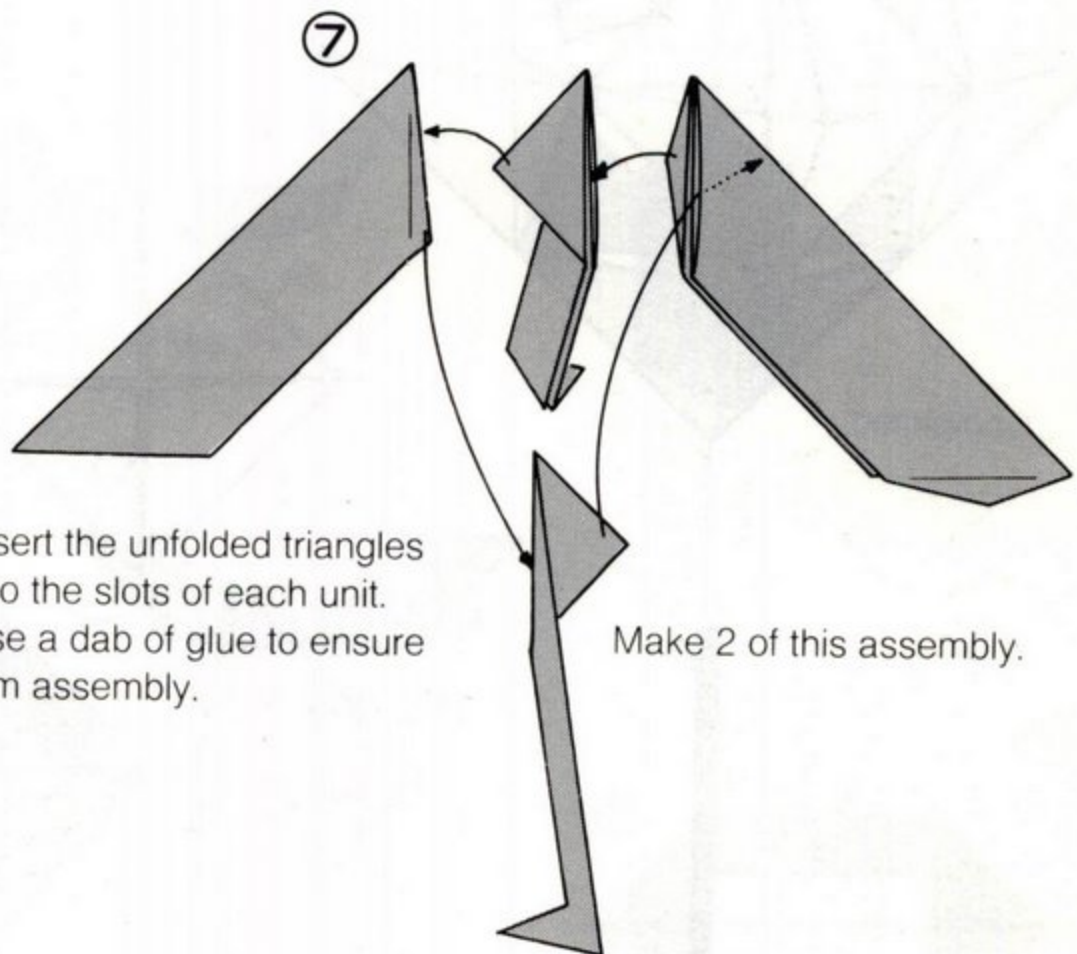
Make inside reverse folds along the creases.



Fold over.



Insert and fix two units in the same way.



Insert the unfolded triangles into the slots of each unit. Use a dab of glue to ensure firm assembly.

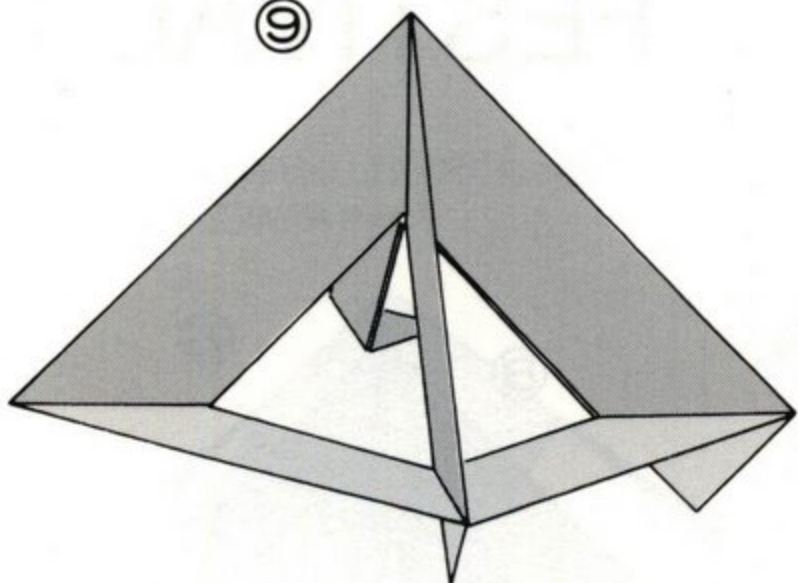
Make 2 of this assembly.

⑥ Make 12 of this unit.



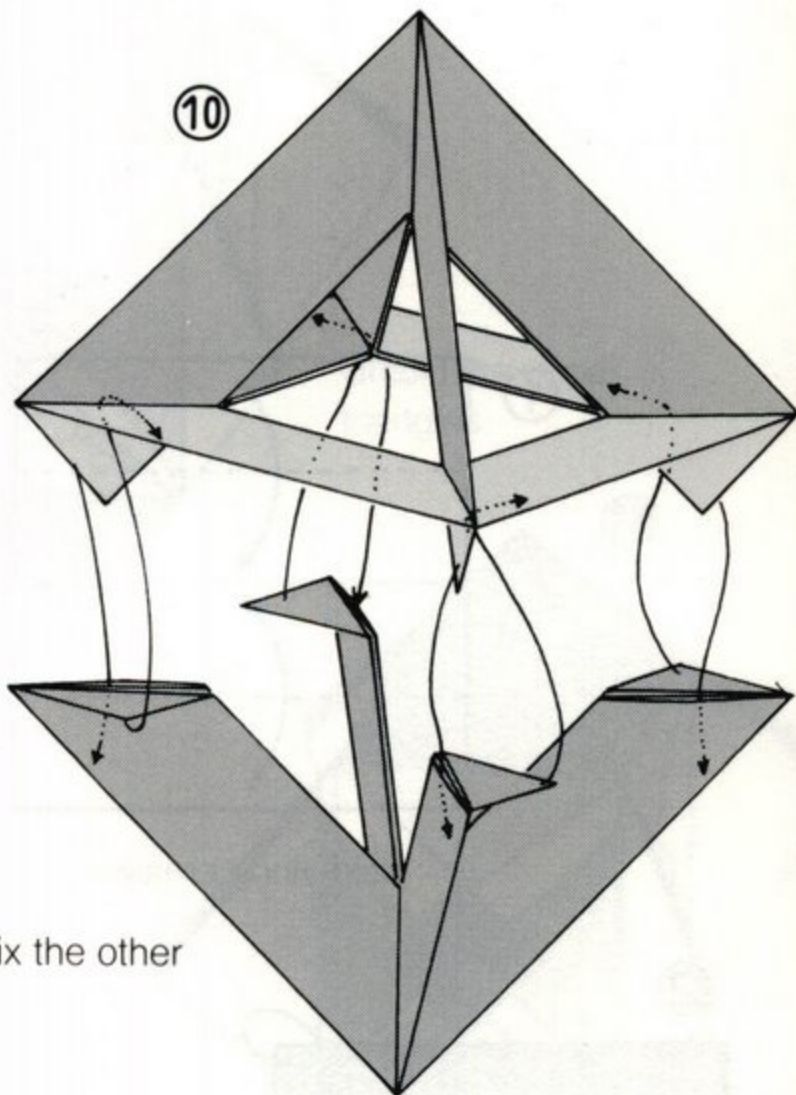
Unfold the corners.

⑨



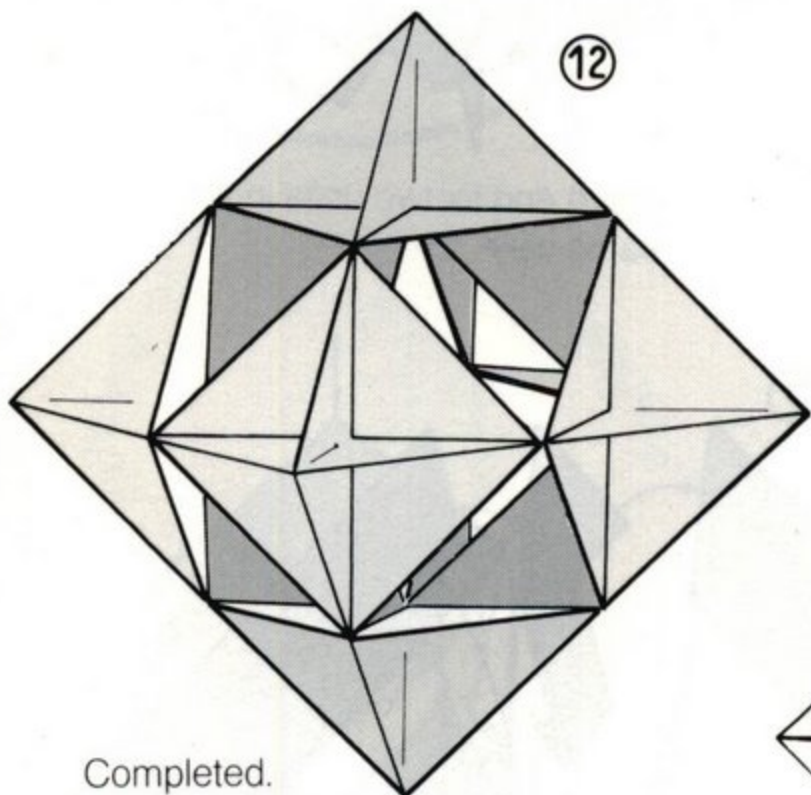
Insert and fix the other units.

⑩



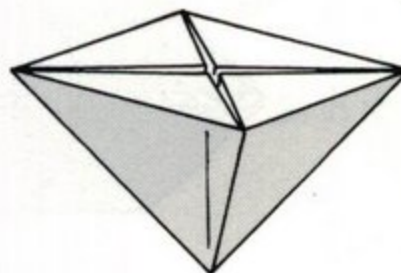
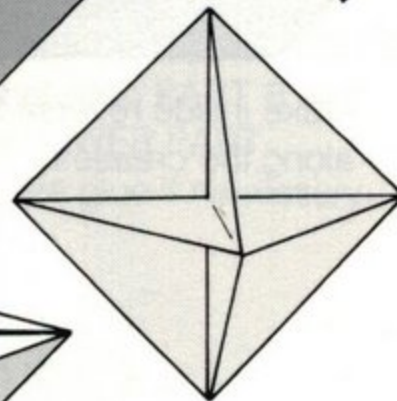
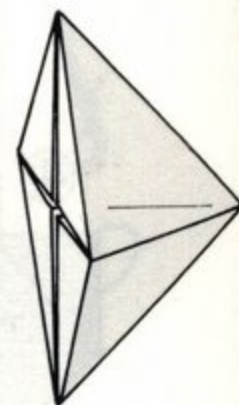
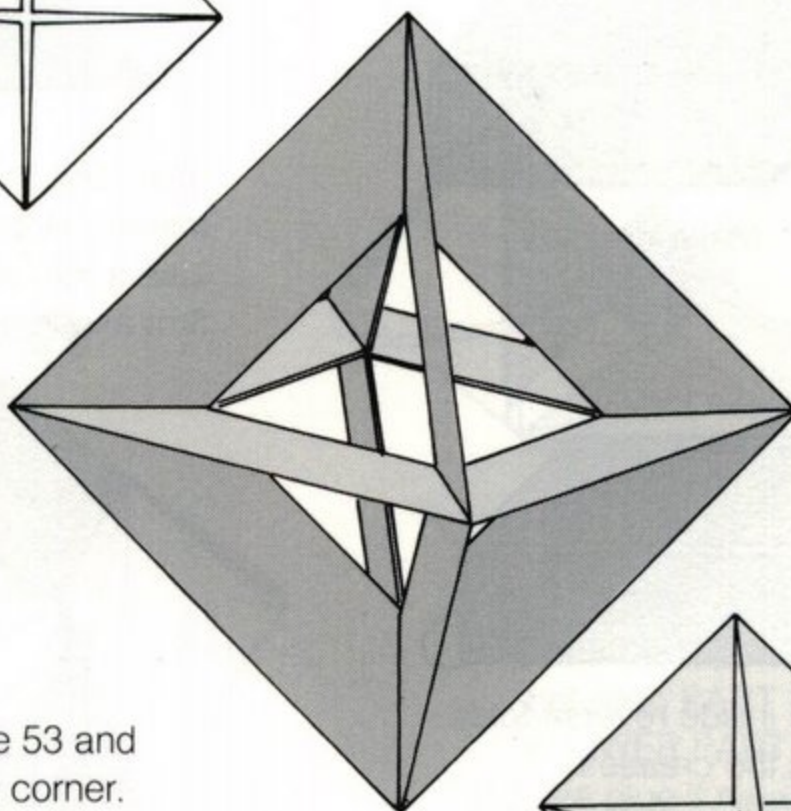
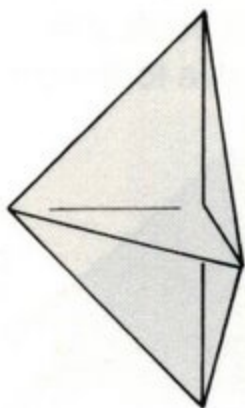
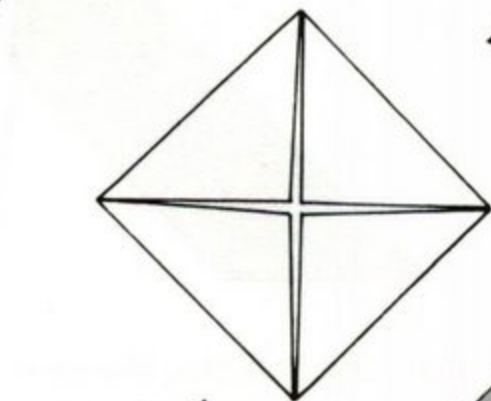
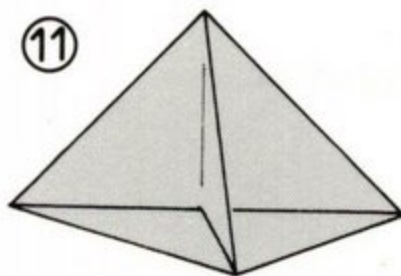
Insert and fix the other assembly.

⑪



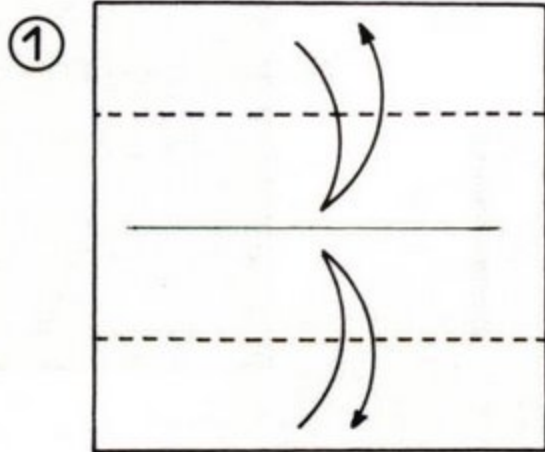
Completed.

⑫

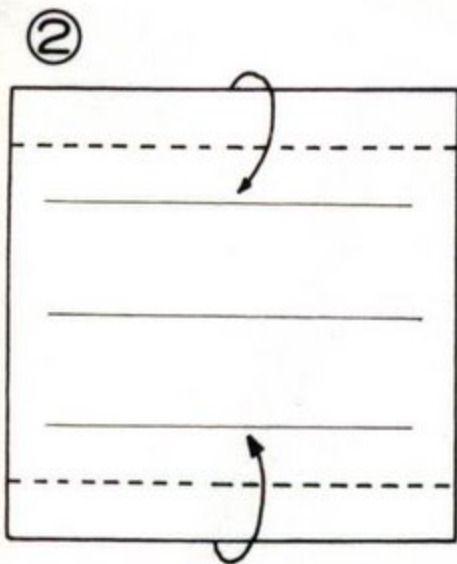


Make 6 units on page 53 and insert them into each corner.

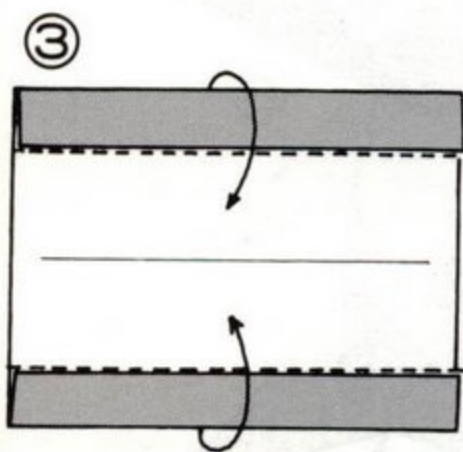
FESTIVAL 2



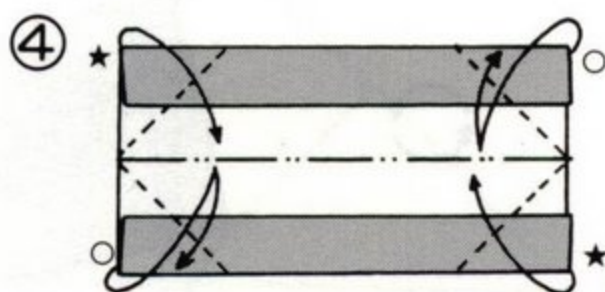
Make creases.



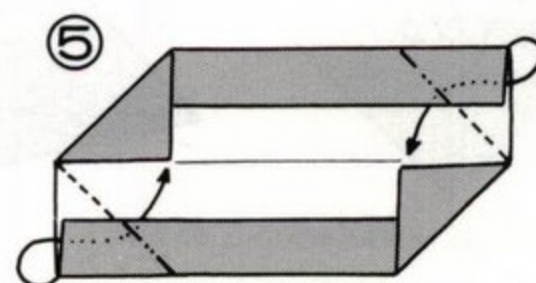
Fold along creases.



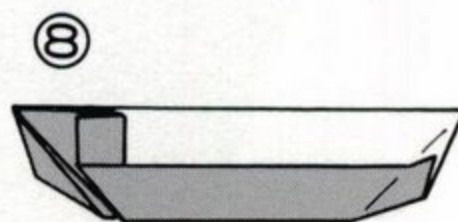
Fold along creases.



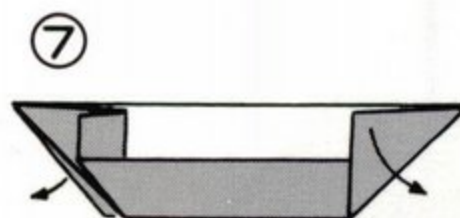
Fold triangles at ★ and make creases at ○.



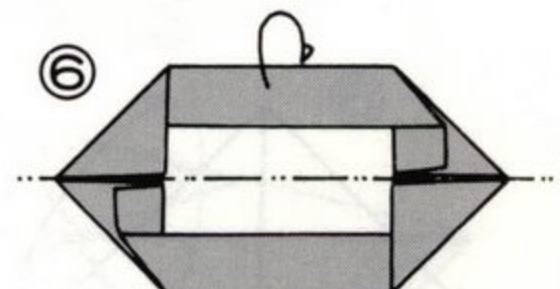
Make inside reverse folds.



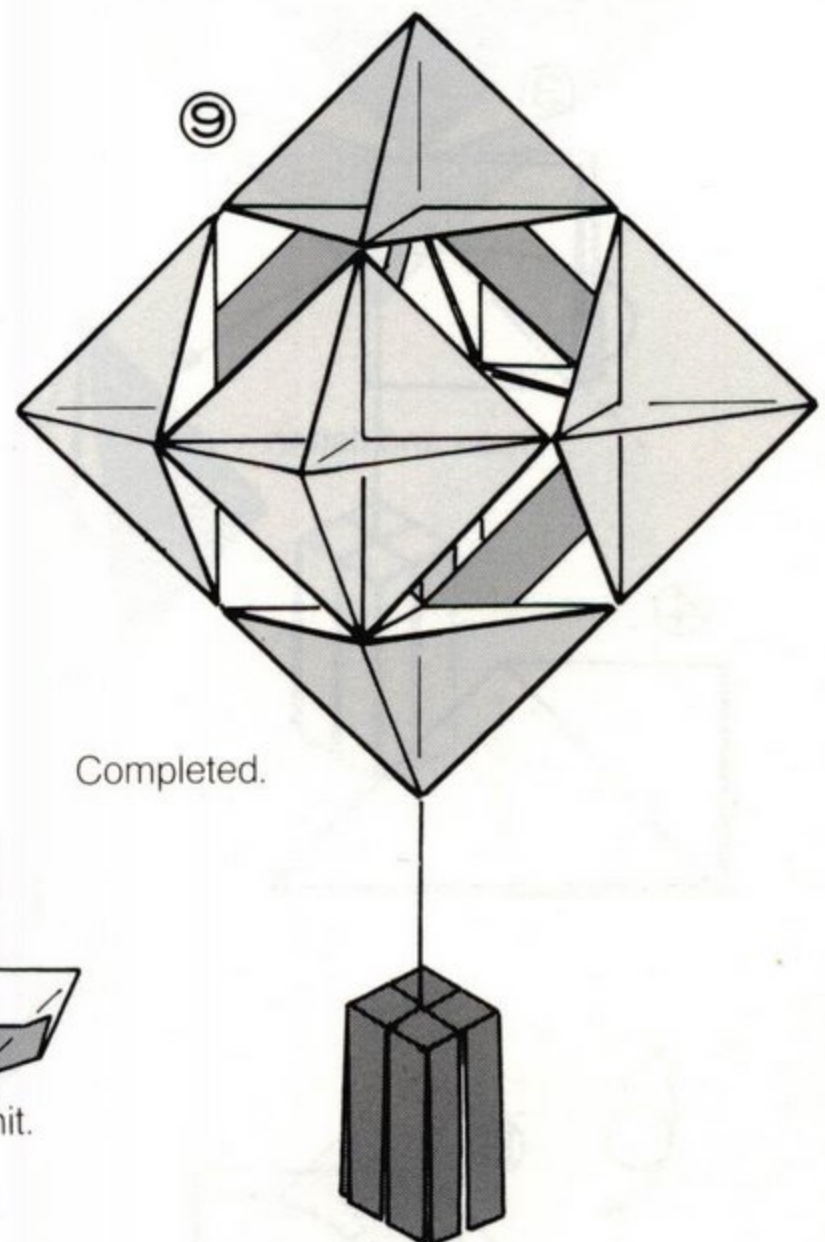
Make 12 of this unit.
Assemble like (1).



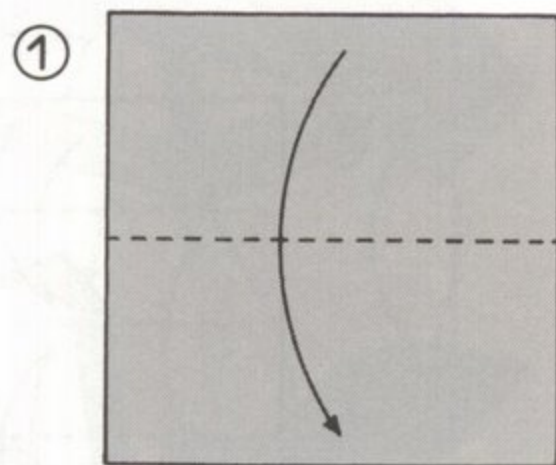
Unfold the triangles.



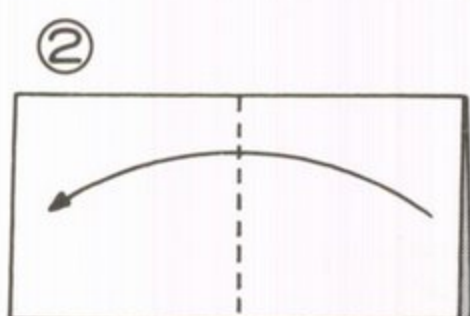
Fold behind.



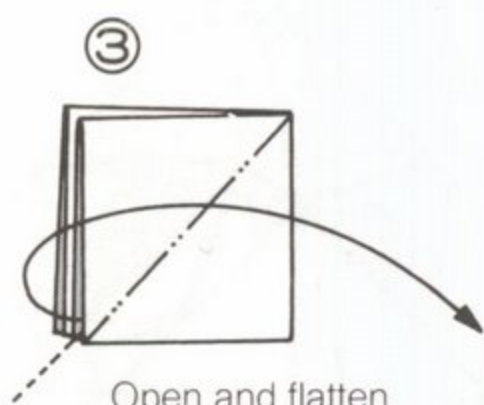
RHAPSODY



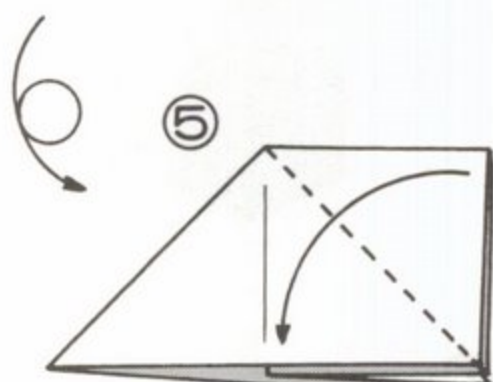
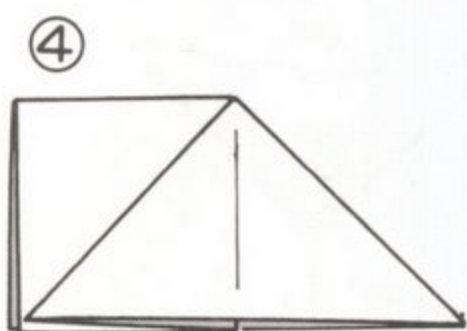
Fold in half.



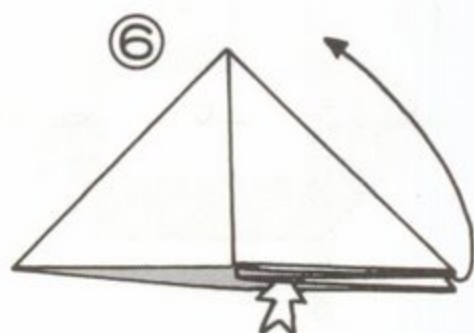
Fold in half again.



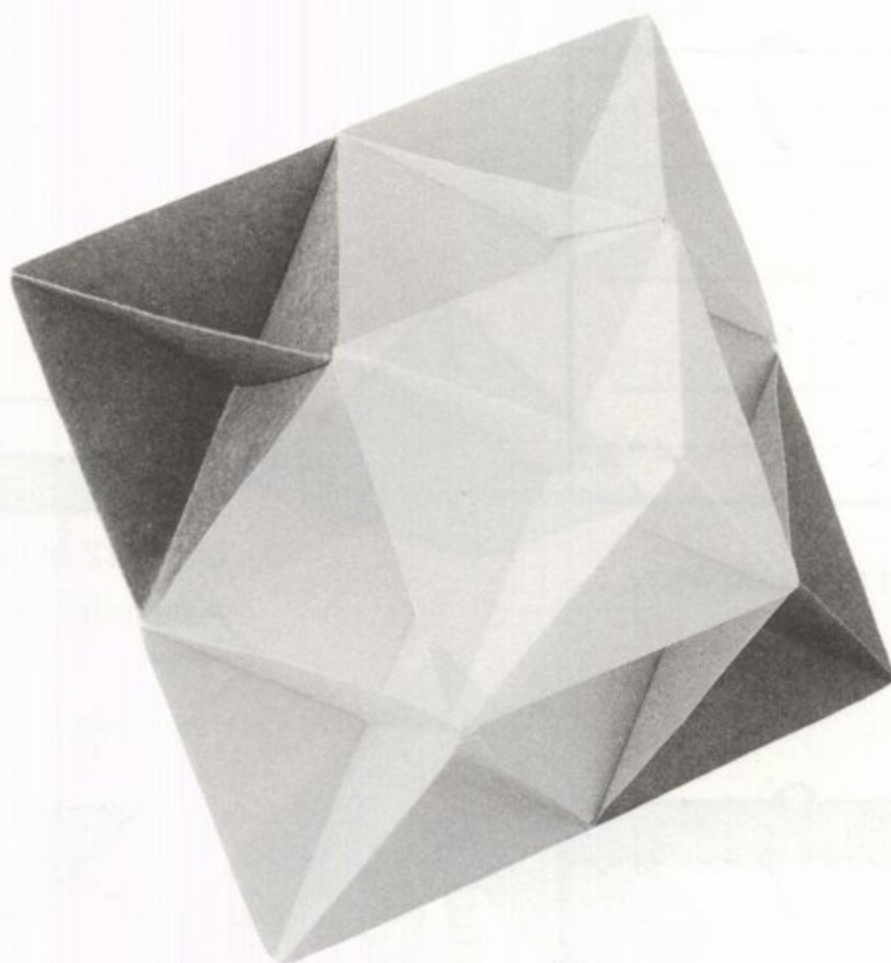
Open and flatten.



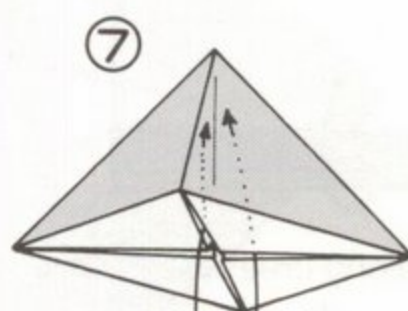
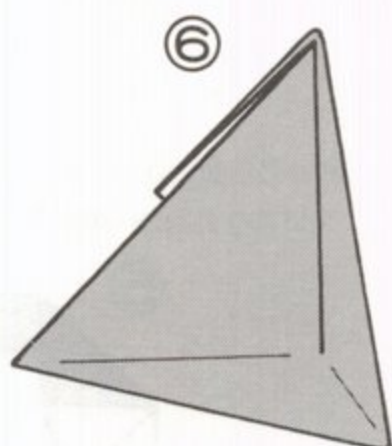
Fold along the crease.



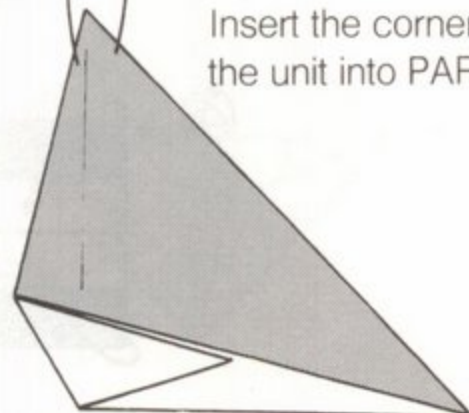
Open the last layer and make a three-D unit.

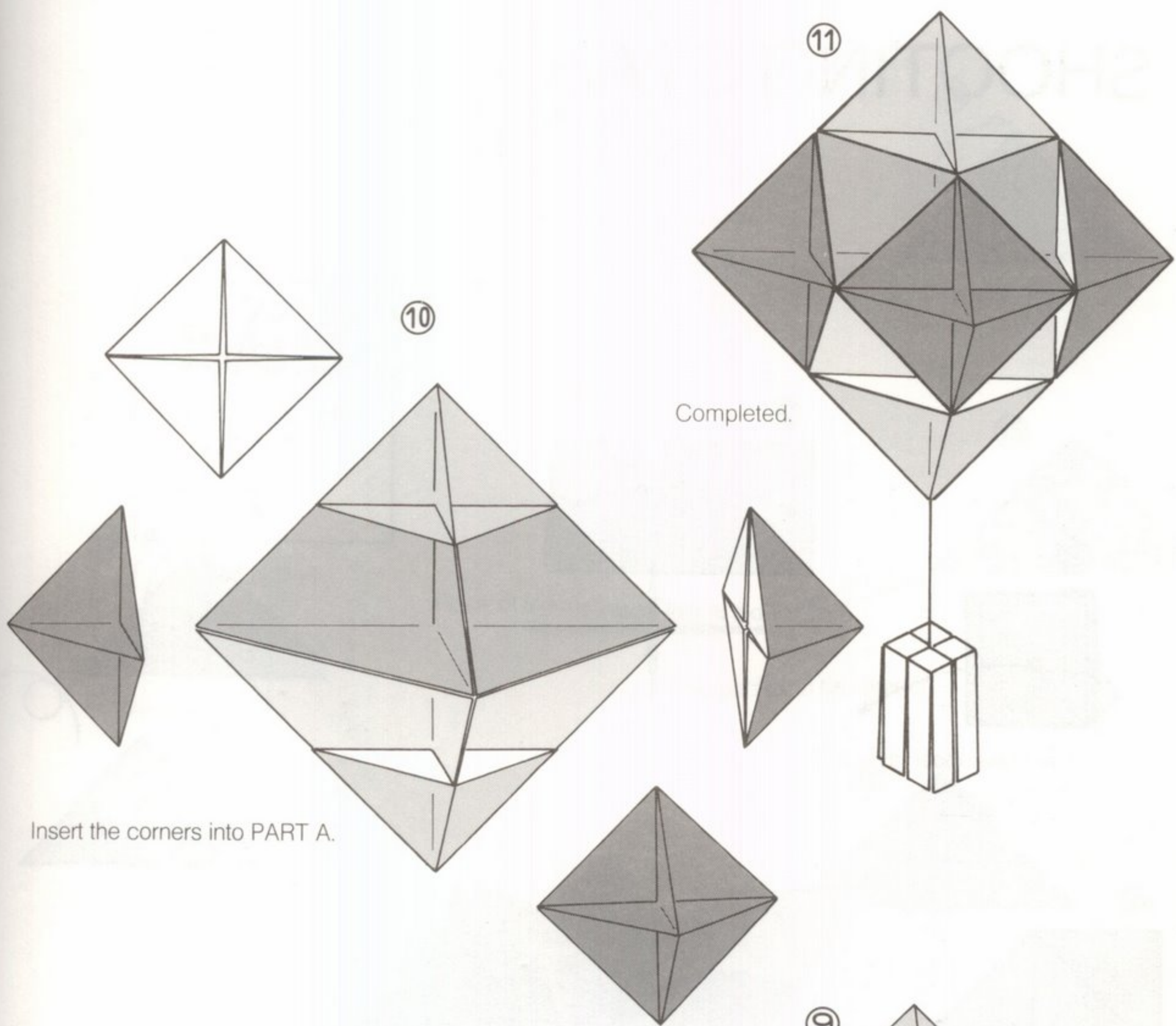


Make 8 of this unit.



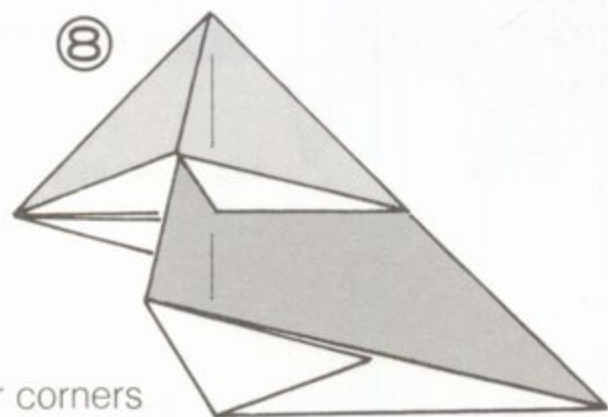
Insert the corner of the unit into PART A.



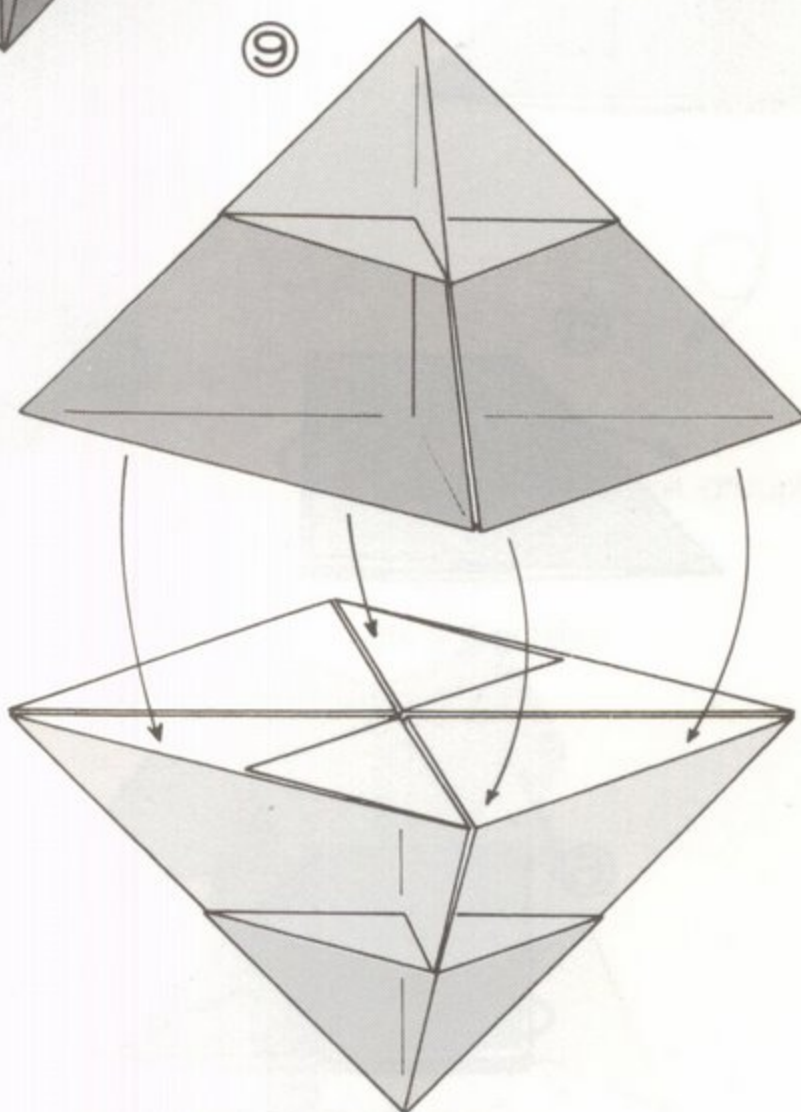
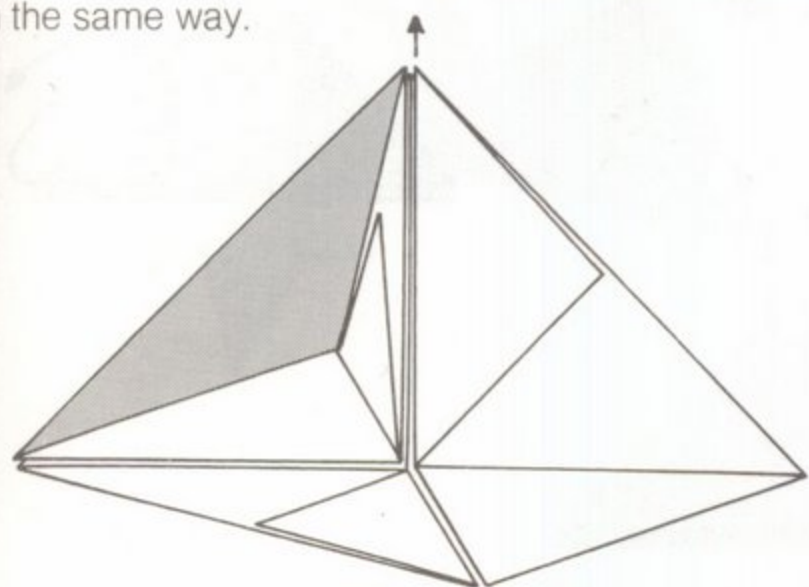


Insert the corners into PART A.

Completed.

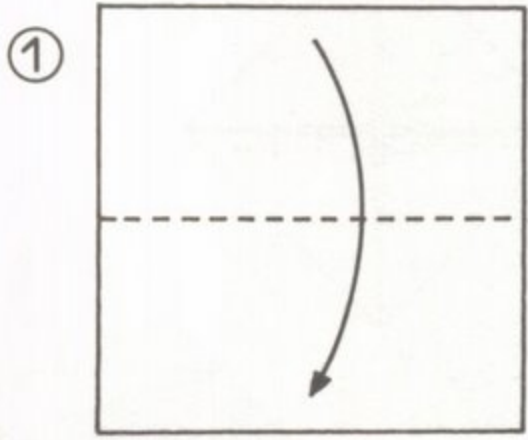


Insert the other corners in the same way.

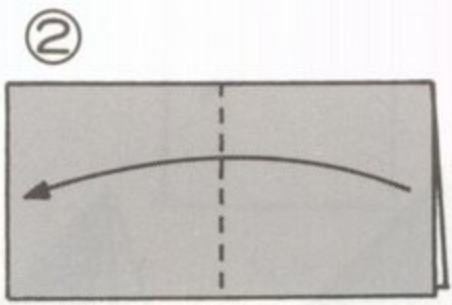


Make 2 assembled units and put together.

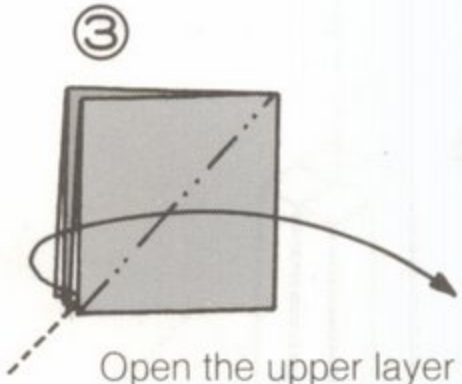
SHOOTING STAR



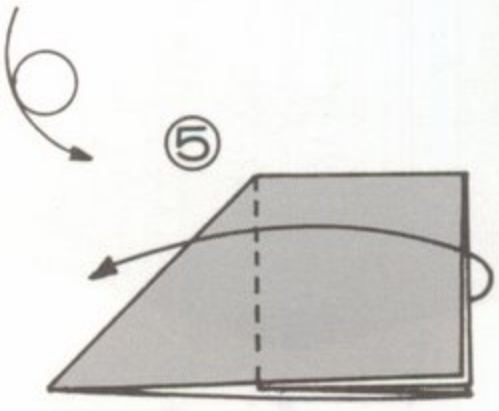
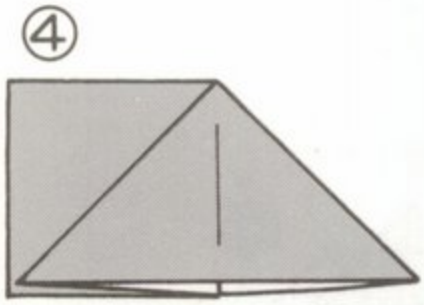
Fold in half.



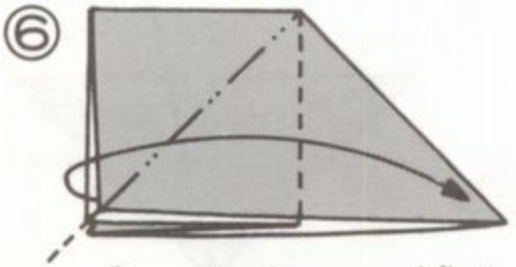
Fold in half again.



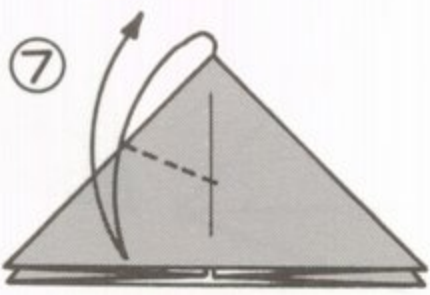
Open the upper layer and flatten.



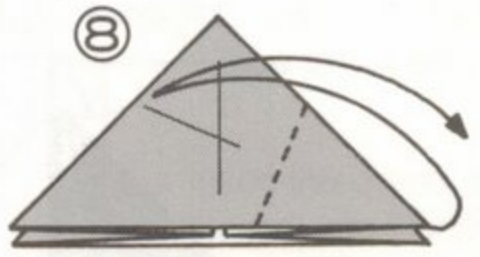
Fold to the left.



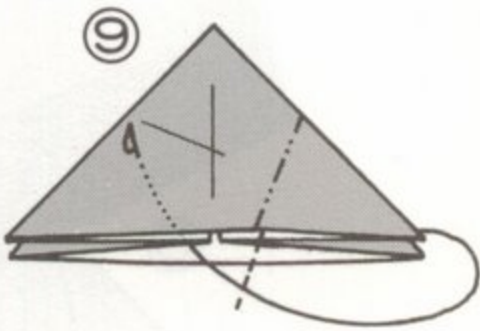
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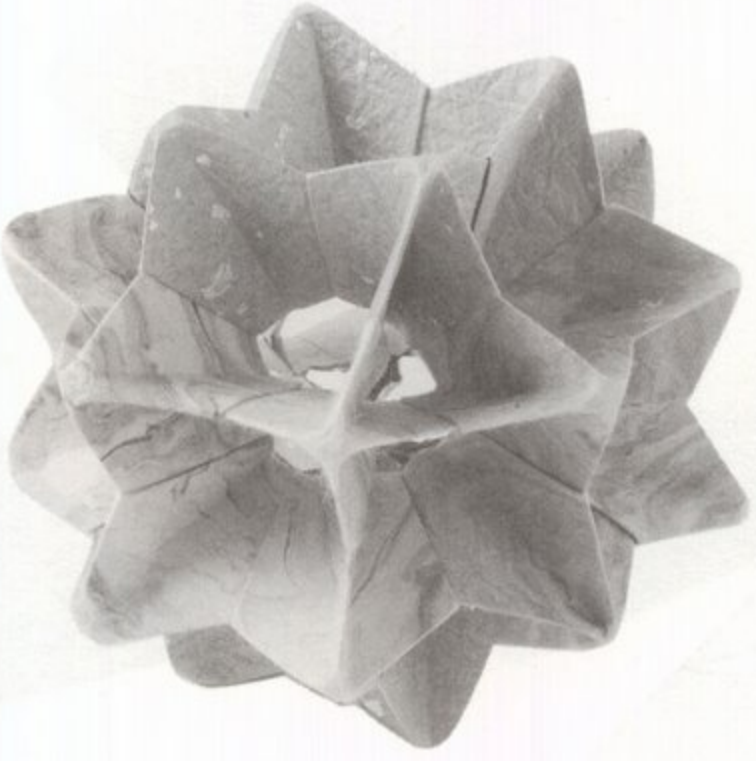
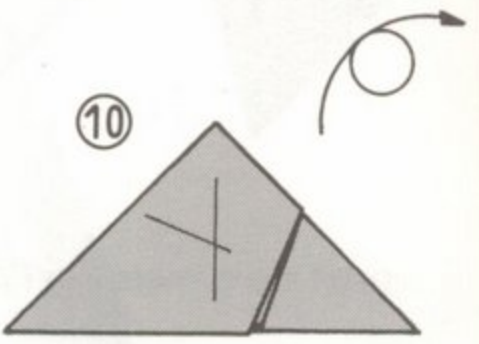
Make a crease.

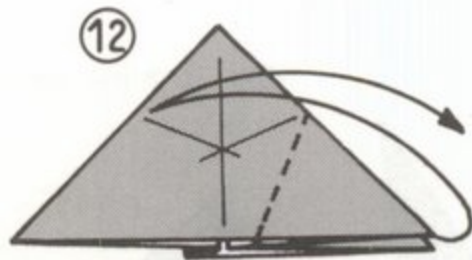


Make a crease.

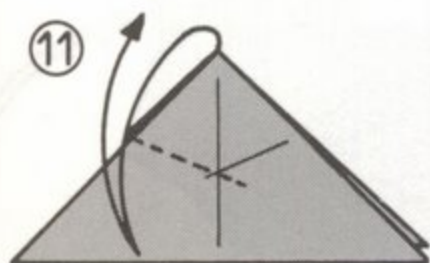


Make an inside reverse fold.

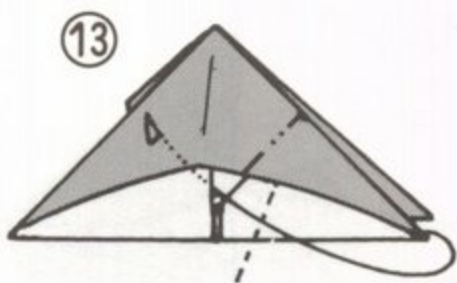




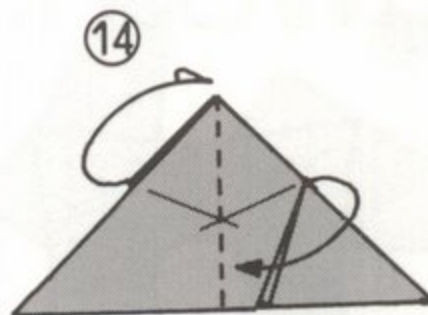
Make a crease.



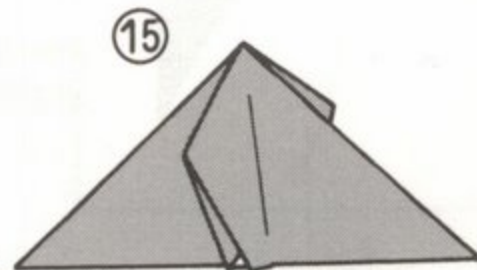
Make a crease.



Make an inside reverse fold.



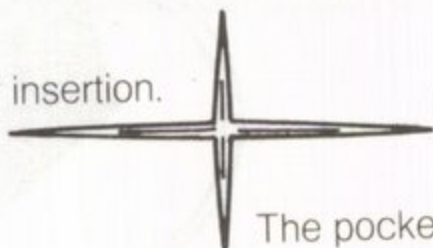
Lift the flaps.



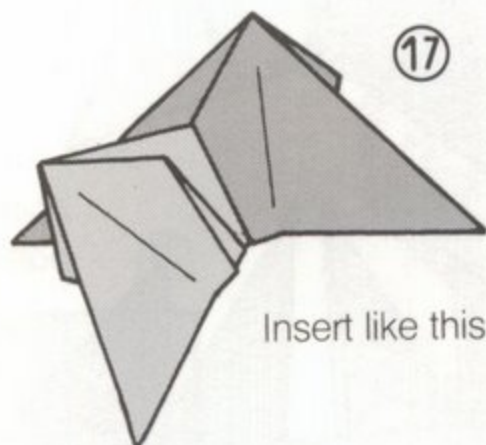
Make 24 of this unit.

View from the bottom.

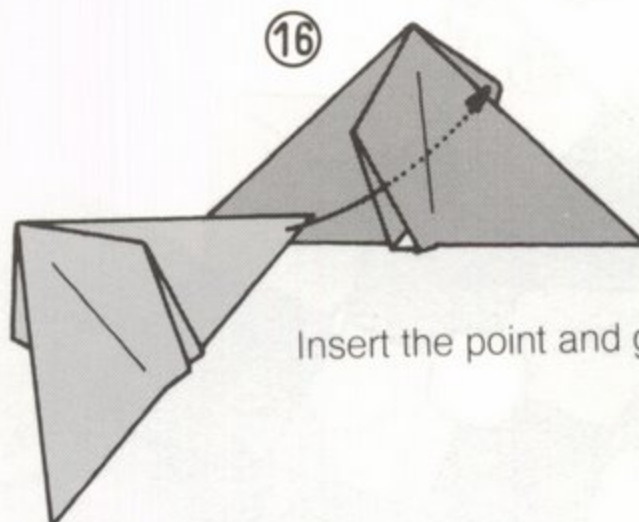
Place of insertion.



The pocket to be inserted.

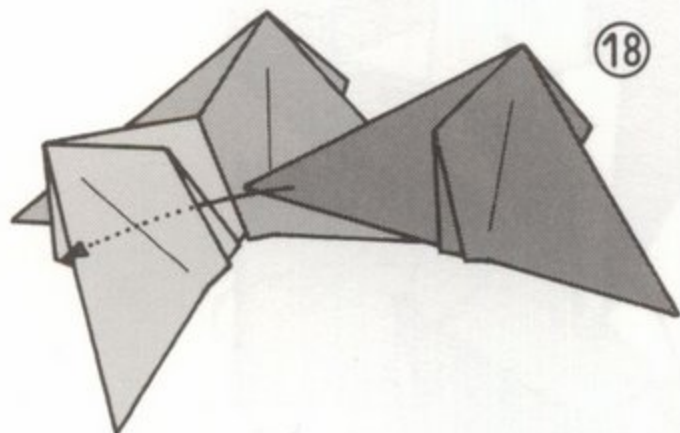


Insert like this.

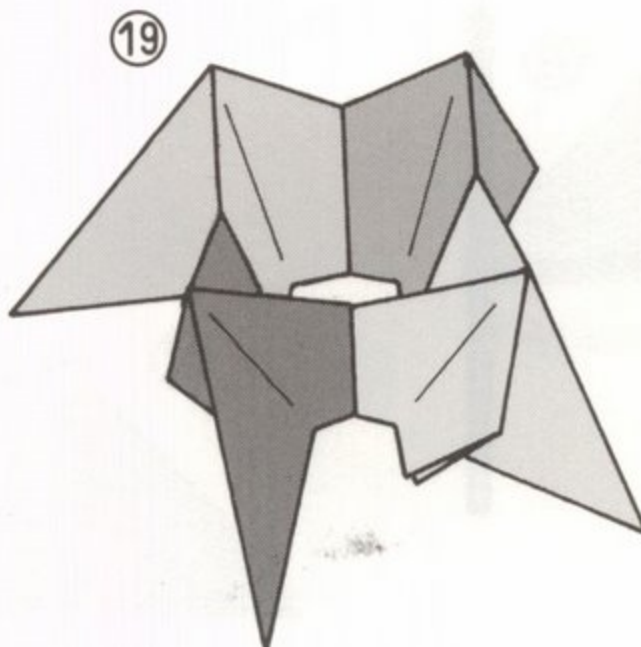


Insert the point and glue.

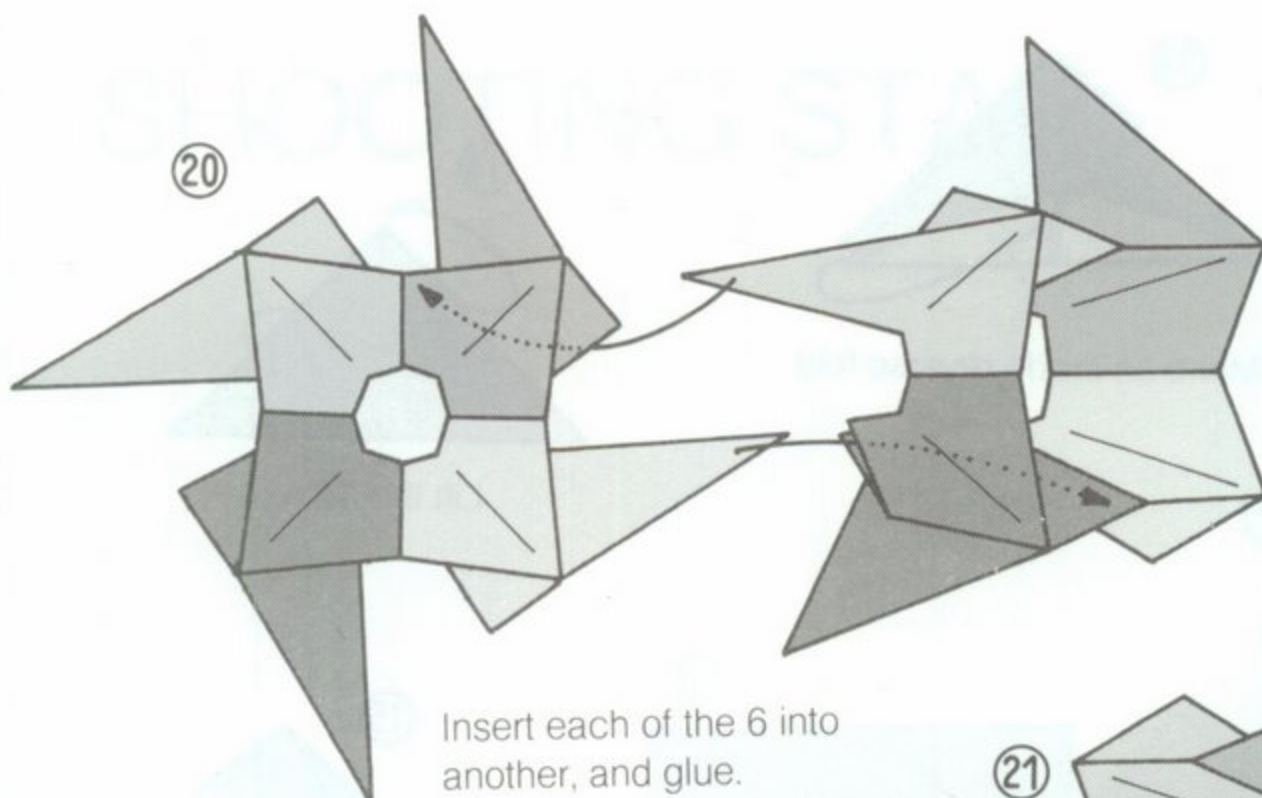
Make 6 of these 4-unit groups.



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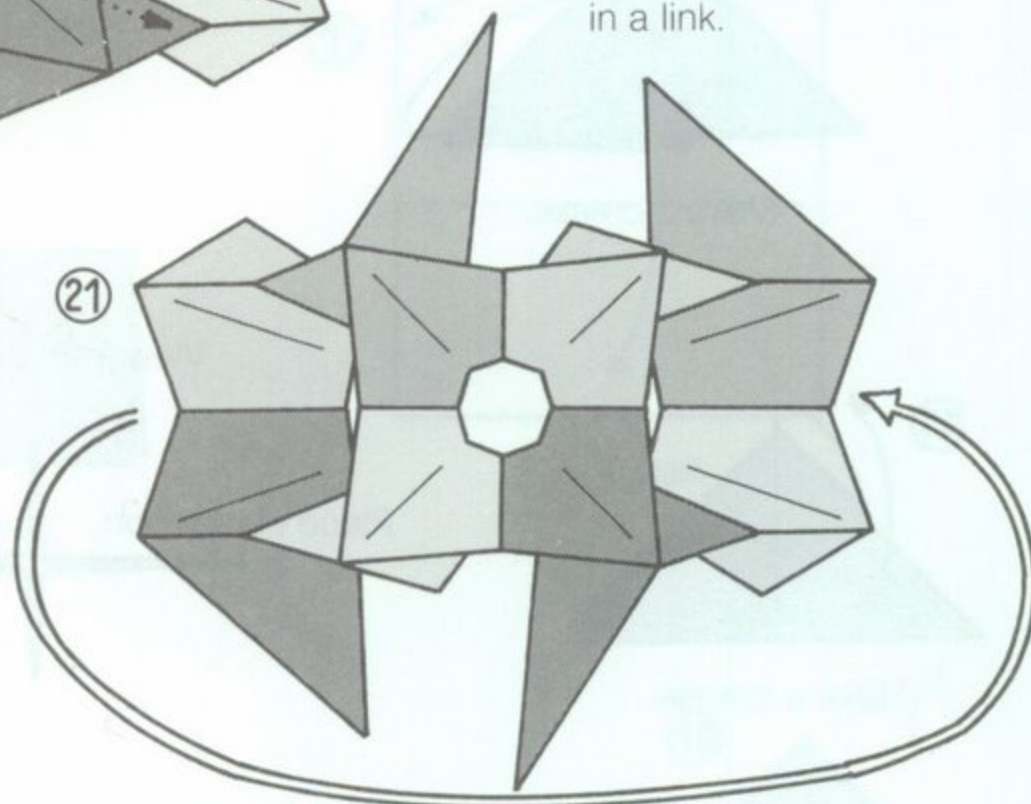


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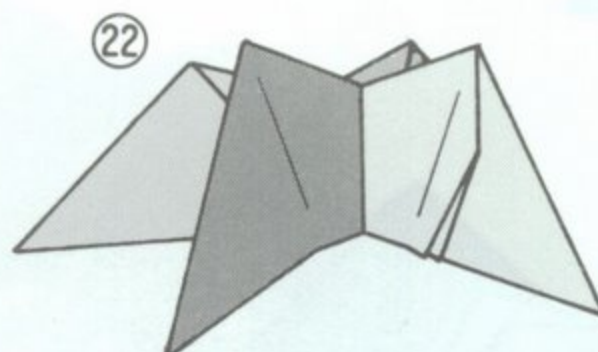


Insert each of the 6 into another, and glue.

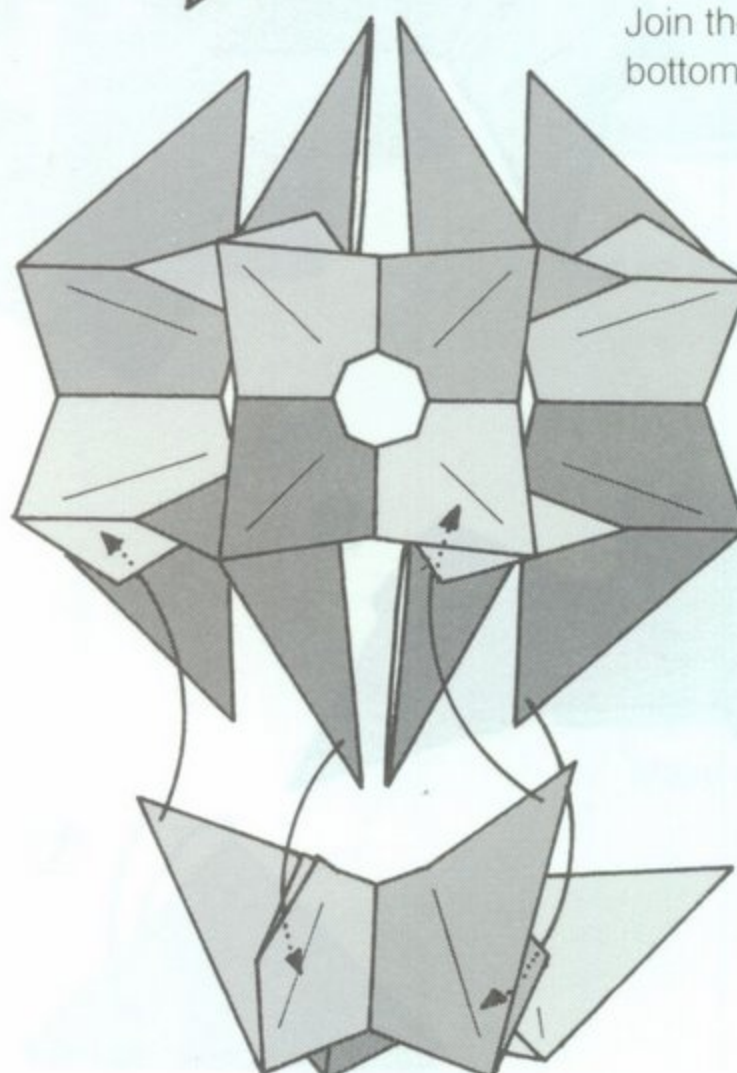
Join 4 of the assembled units in a link.



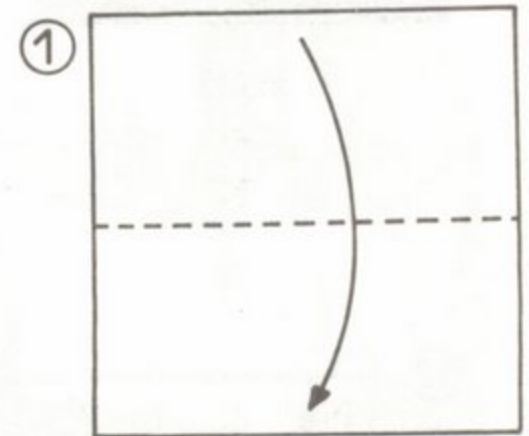
Completed.



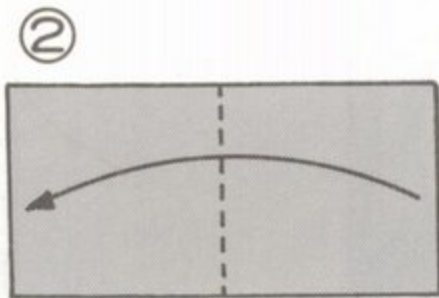
Join the top group and bottom group.



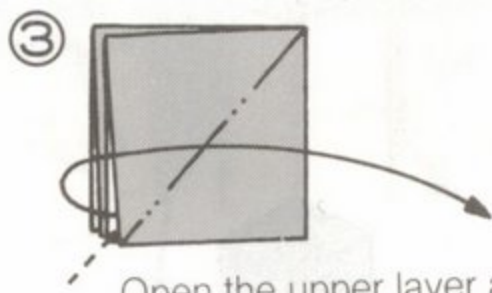
STARFLOWER



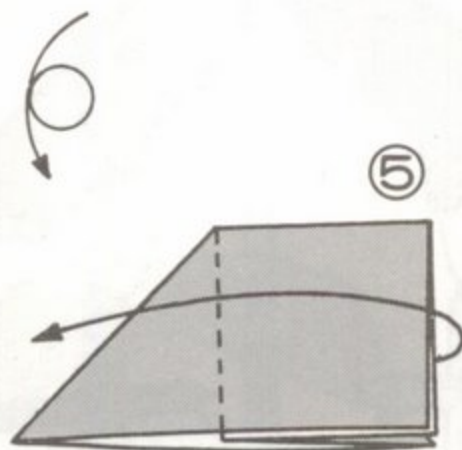
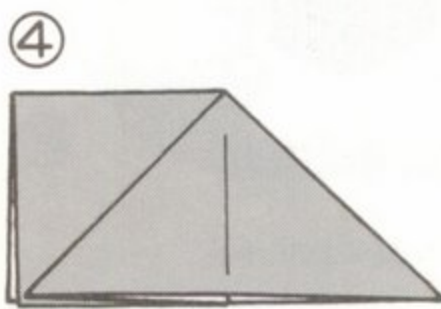
Fold in half.



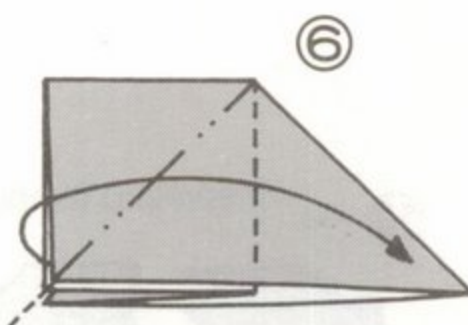
Fold in half again.



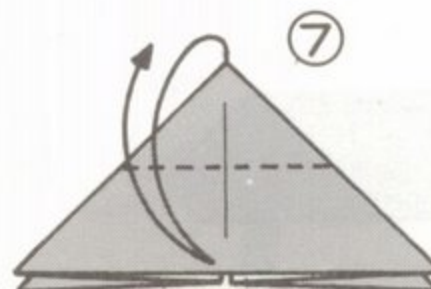
Open the upper layer and flatten.



Fold to the left.

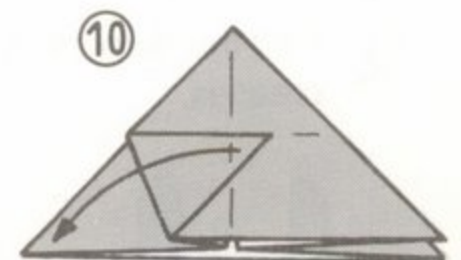


Open the layer and flatten.

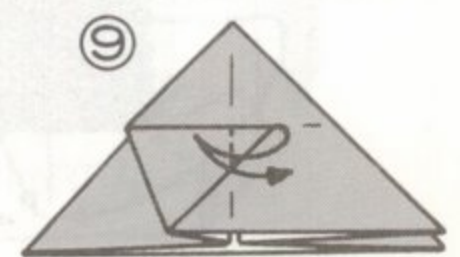


Make a crease.

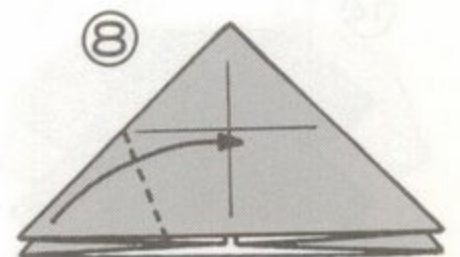
Fold the other corners in the same way.



Unfold.

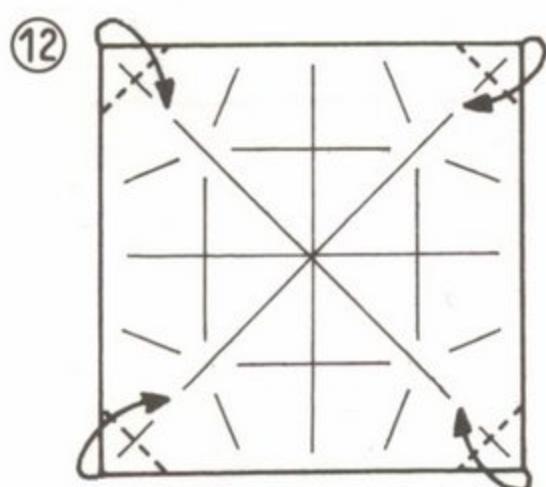
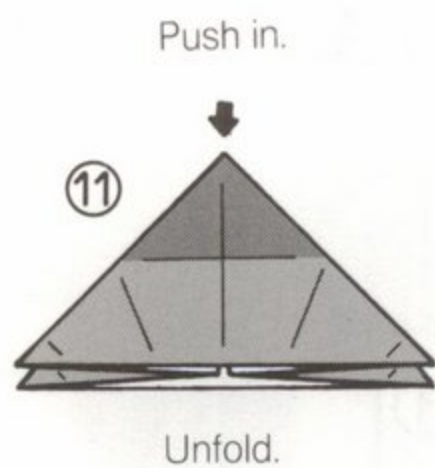


Make a crease on the center line.

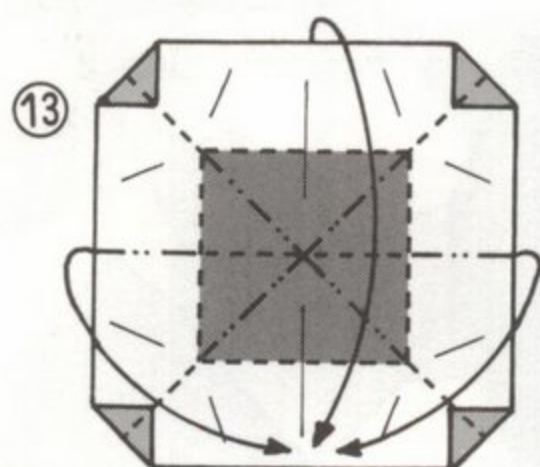


Fold along the crease.

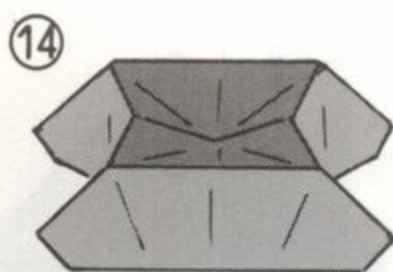




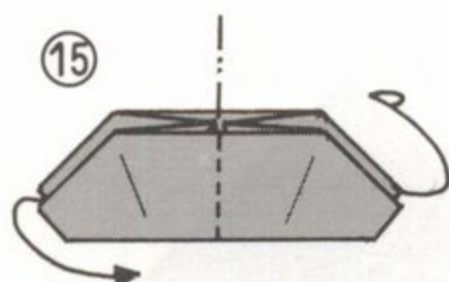
Fold the corners along the creases.



Fold up according to the creases.

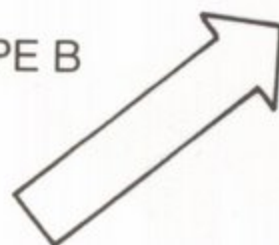


Fold like this.

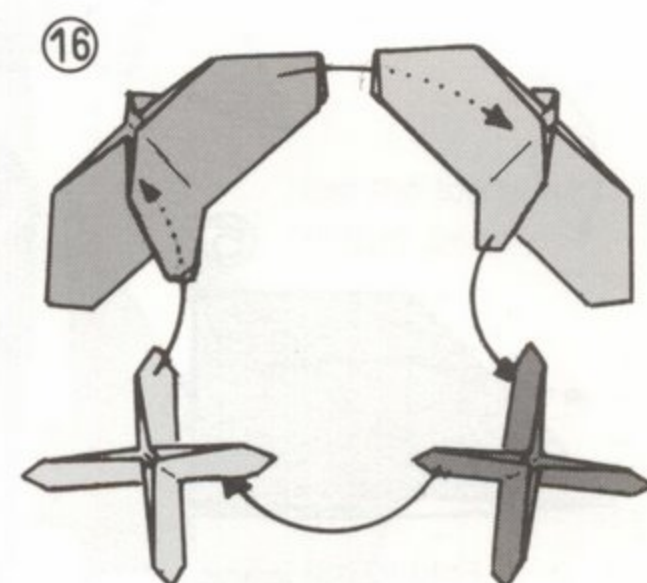
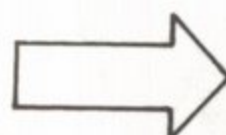


Lift the corners.

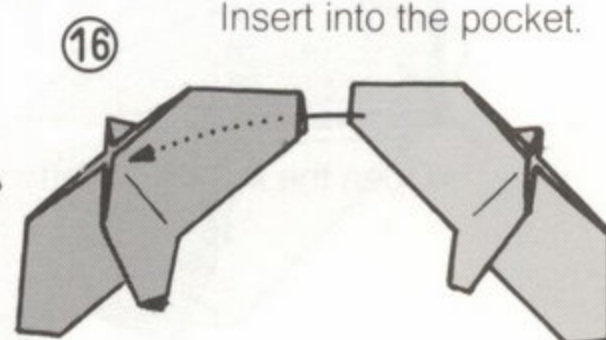
TYPE B



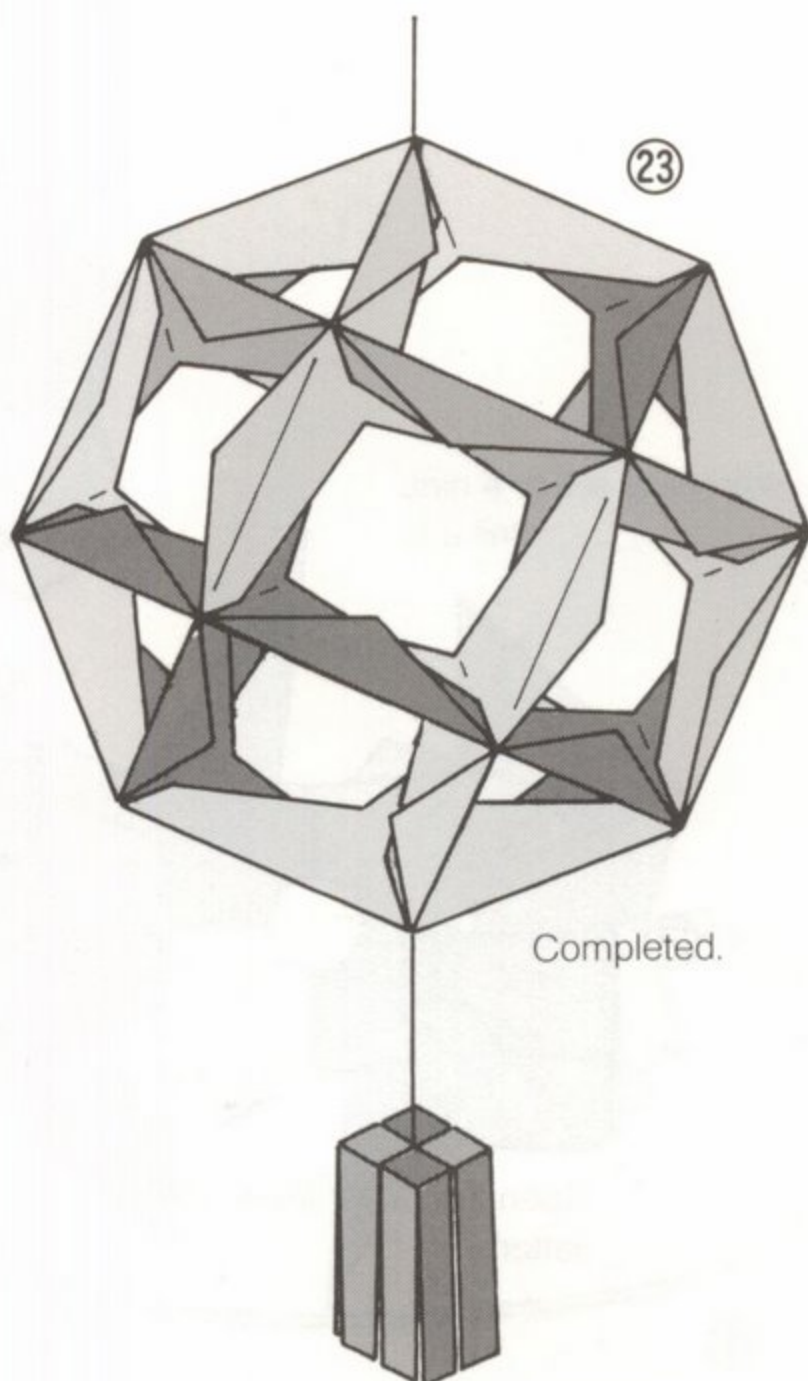
TYPE A



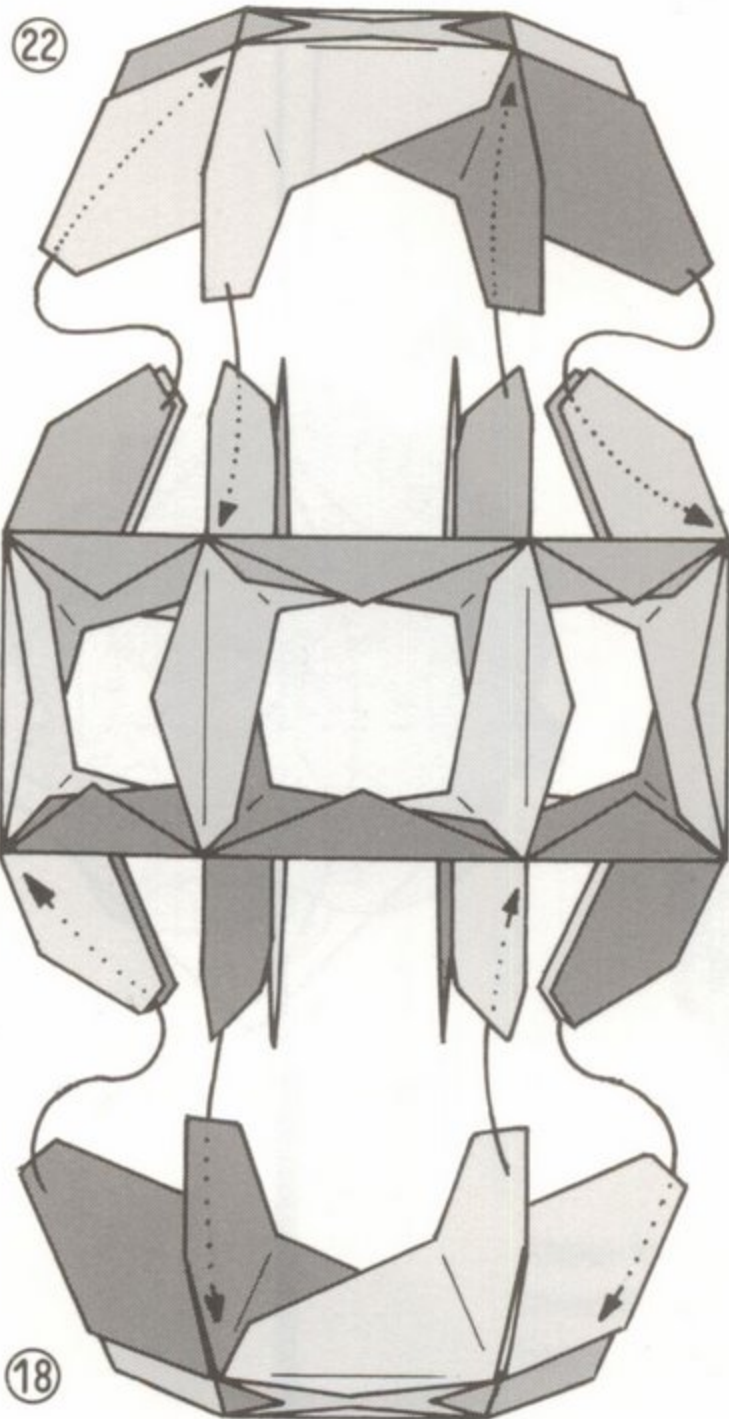
Join 4 units with care.



Insert into the pocket.

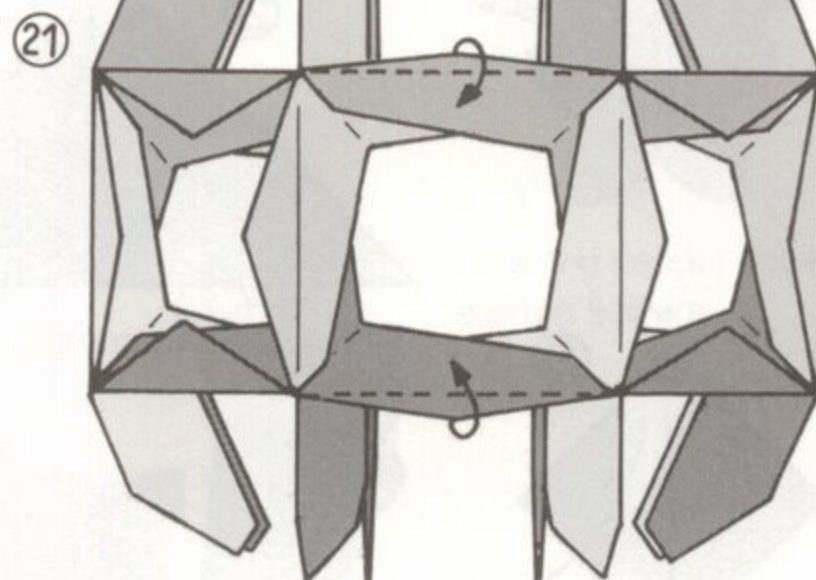


TYPE B

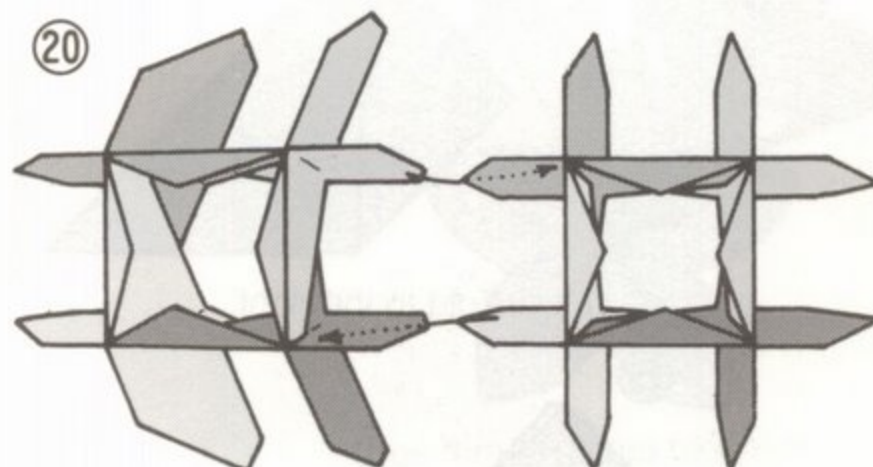


Join the top.

Fold the triangles down.



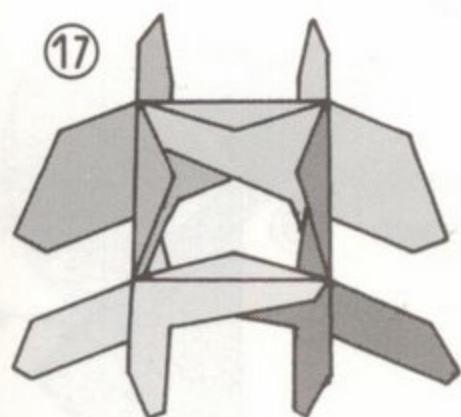
Make a link by joining 4 groups of PART A.



Join 2 PART A's.



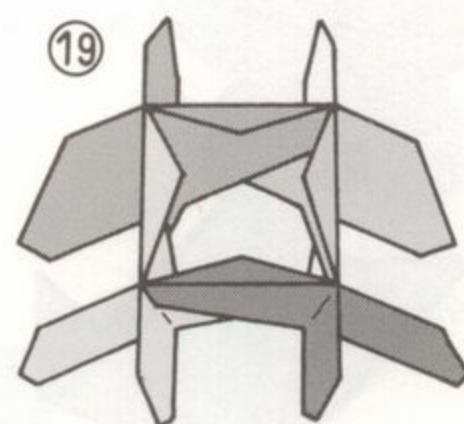
Join the bottom in the same way.



PART B

Make 2 of this assembled group.

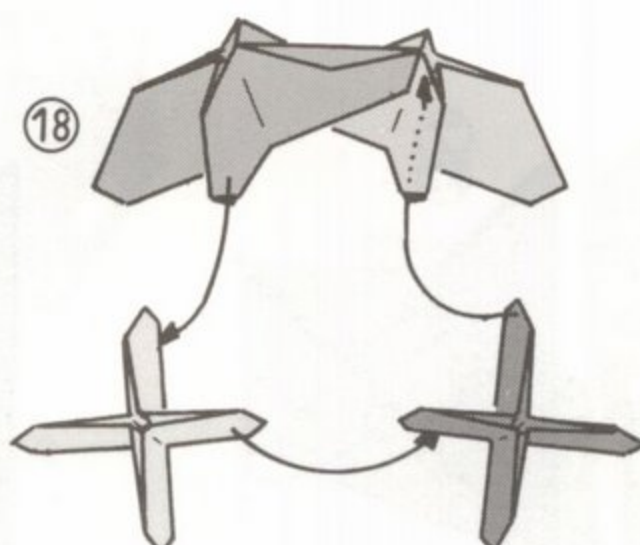
PART A



Make 4 of this assembled group.

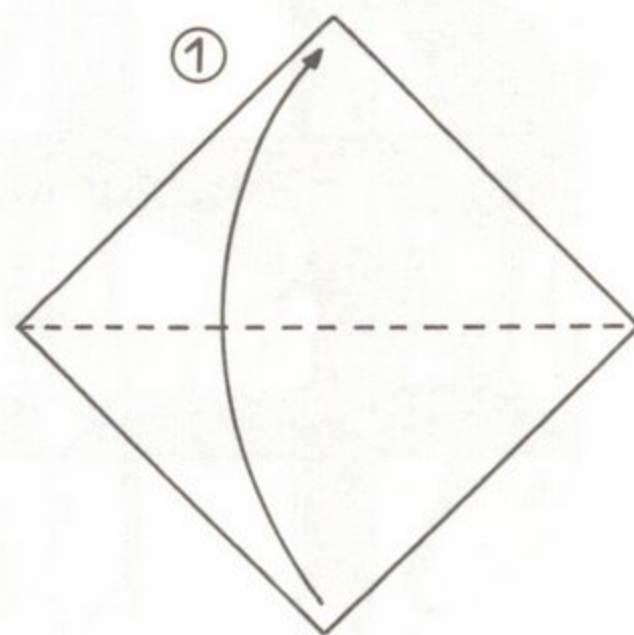


Fold the triangle down.

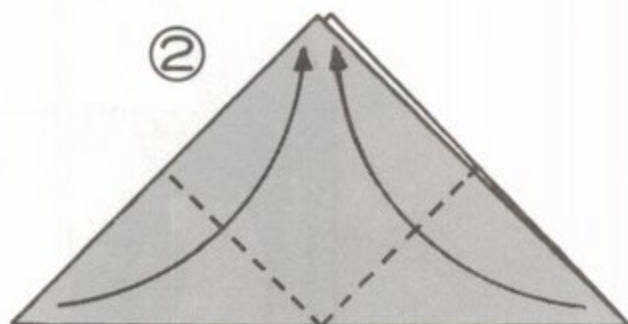


Join 4 units with care.

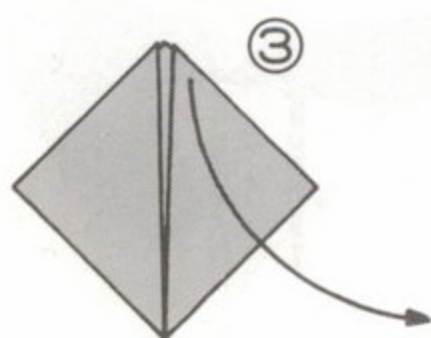
MORNING DEW



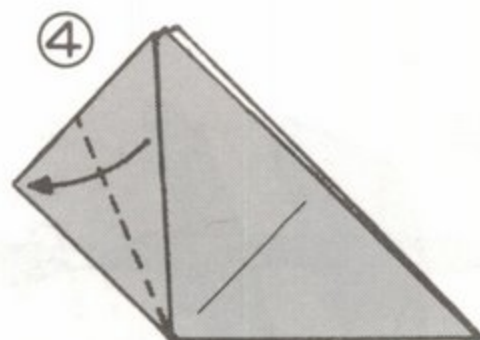
Fold into shape of a triangle.



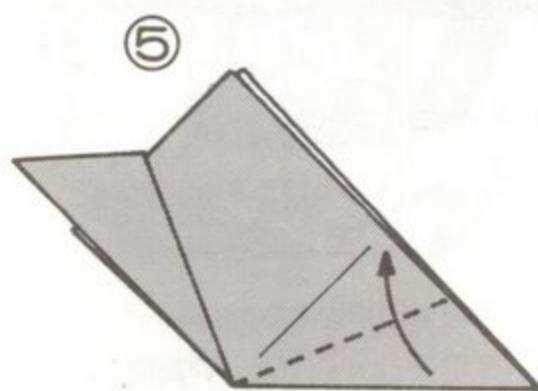
Fold the two corners upward.



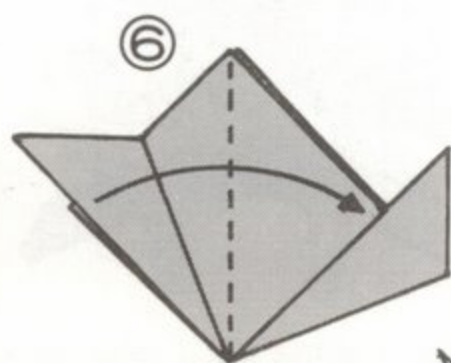
Unfold.



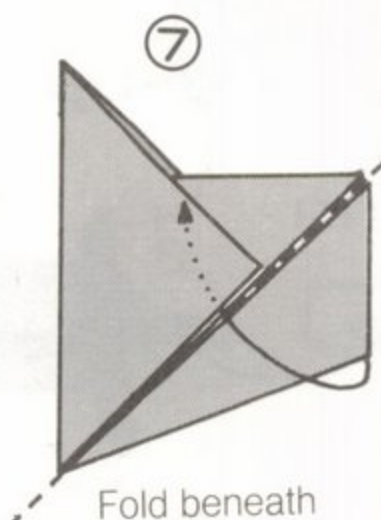
Fold to the right.



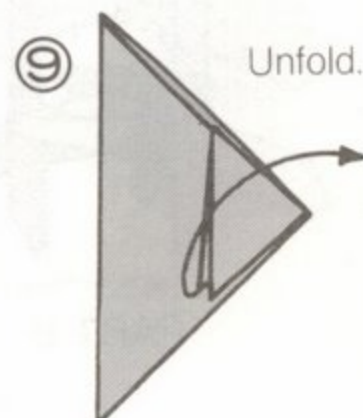
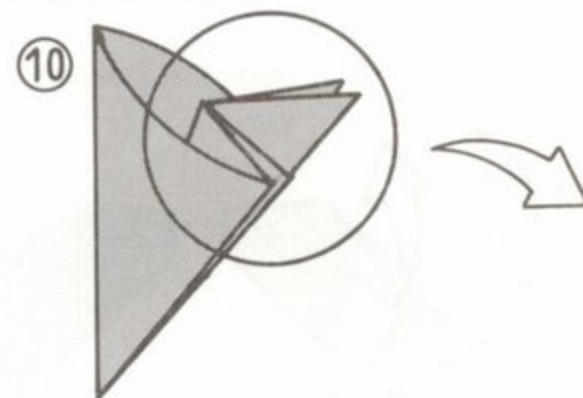
Fold up to the line.



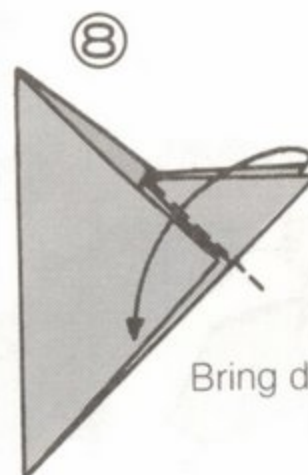
Fold along center line.



Fold beneath the upper layer.

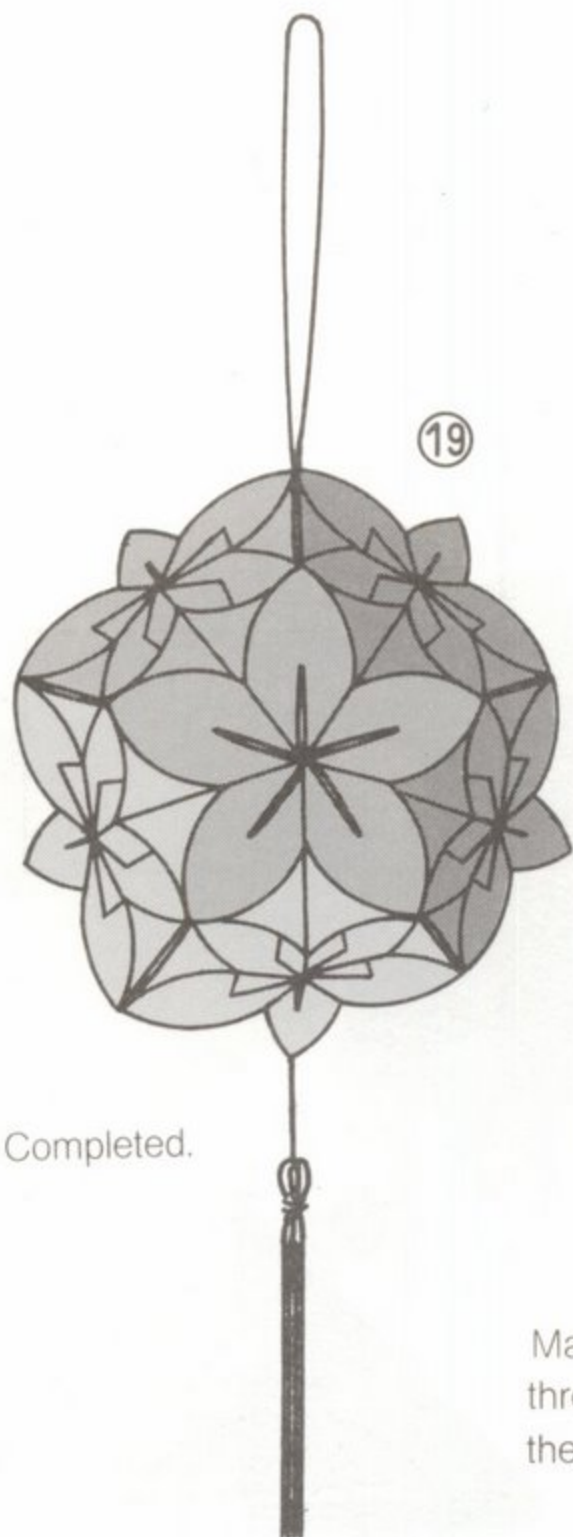


Unfold.



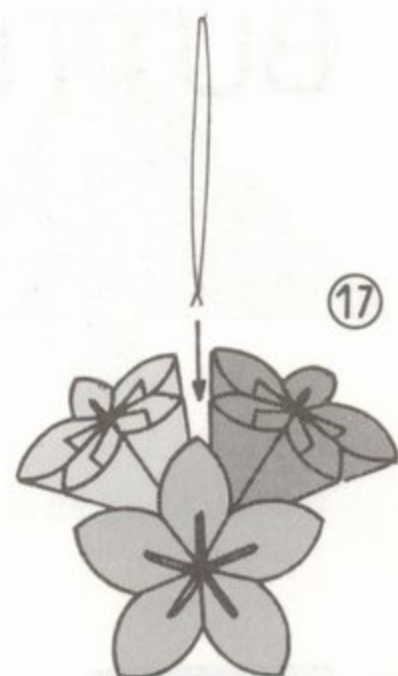
Bring down the two flaps.

Make a hanger with a piece of string.



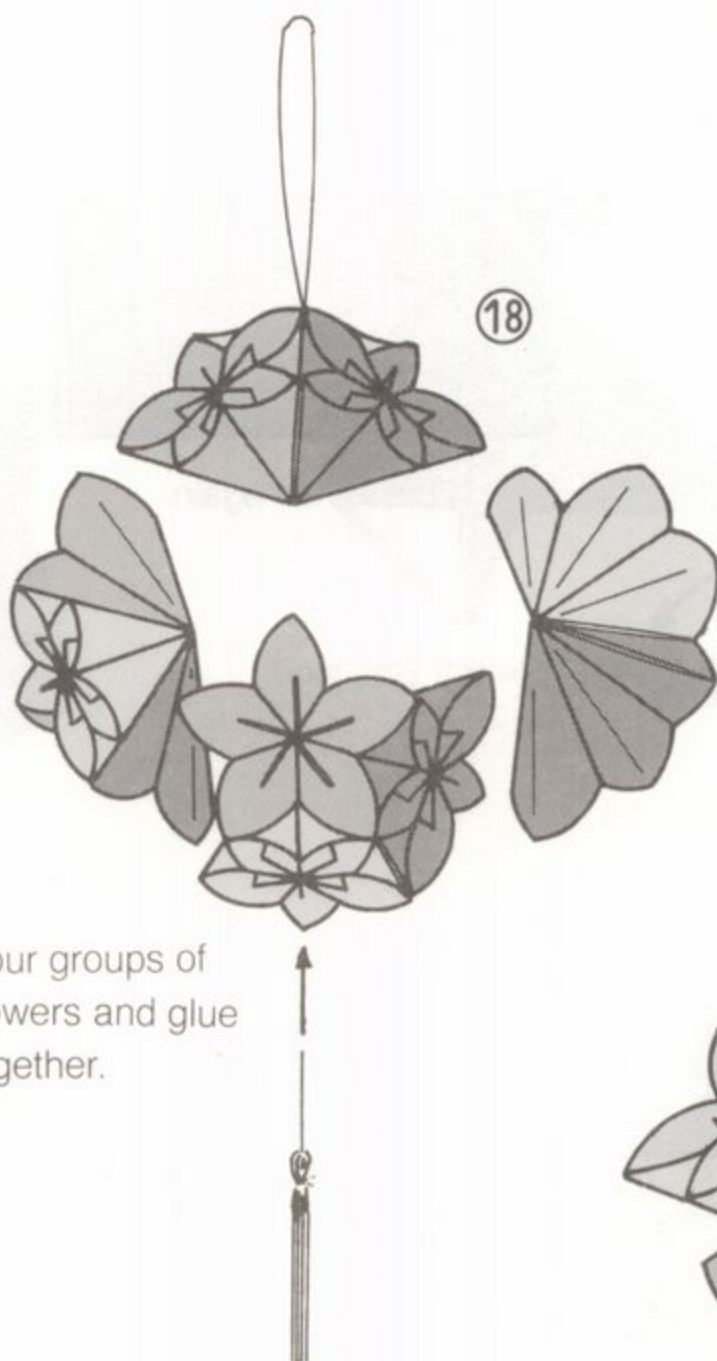
Completed.

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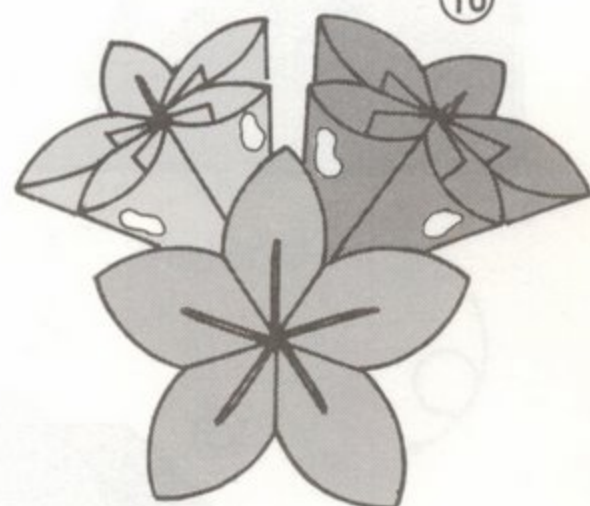
Glue the hanger between the top flowers.

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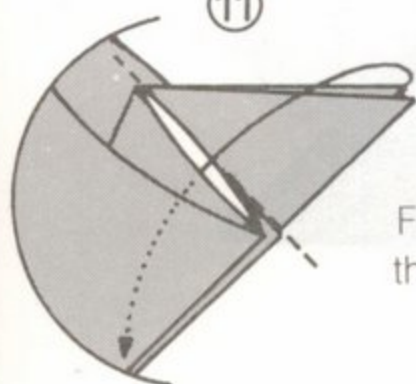
Make four groups of three flowers and glue them together.

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Glue three flowers together.

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Fold and insert the points in the slot.

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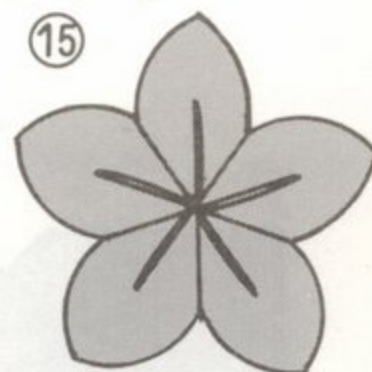


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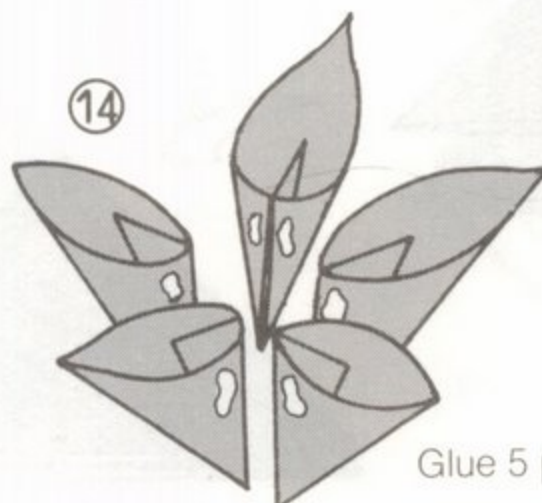
Make 60 units.

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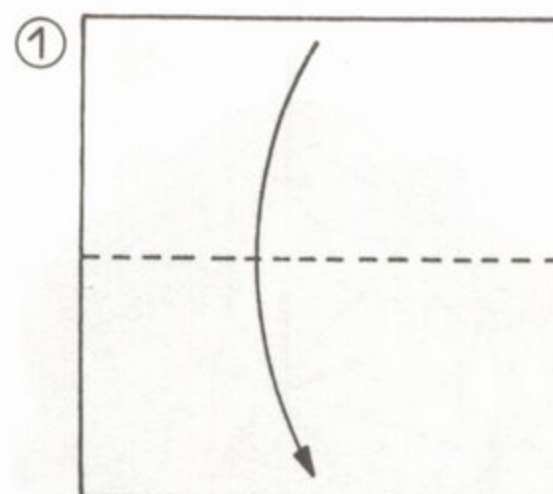
Make 12 flowers, each with 5 petals.

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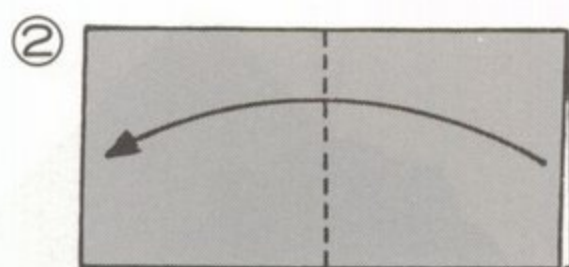


Glue 5 petals together.

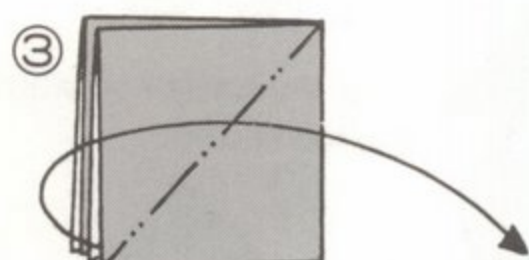
BUTTERFLY



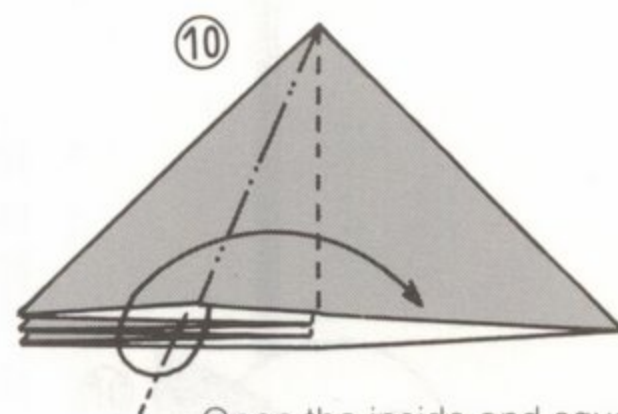
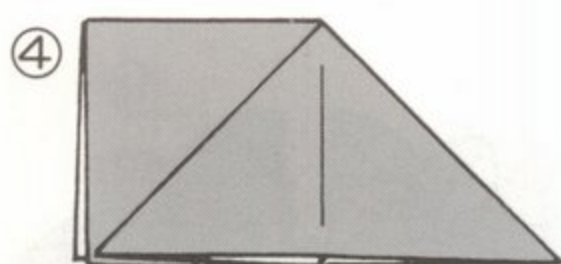
Fold in half.



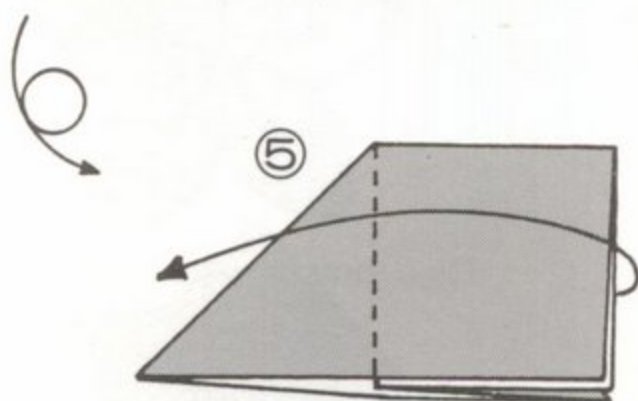
Fold in half again.



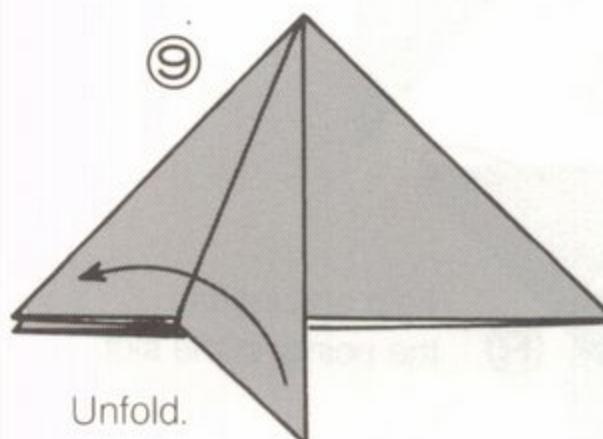
Open the inside and flatten.



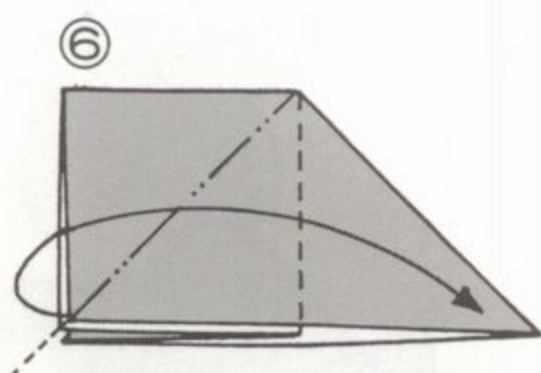
Open the inside and squash.



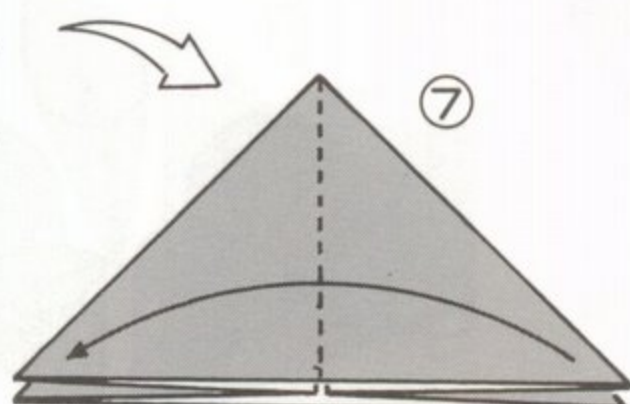
Turn to the left.



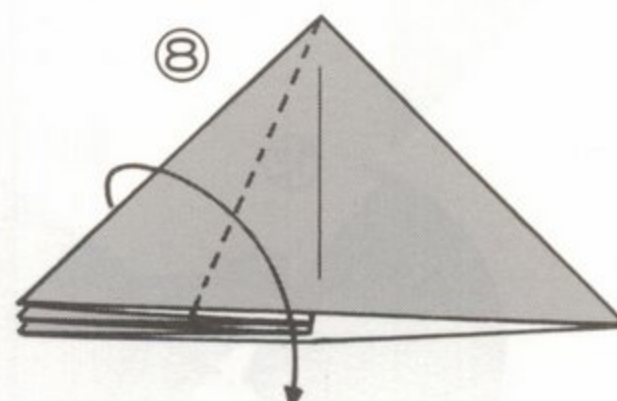
Unfold.



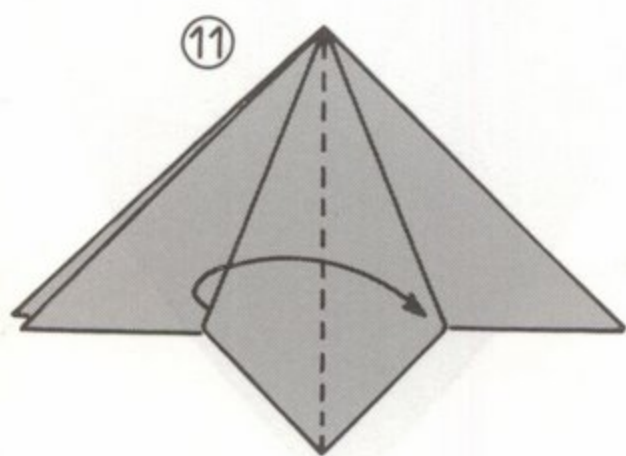
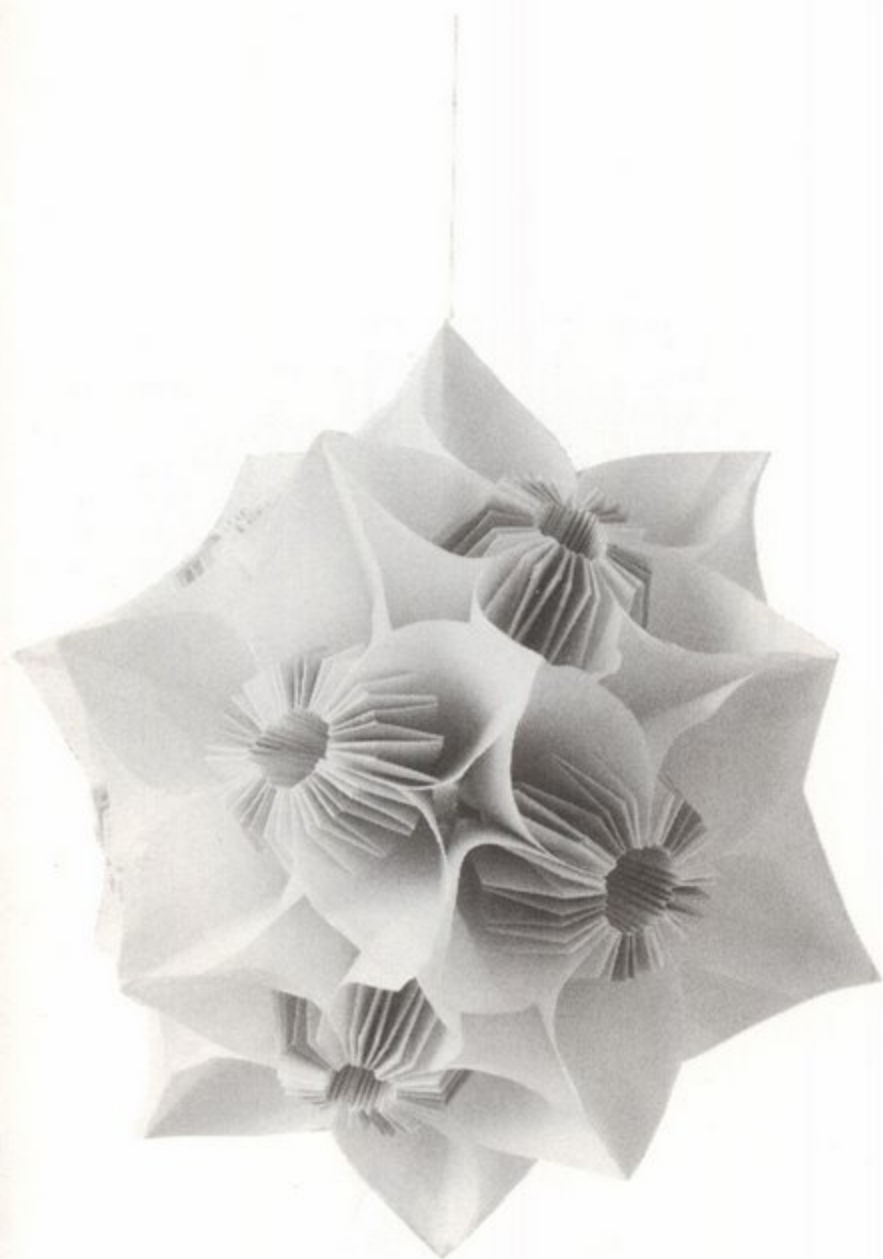
Pull the inside out and flatten.



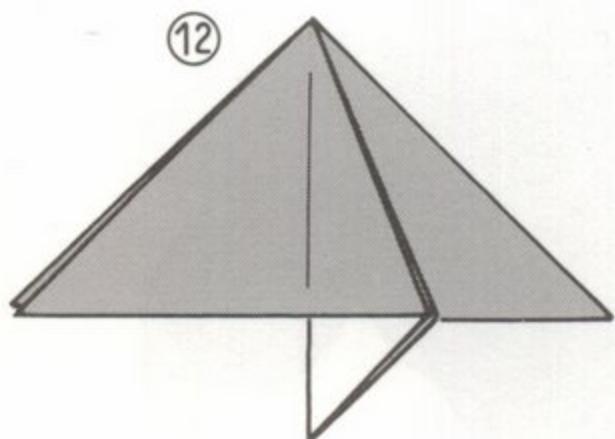
Fold to the left.



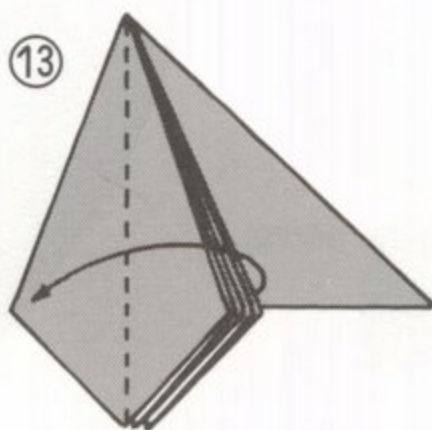
Fold the upper layer up to the line.



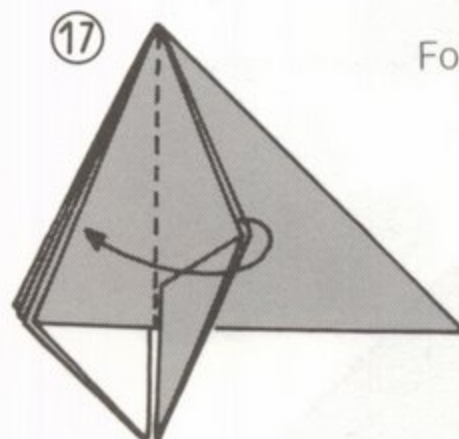
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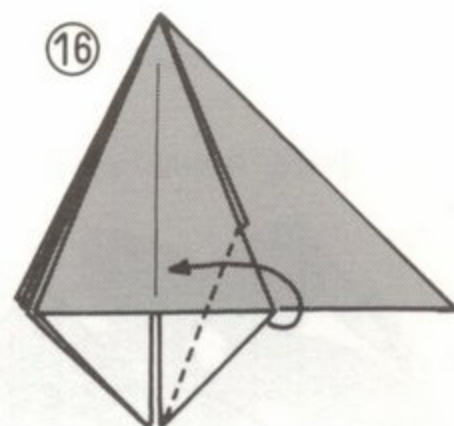
Fold the other two flaps in the same way.



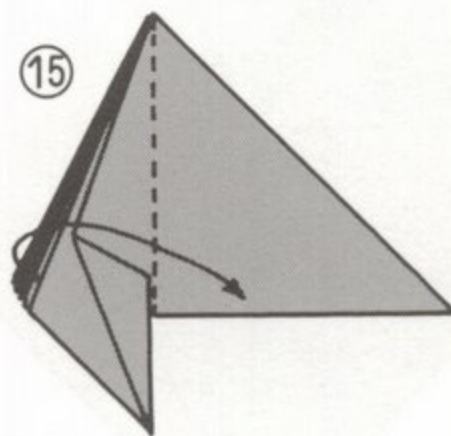
Fold all to the left.



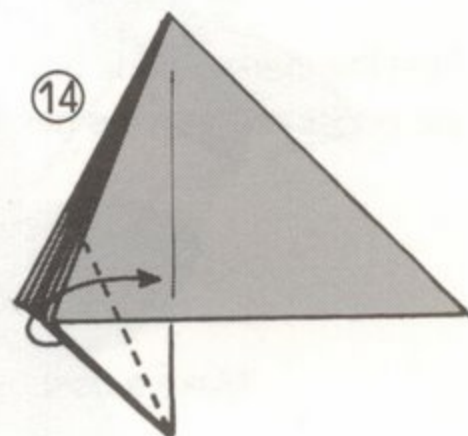
Fold only the upper layer to the left.



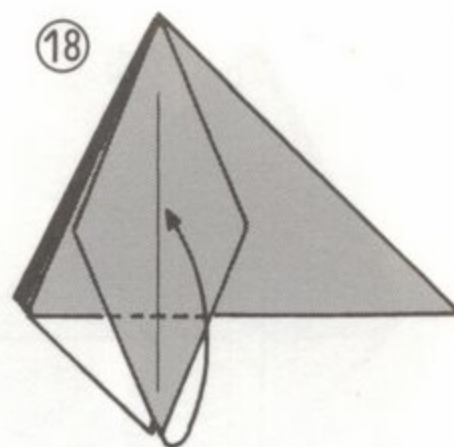
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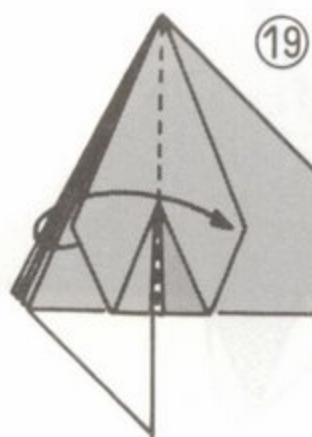
Fold only two layers to the right.



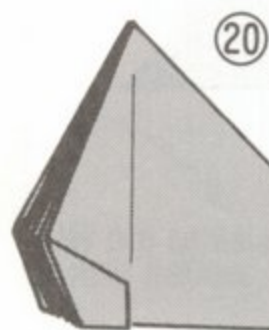
Fold up to the line.



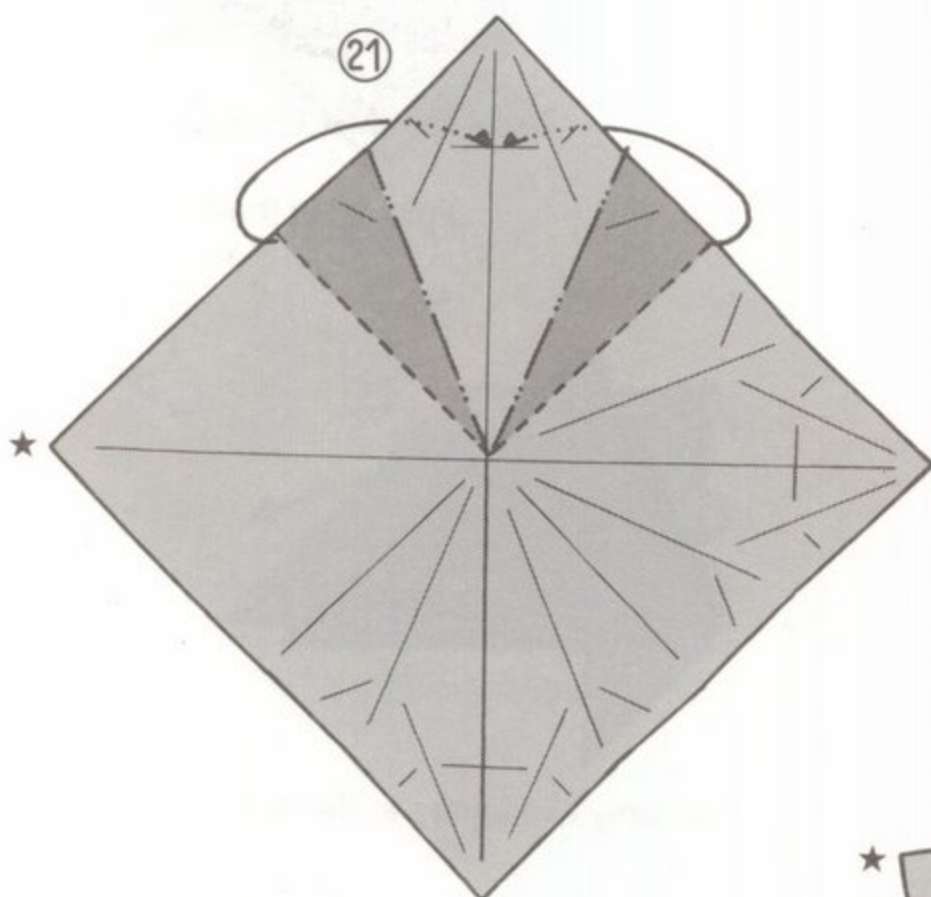
Fold the point upward.



Fold the other points in the same way.

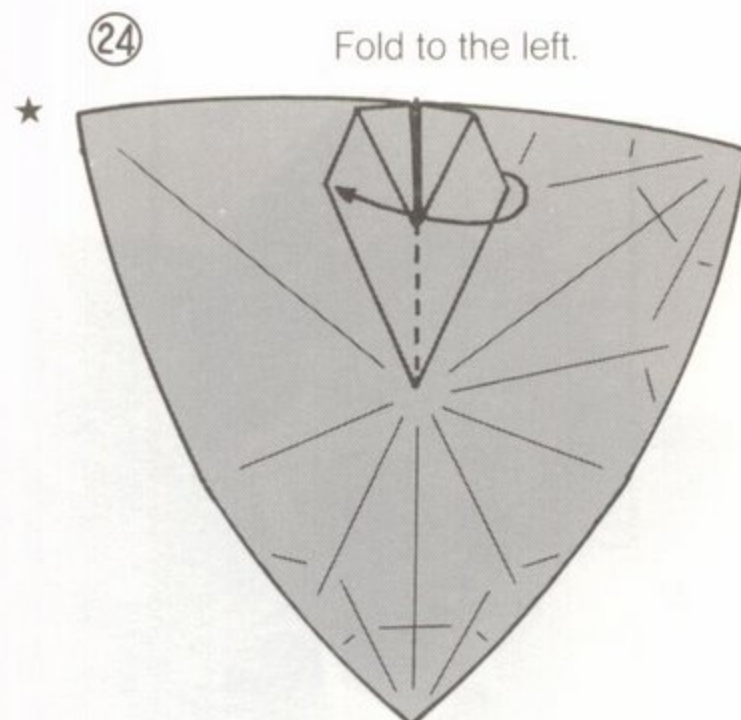


Open to the original sheet.

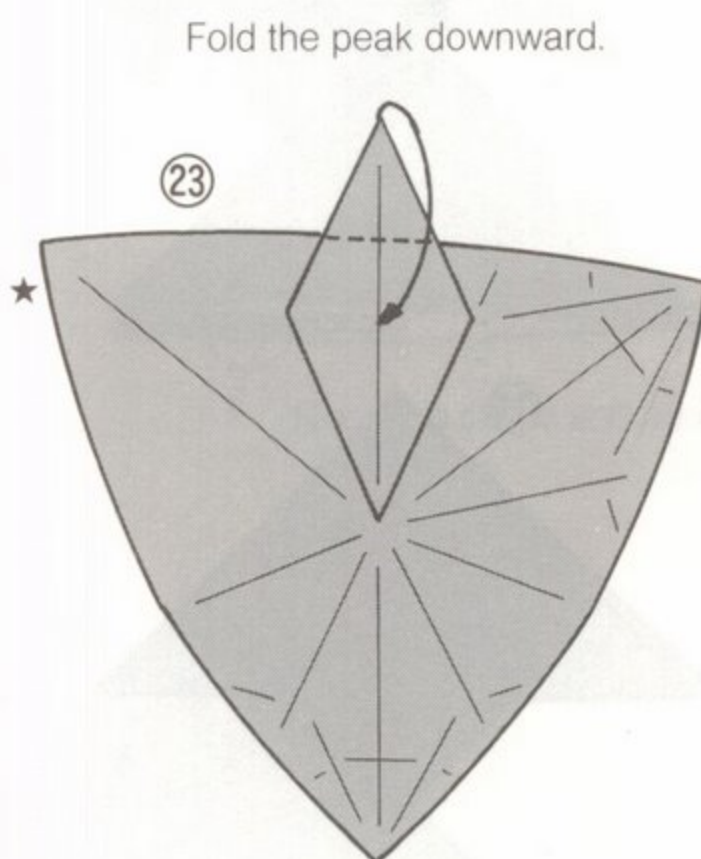


Fold the marked parts backward so that the edges meet on the center line.

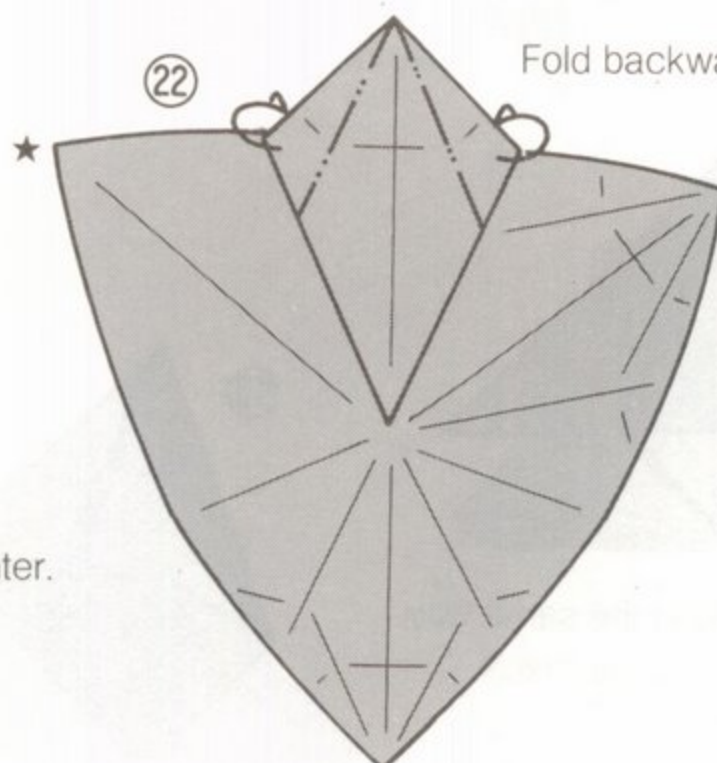
Make a dent by pushing the center.



Fold to the left.



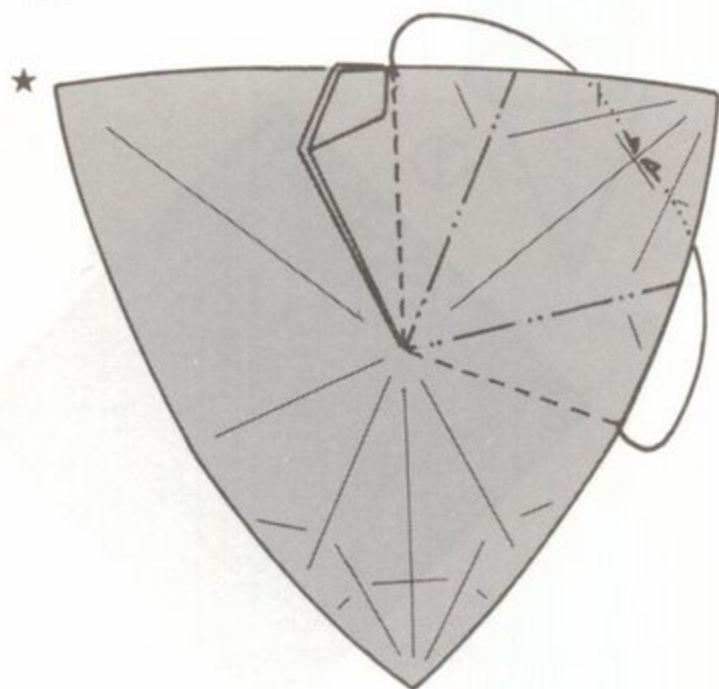
Fold the peak downward.



Fold backward.

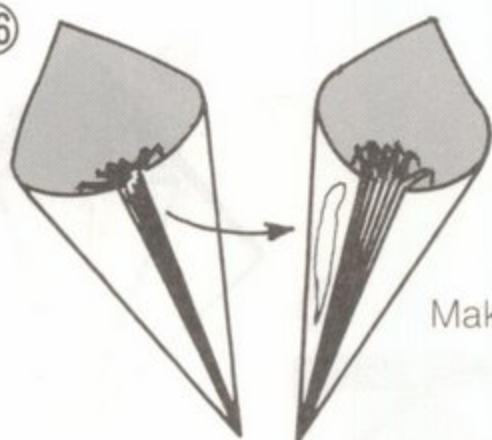
Fold the other corners except the corner marked ★ in the same way.

②5



Petals completed.

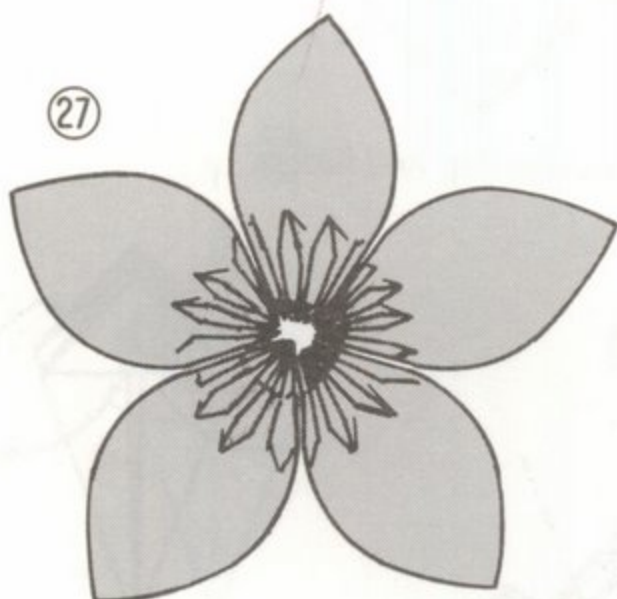
②6



Make 60 petals.

Use a bit of glue to join them.

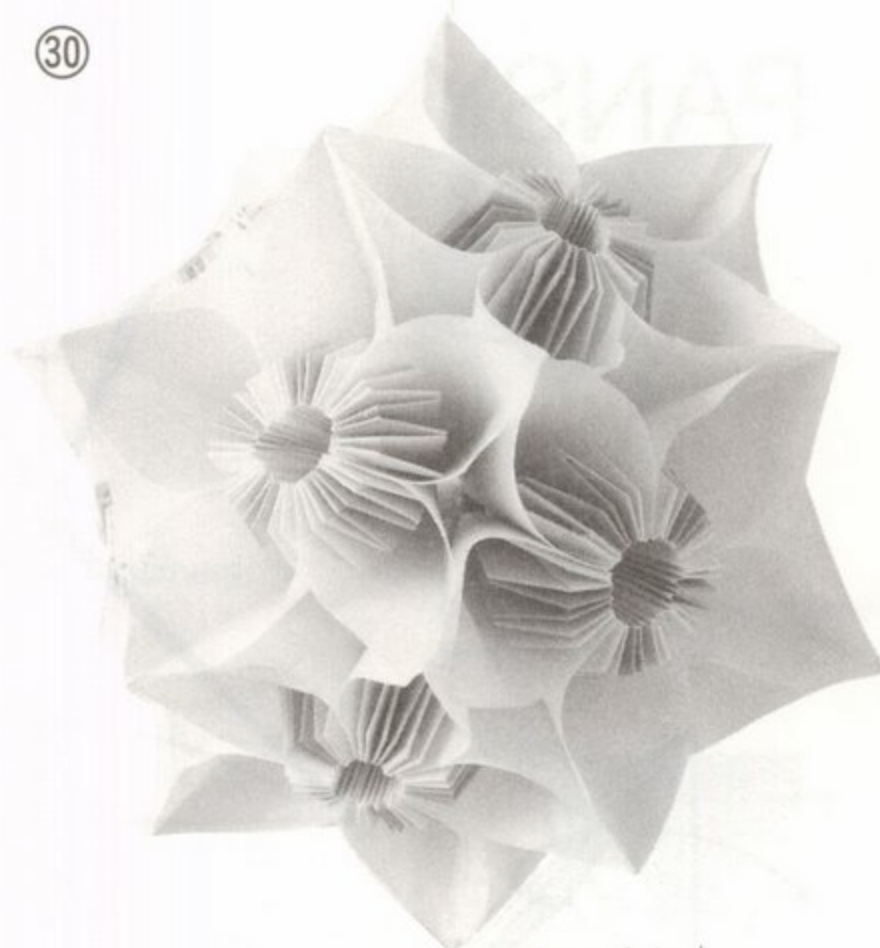
②7



Five petals are glued to make a flower.

Make 12 flowers.

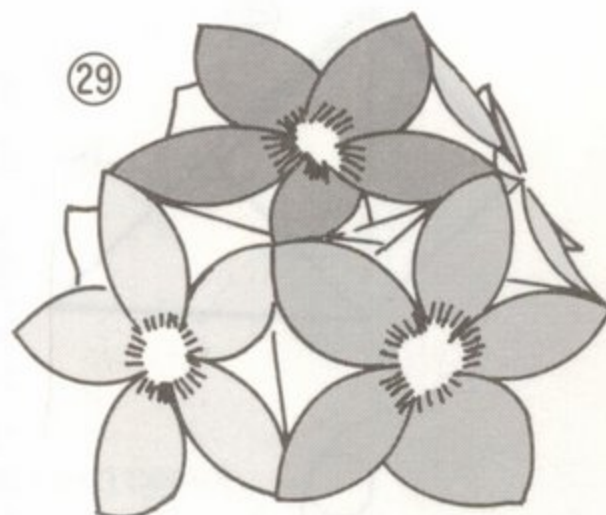
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Completed.

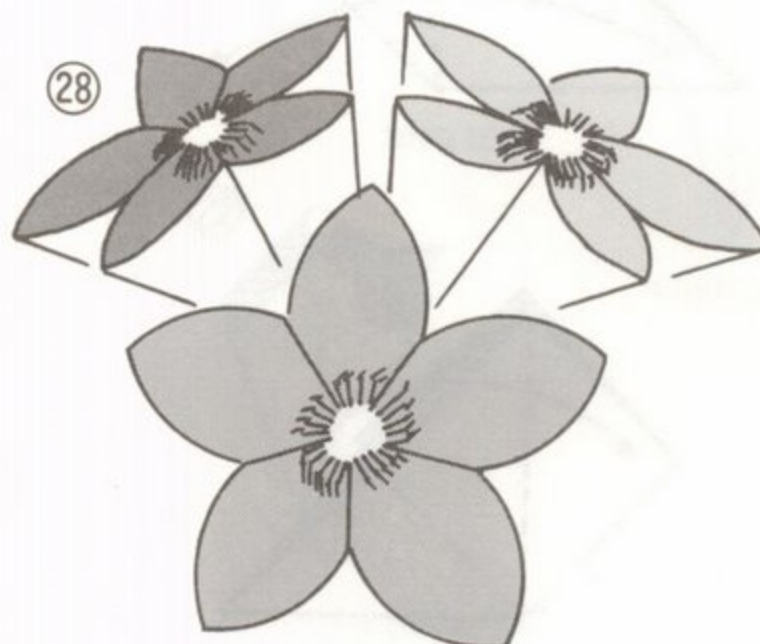
Five flowers glued.

②9

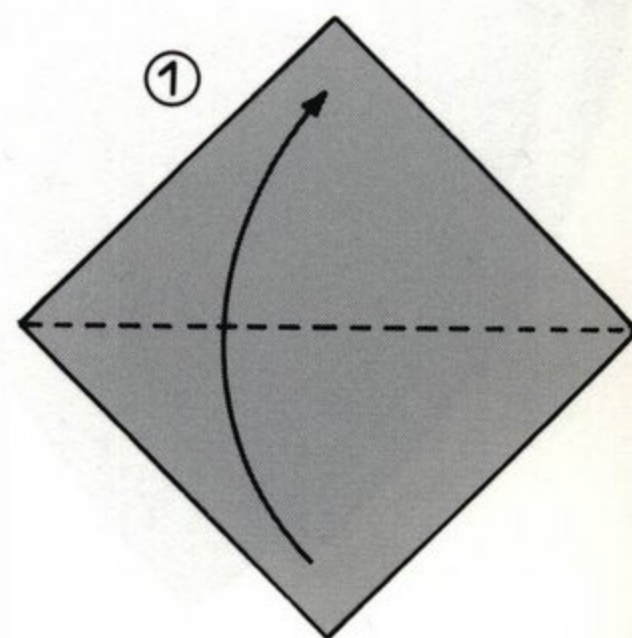


Three flowers glued.

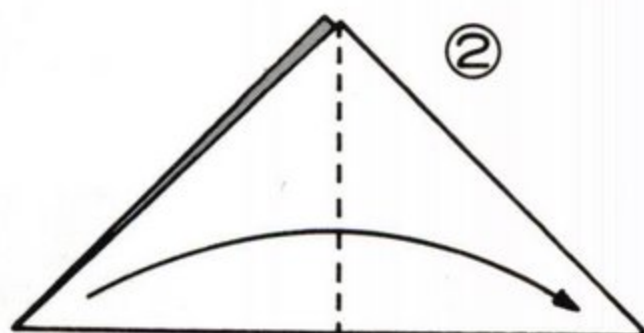
②8



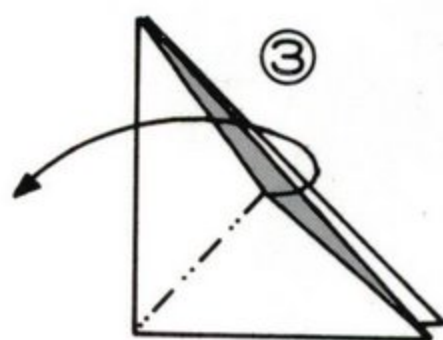
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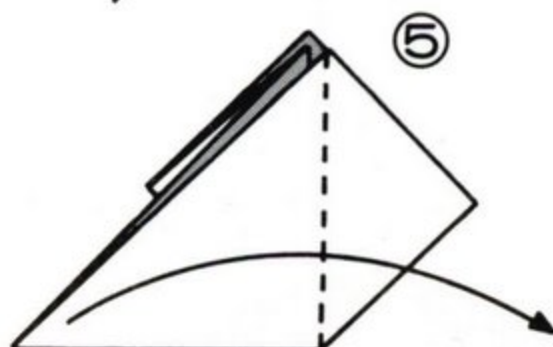
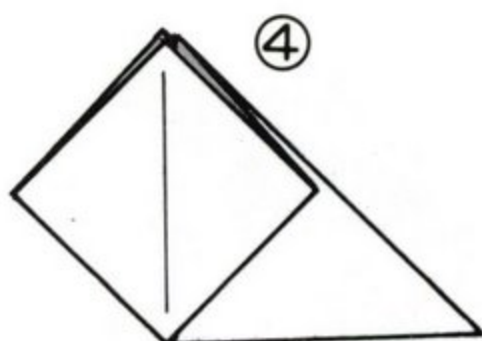
Fold over.



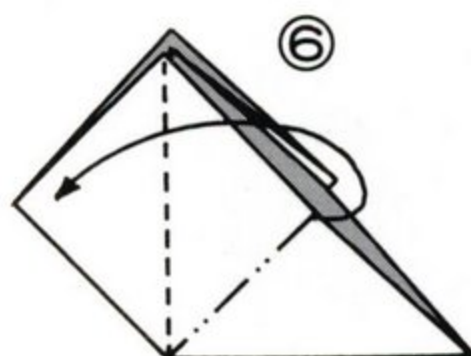
Fold over again.



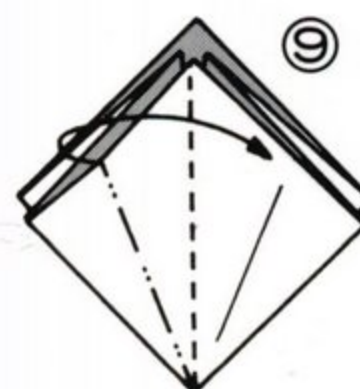
Open and flatten.



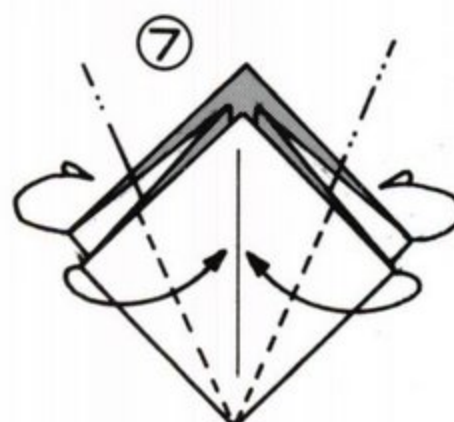
Fold over.



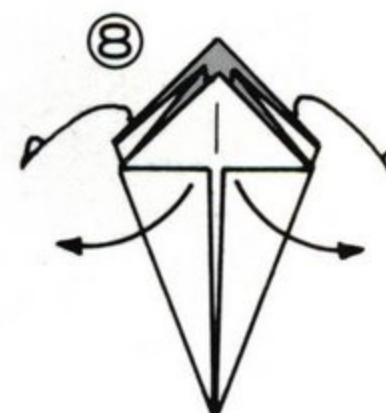
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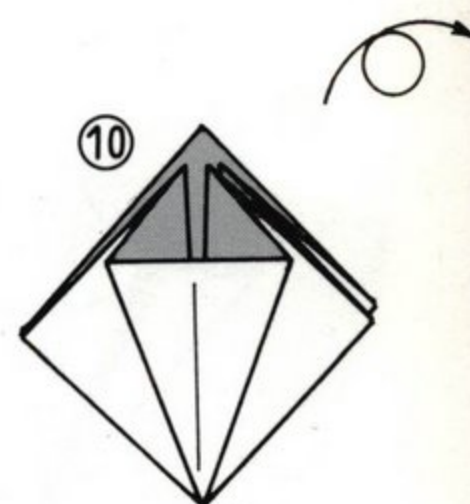
Open the flap and flatten.

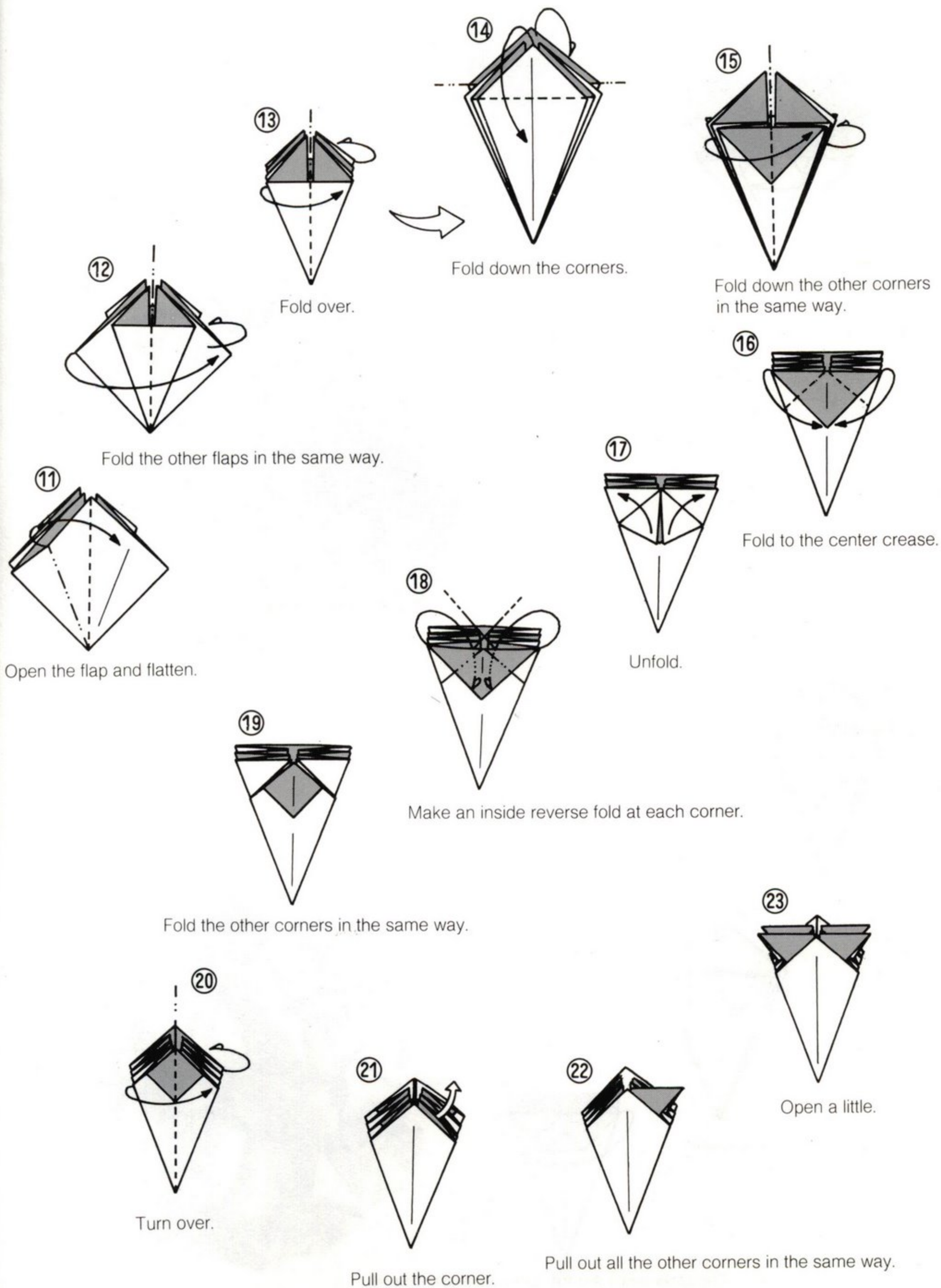


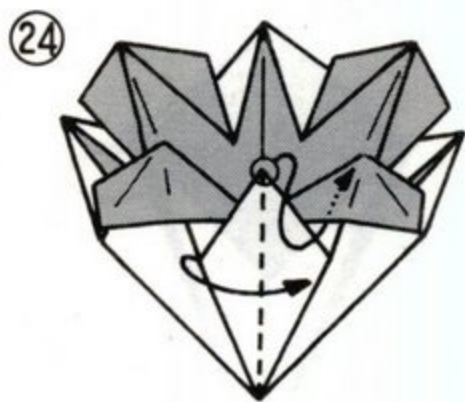
Fold to the center crease.



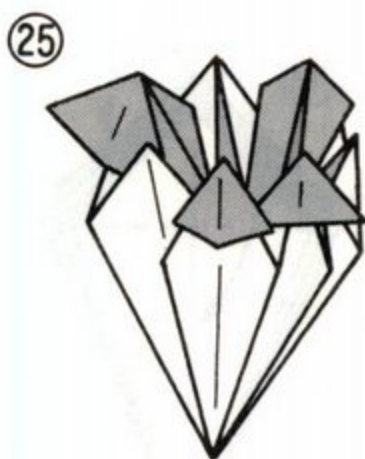
Unfold.



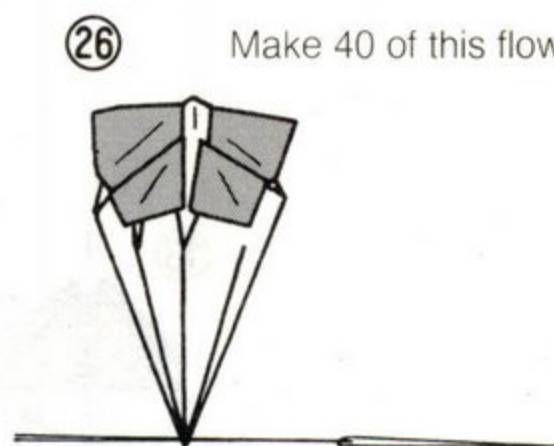




Insert the tip O under the pocket.



Insert the other tips in the same way.



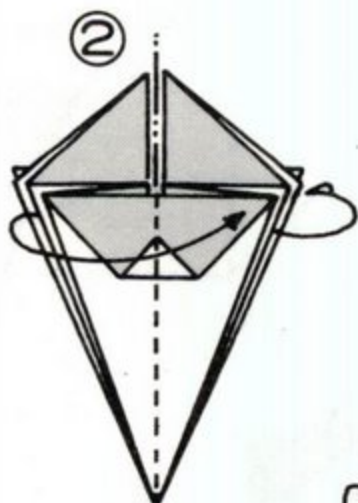
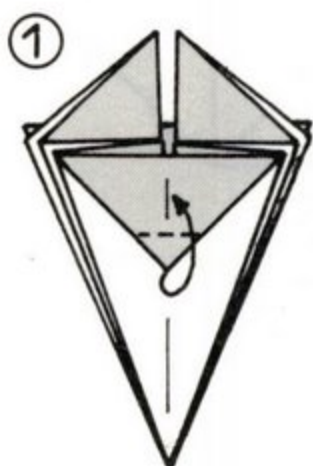
Pass a thread through all 10 units.

Join the units the same way as VENUS on page 46.



VARIATION

Begin with step 15 on page 75.



Fold over.



The other steps are the same as those from 16.

KUSUDAMA is a decorative paper ball for festive occasions. Originally it was an ornamental scent bag hung to clear away noxious vapors, thus the name "*KUSU*" (medicine) + "*DAMA*" (ball). Origami works are usually made from one piece of square paper, but *Kusudama Origami* is different. It combines several units of origami. Folding each piece and then joining the units with the completed ball in mind is an enjoyable process. No intricate methods are involved; folding and joining the units is simple and easy.

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