

An origami paper box folded into four neat little compartments is a handy way to hold tiny gifts or keepsakes. It's not too hard to make and once you're comfortable with the method, you can make many for gift giving or display.

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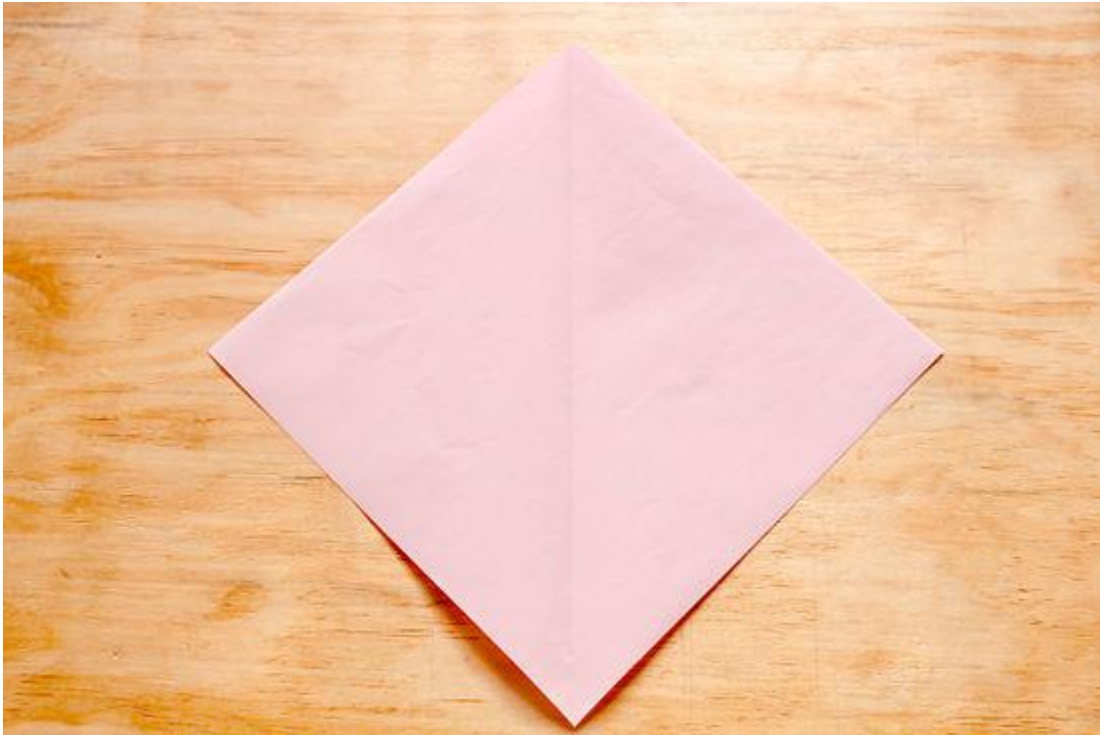
1. 1

[Fold an origami box](#) from a coloured square of paper.



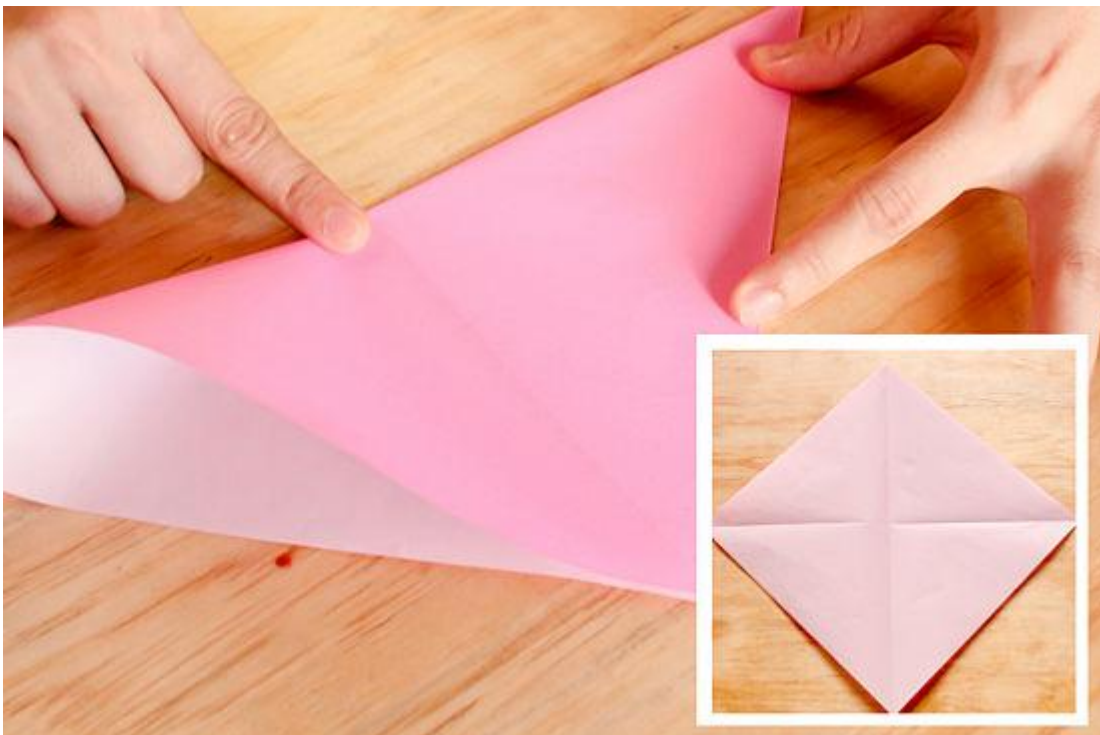
2. 2

Rotate the other square of coloured paper in front of you, so that it appears as a diamond. (If you have paper coloured on both sides, the side that faces up now is the colour that will show in the end.)



3. 3

Crease the paper horizontally and vertically, as shown.



4. 4

Turn the paper over and rotate it 45 degrees, so that it appears as a square.



5. 5

Fold it horizontally and vertically.



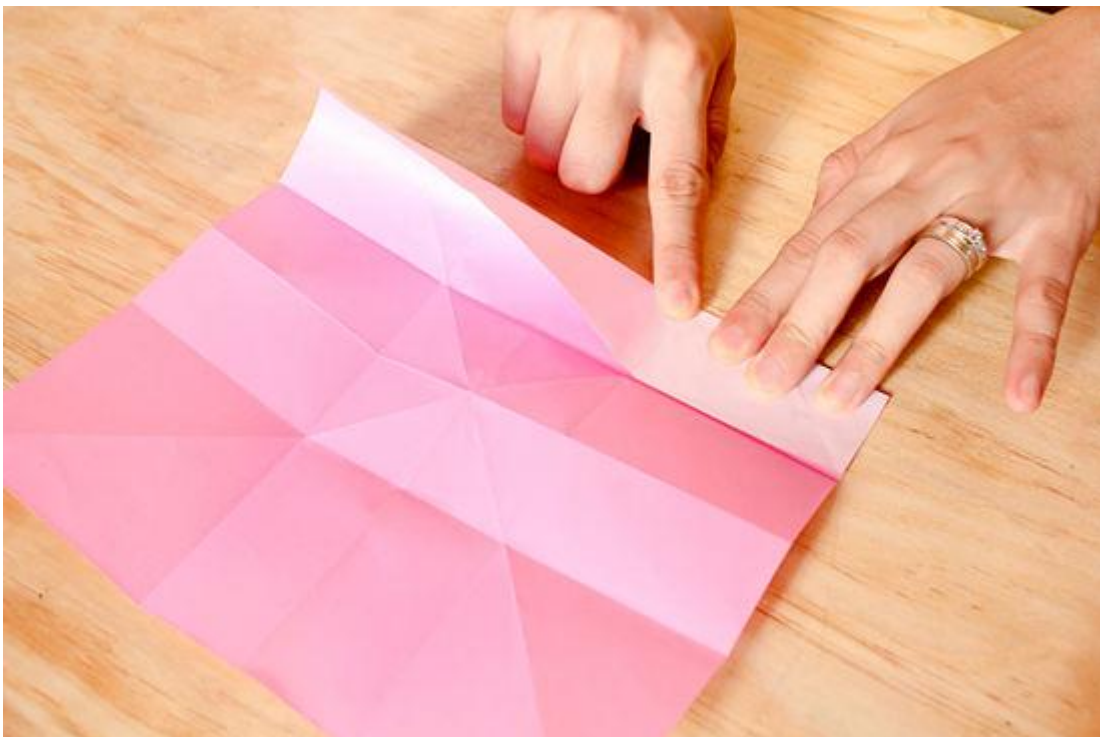
6. 6

Divide the square into thirds both ways, as explained in [this article](#), using the template square.
(You will see a small square created by the fold lines in the middle of the paper.)



7. 7

Fold the bottom edge up to meet the bottom one-third line (one side of the central square, just created).



8. 8

Repeat with the other three sides.



9. 9

Unfold completely.



10. 10

Fold all four corners inwards to meet the corners of the inner square.



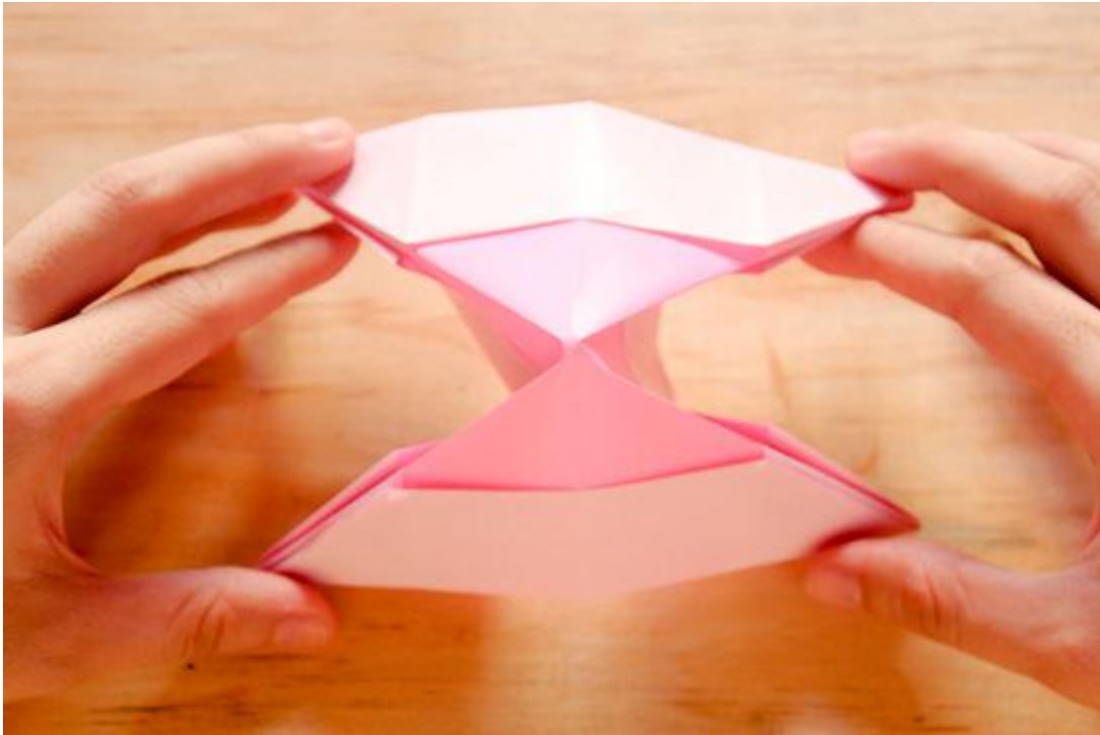
11. 11

Fold all four sides inwards to meet the sides of the small square.



12. 12

Pick the paper up and fold the diagonal fold lines outwards and horizontal fold lines inwards. This forms a double-layered triangle, known as the waterbomb-base.



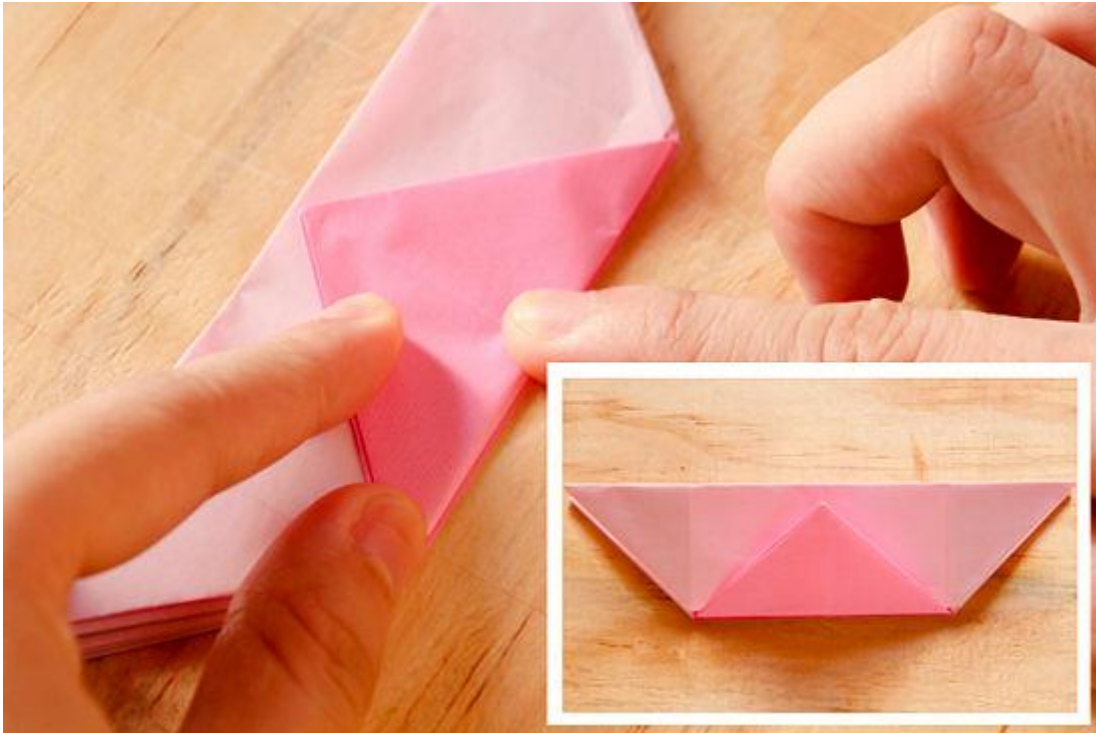
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Press your new triangle flat.



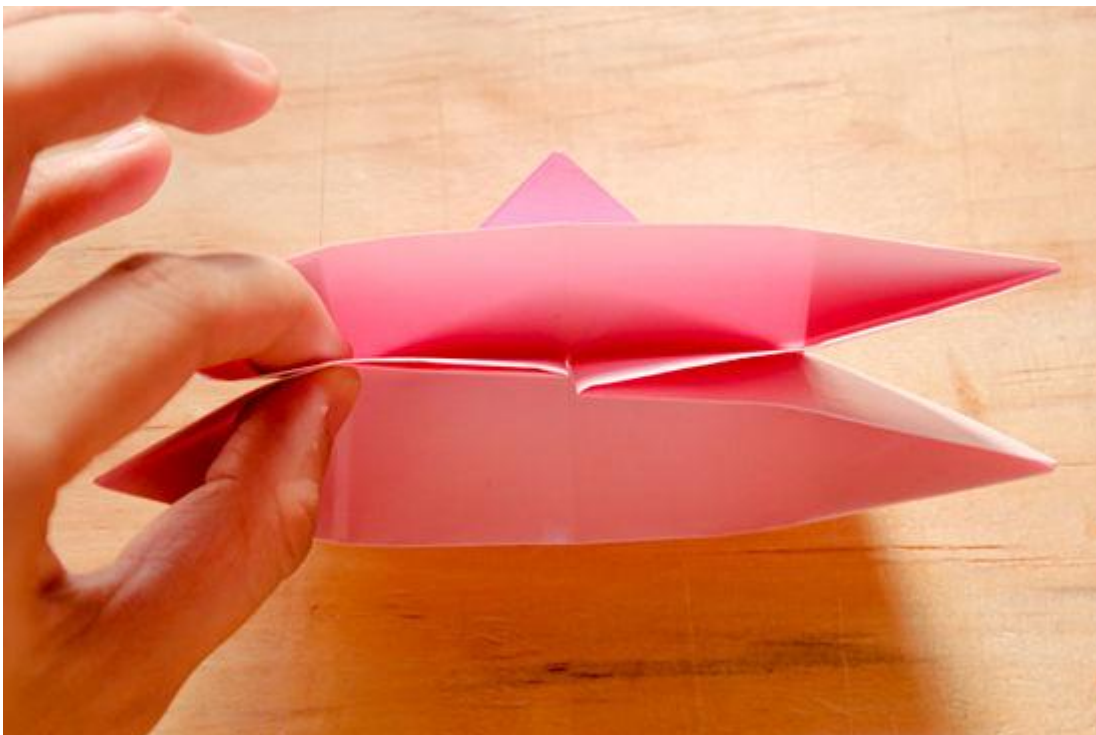
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Fold its upper tip down as far as possible.



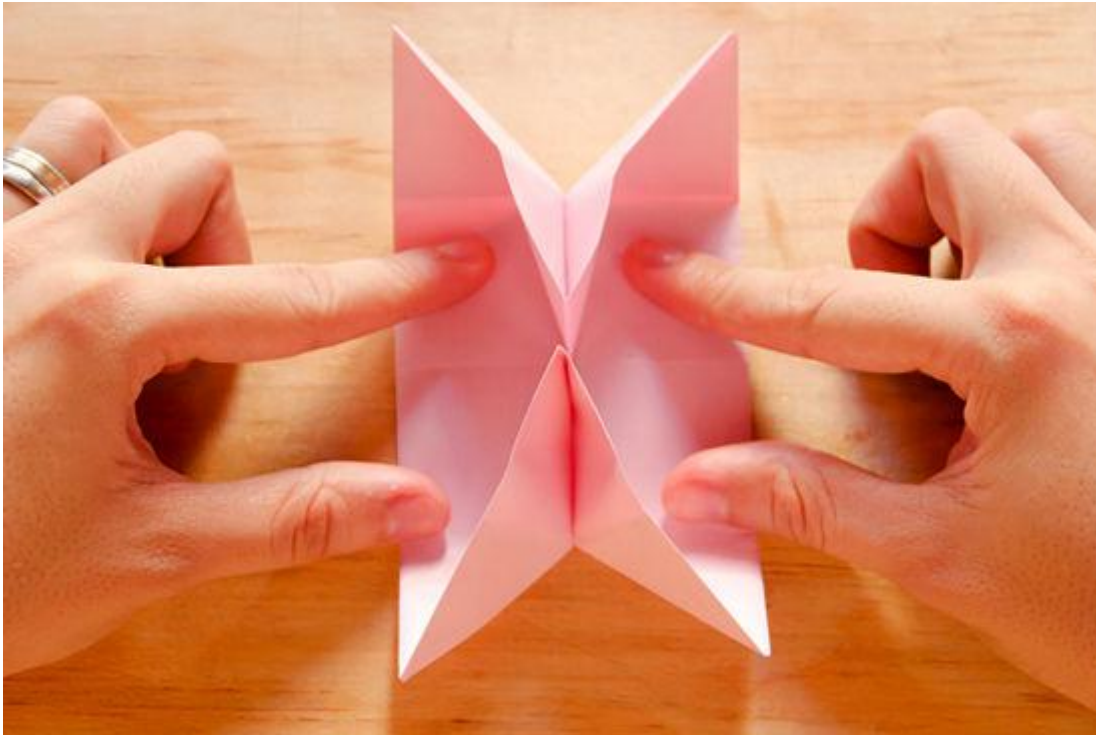
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Insert your finger between the double layers of the triangle and push the upper layer upwards.
This turns the model 3-D.



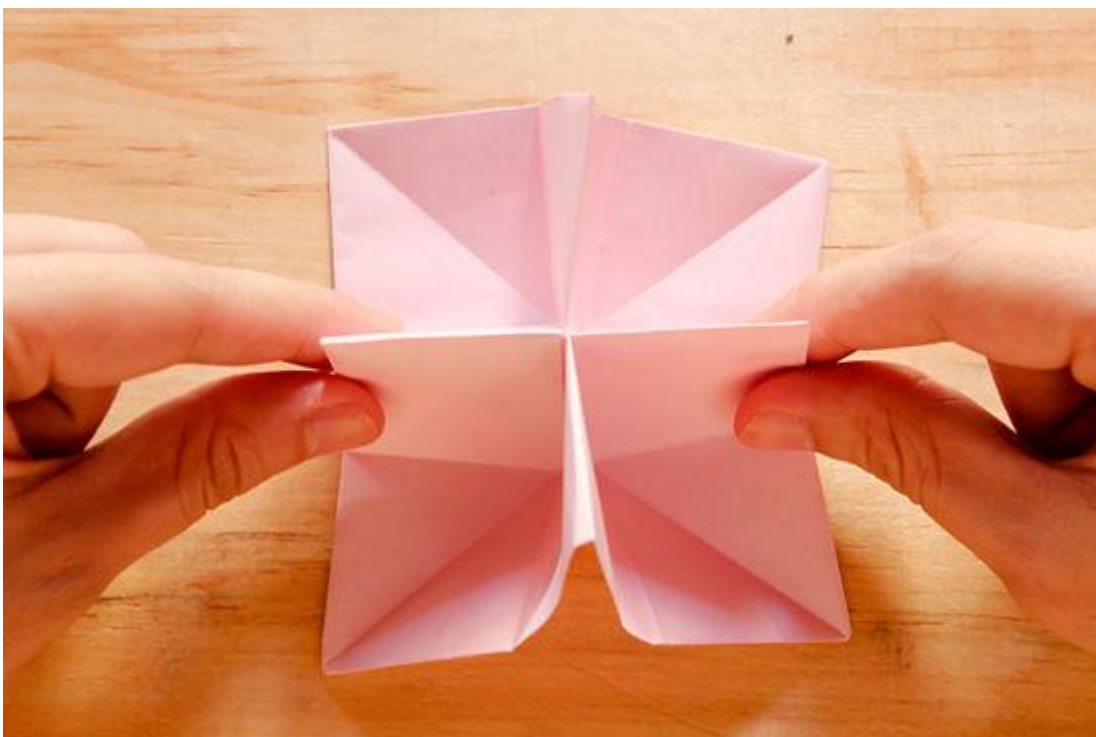
16. 16

Rotate the model through 90 degrees. You will see that there is a horizontal fold line between the two 3-D tips of the model.



17. 17

Pinch this line, so that it folds upwards.



18. 18

Smooth all the folds into their positions, so that your model looks like the one on the photo.



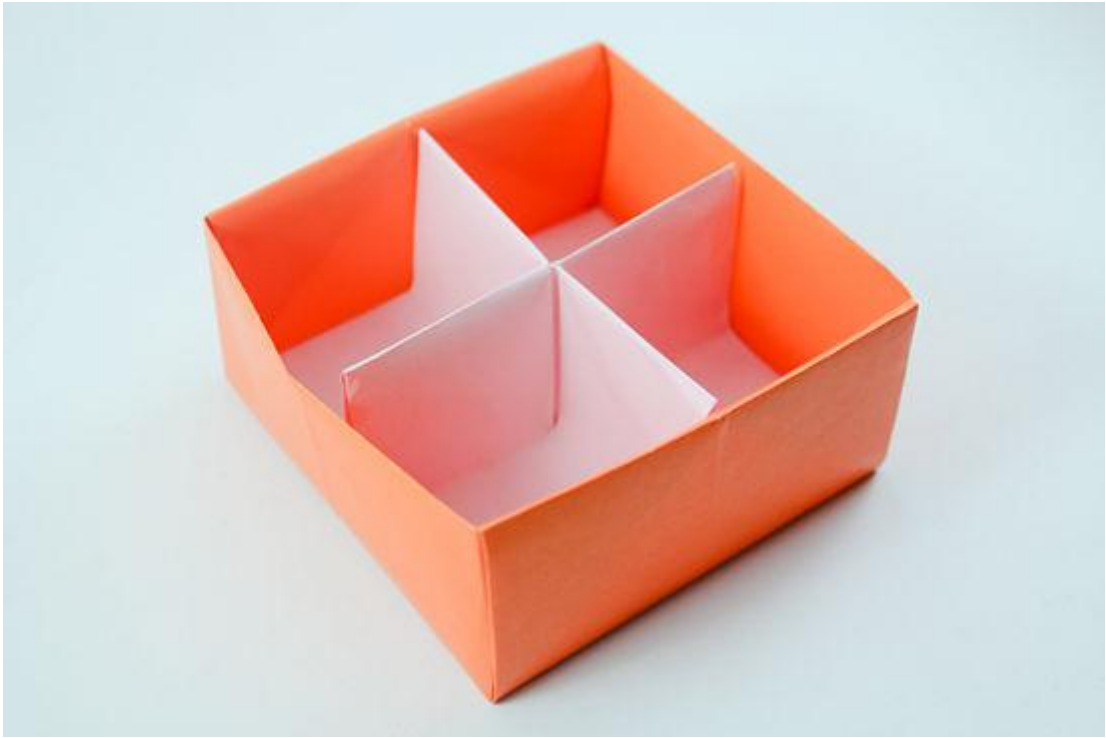
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Insert it into your origami box that you folded earlier, and you're done!

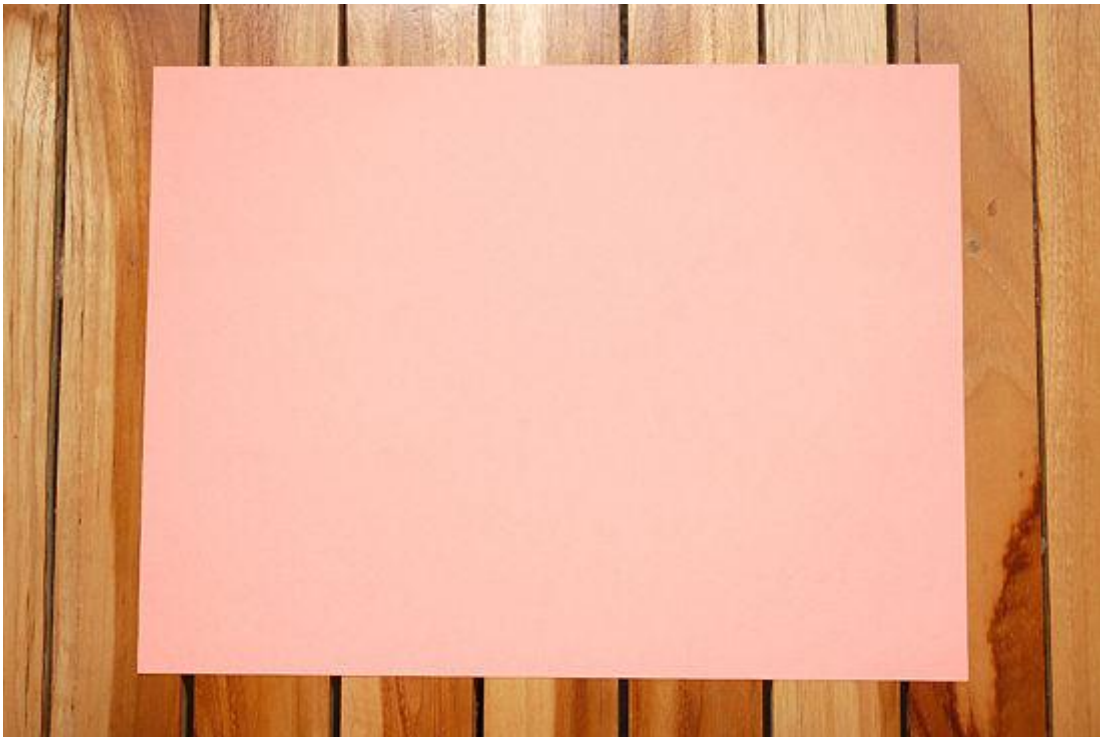


20. 20

Finished.



1. **Lay your paper down on a flat surface.** If your paper has a pattern on one side, start with it face down. Or, you can [recycle](#) paper, putting the printed side face up so that it's not seen in the final product (that is what is done in these pictures).



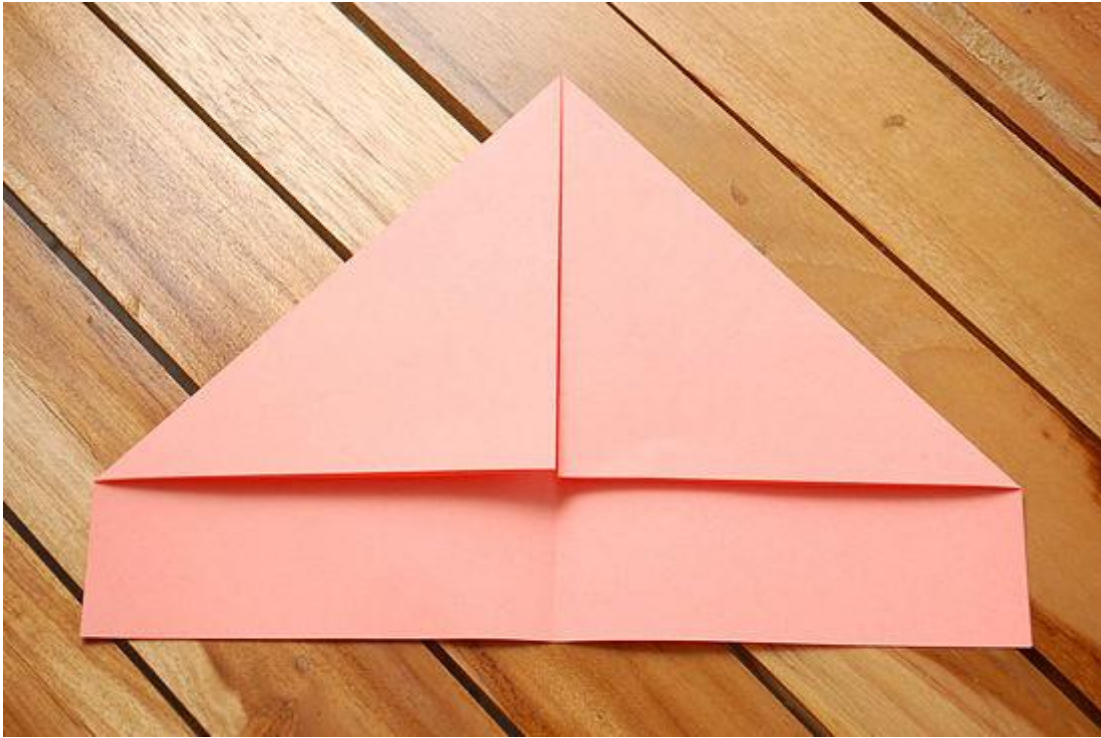
Fold paper in half with the shortest ends together.



Fold in half again so that you get quarters, then unfold this step.



With the first fold at the top, fold the top corners down along the center fold.

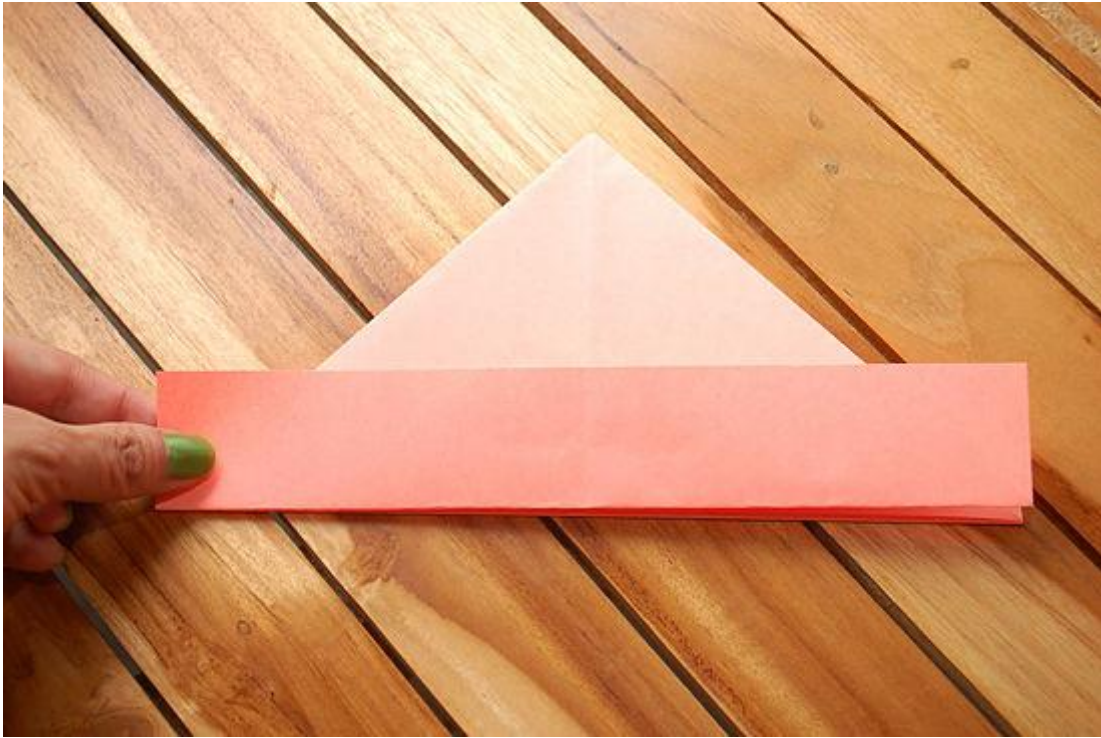


Unfold the corner flaps, open up the original fold and fold the corner flaps inside, now close the original flap.



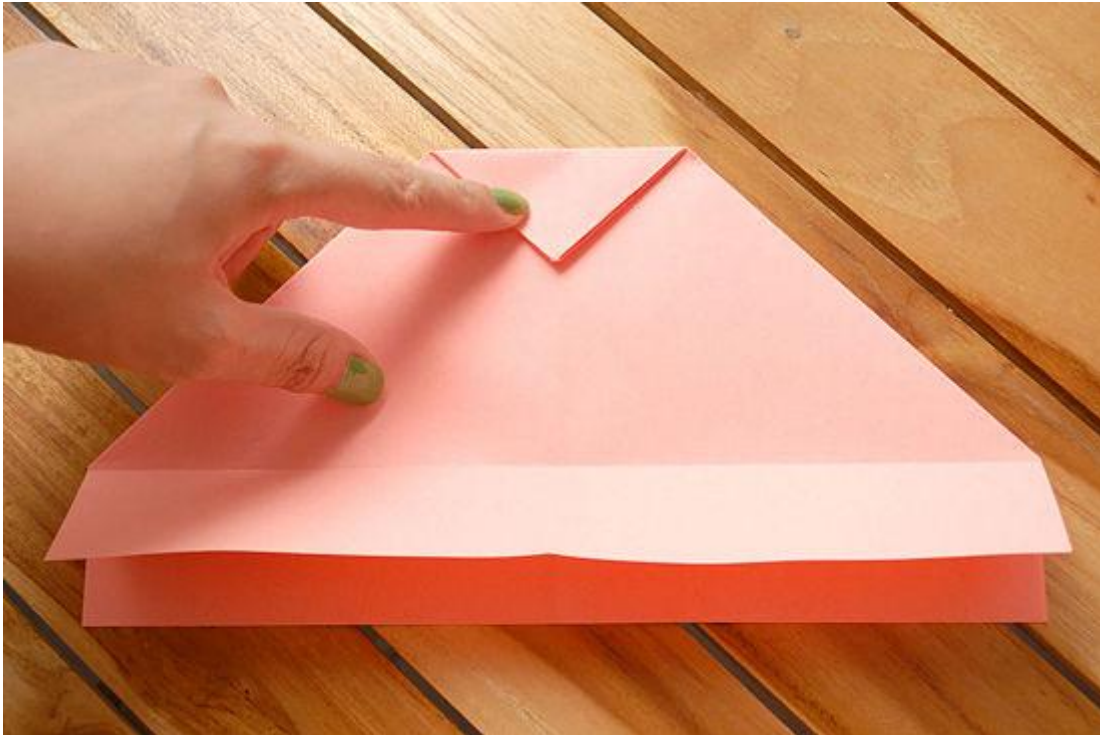


Fold the lower edge up as far as it will go, do the same on both sides, then unfold them.

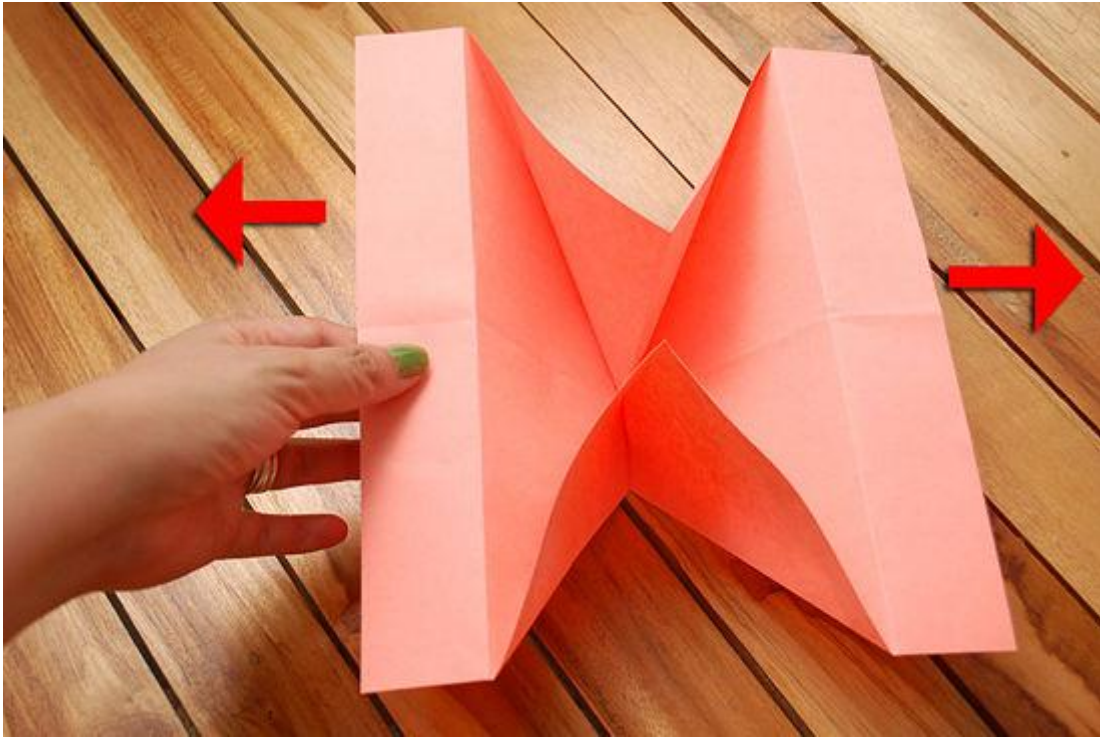


Fold the top corner down to the crease made in the previous step.

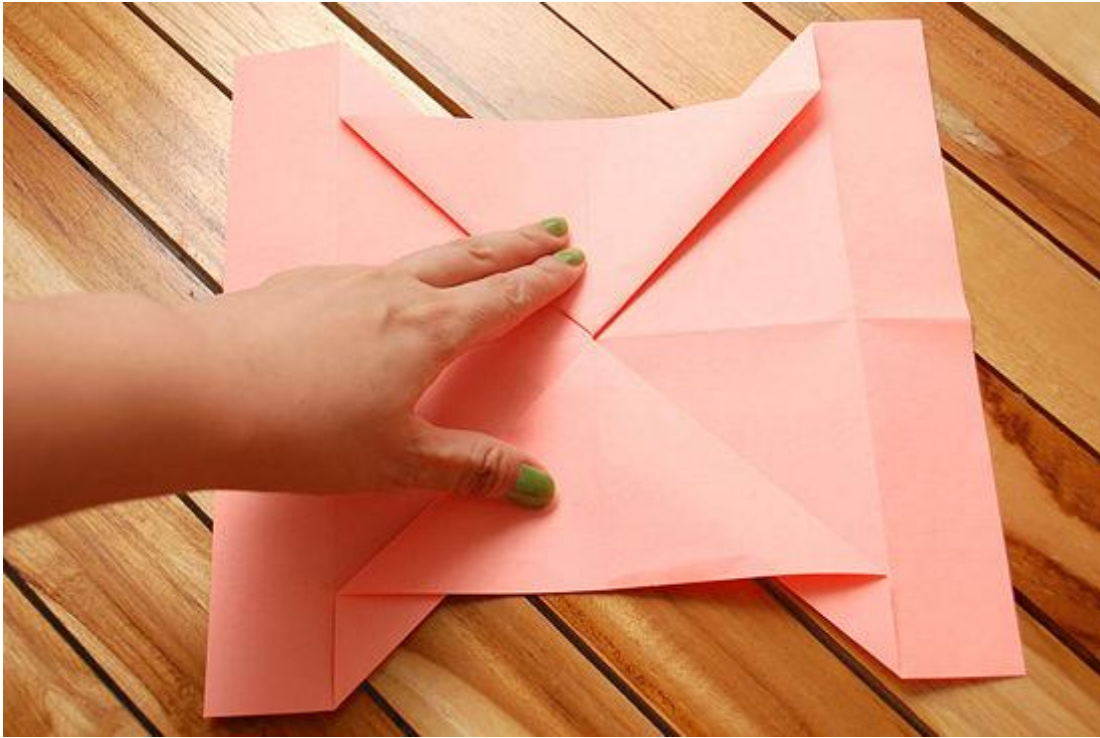




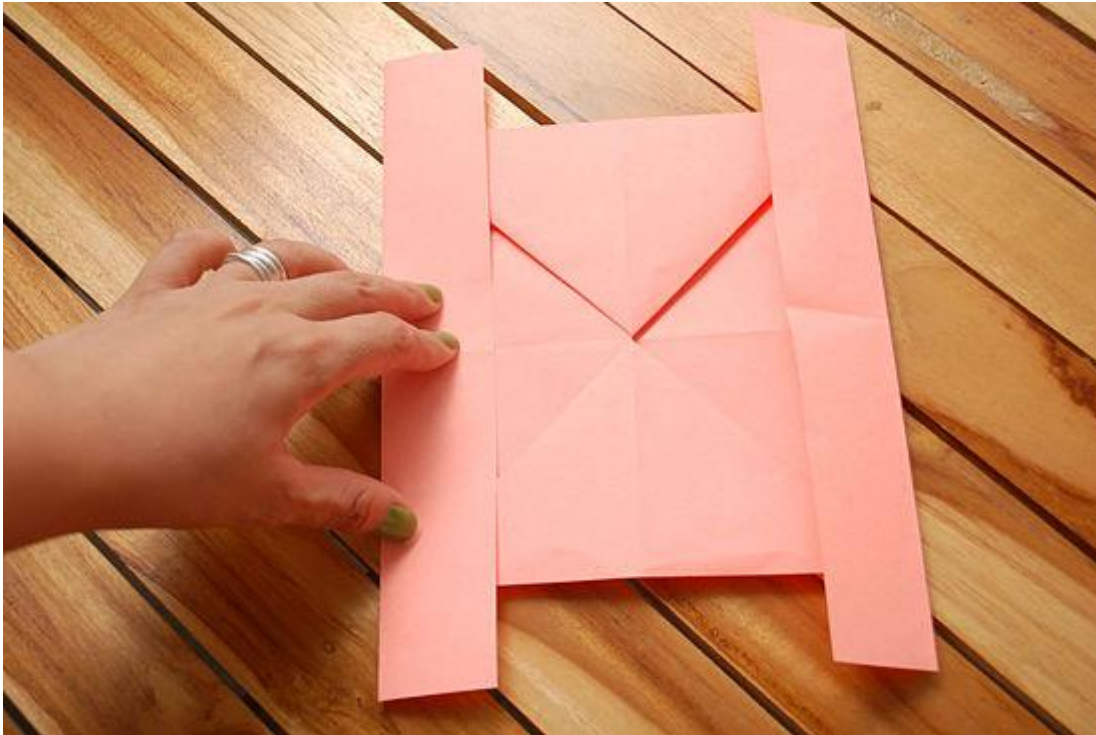
Take hold of the top flap and the corner you just folded down in one hand and hold the bottom flap in the other, and gently draw them apart.



Fold the two parts of the paper in the middle down into triangles so that it lies flat.



Fold the outer edges in along the existing creases.



Place your photo lengthwise in the center of the paper. There should be a piece of paper sticking out at each corner. Fold these corners in over the edge of the photo.



Remove the photo from underneath the flaps and insert the corners into the triangle pockets on the flaps.



Video