

## ORIGAMI KIDS ACTIVITY

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### ORIGAMI 1: STAR

So today, we're taking our inspiration from the Order of St Patrick. This was a special Knighthood that used to exist in Ireland. Many of the Knights from the Order of Saint Patrick were invested in Saint Patrick's Hall at Dublin Castle. Each Knight was presented with a badge in the shape of the 8-pointed star with the shamrock at the centre.

First, use the attached template to make two 4 pointed stars. You'll need 2 square sheets of paper of the same size. Join the stars together to make your new 8-pointed star!





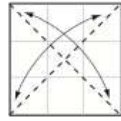


# Origami 4 - Pointed Star

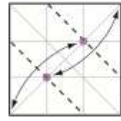
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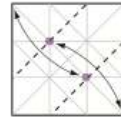
1. Make these creases, exactly in thirds. You may have to measure.



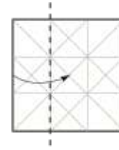
2. Now fold in half diagonally both ways, and open.



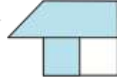
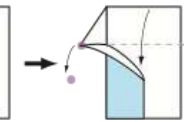
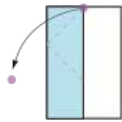
3. Fold along creases shown to points shown, and open.



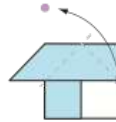
4. Do the same creases but in the other direction.



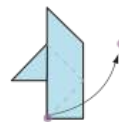
5. Fold the left third inward.



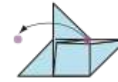
6. Using the creases shown, pull the corner from the point shown down to the other point shown, and flatten.



7. Again using the creases as shown, move this point to the other point, and flatten.



8. Again, using the creases shown, move this point to the other point and flatten.



9. Move only the inside flap outside to the point shown.



10. Fold this corner down along crease shown.



Finished 4 Pointed Star.

## ORIGAMI 2: OWL

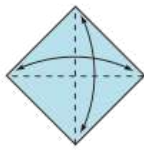
Today we're taking our inspiration from the painting of Minerva by Gaetano Gandolfi in the [Throne Room](#). Did you know that Minerva is the goddess of war and of wisdom? You also might know that the owl is her sacred animal. So today, we're inviting you to make your own origami owl!



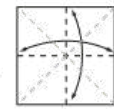


# Origami Owl Instructions

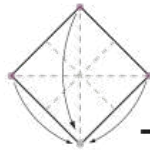
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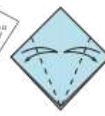
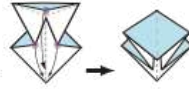
1. Start with a square piece of paper, colored side up. Fold in half one way, then open. Then fold in half the other way and open.



2. Turn the paper over to the white side. Fold the paper in half, crease well and open, and then fold again in the other direction.



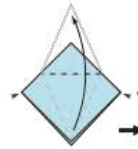
3. Using the creases you have made, bring the top 3 corners of the model down to the bottom corner. Flatten model.



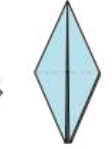
4. Fold top triangular flaps into the centre and unfold.



5. Fold top of model downwards, crease well and unfold.



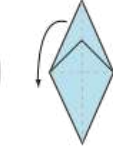
6. Open the uppermost flap of the model, bringing it upwards and pressing the sides of the model inwards at the same time. Flatten down, creasing well.



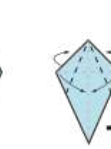
7. Turn model over and repeat steps 4-6 on the other side.



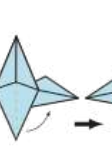
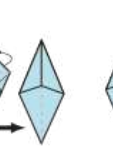
8. Fold front flap down.



9. Fold back flap down.



10. On the top layer, fold the top corners in to the centre line, and repeat on back.



11. Form wing by lifting up from the inside and twisting the wing forwards. Repeat for other wing.



12. Fold top of model down as shown.



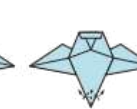
13. Fold back up along crease shown.



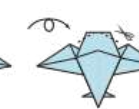
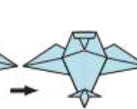
14. Fold whole top down along crease shown.



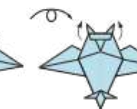
15. Cut ONLY TOP layer, along the line shown.



16. Fold upwards to form feet.



17. Turn owl over and cut the top layer only as shown.

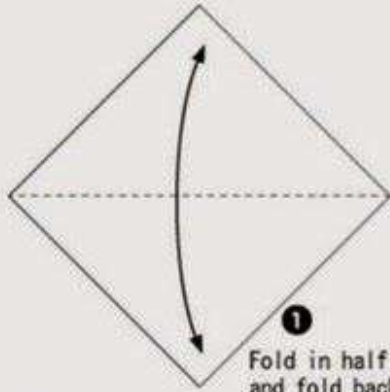


18. Turn back over and lift up the ears. Finished owl.

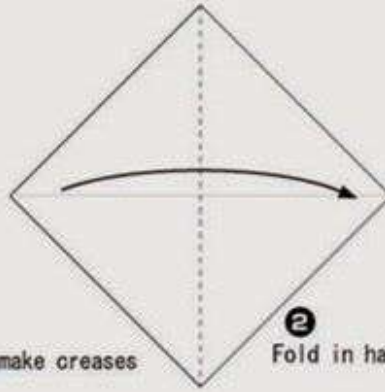
### ORIGAMI 3: FOX

Today we're taking our inspiration from the former Lord Lieutenant of Ireland 1<sup>st</sup> Marquis of Zetland and his interest in fox hunting. Use our attached pdf and make your own origami fox!

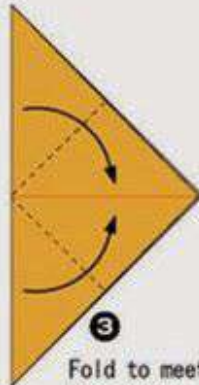




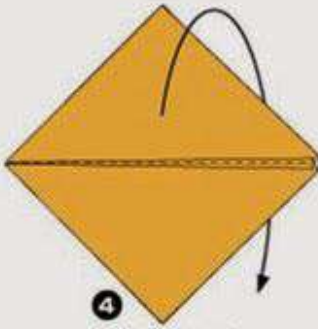
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Fold in half to make creases  
and fold back



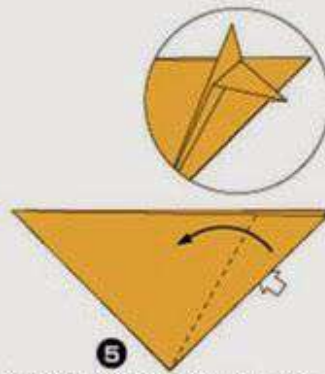
**2**  
Fold in half




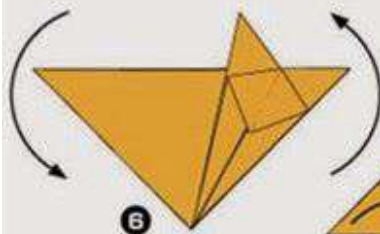
**3**  
Fold to meet  
the center line



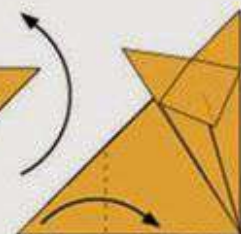
**4**  
Fold in half



**5**  
Open the  part and flatten



**6**  
Turn around



**7** Fold in the dotted line

Draw a face  
and finished



**8**

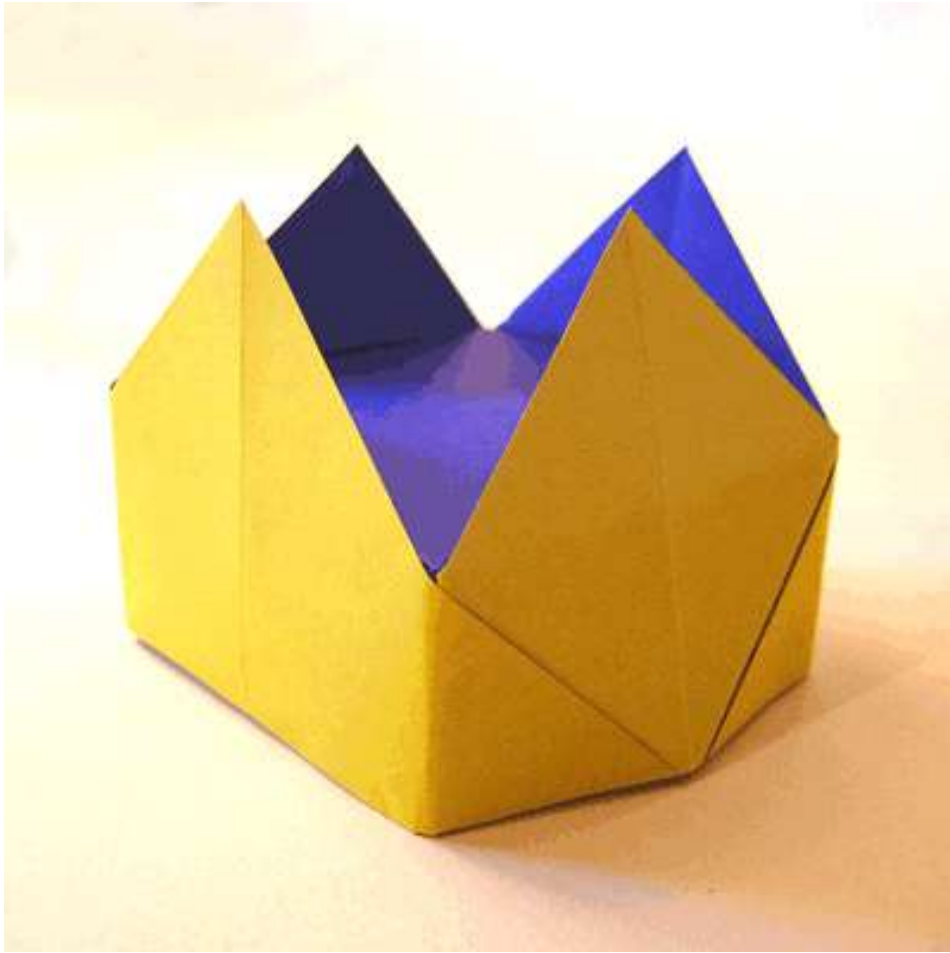
## ORIGAMI 4: CROWN

Today we're taking our inspiration from the *Brian Ború Crown* which is on display in the Throne Room of the State Apartments. This crown was made in 2014 to mark the 1000<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Battle of Clontarf. Use the attached template to make your own origami crown!

If you've visited Dublin Castle before, you might know that the four provinces of Ireland are engraved on the outside of the Brian Ború Crown. Do you know what your provincial crest looks like? Why not decorate your constructed origami crown with your own provincial crest? This might be easier to do on a separate sheet of paper, and then glued onto the finished crown.

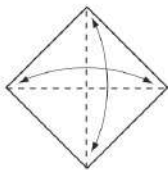




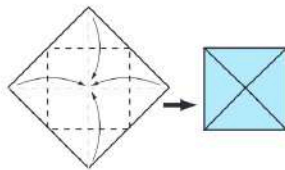


Origami Crown  
Instructions

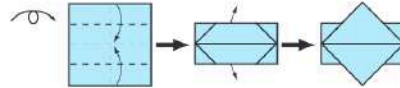
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1. Start with your paper white side up. Fold in half, and open, then fold in half once again, in the other direction.



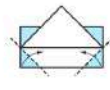
2. Now fold all corners into the centre.



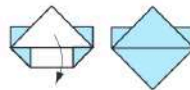
3. Turn the model over. Then fold the top and bottom toward the centre. When you do this, the triangular flaps should pop out from underneath.



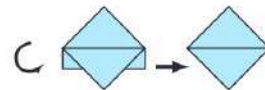
5. Fold the bottom triangle upwards.



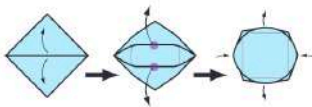
6. Fold the 2 bottom corners upwards.



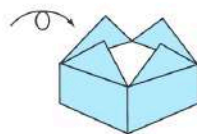
7. Fold triangle back down.



8. Rotate the model. Now repeat steps 5-7.



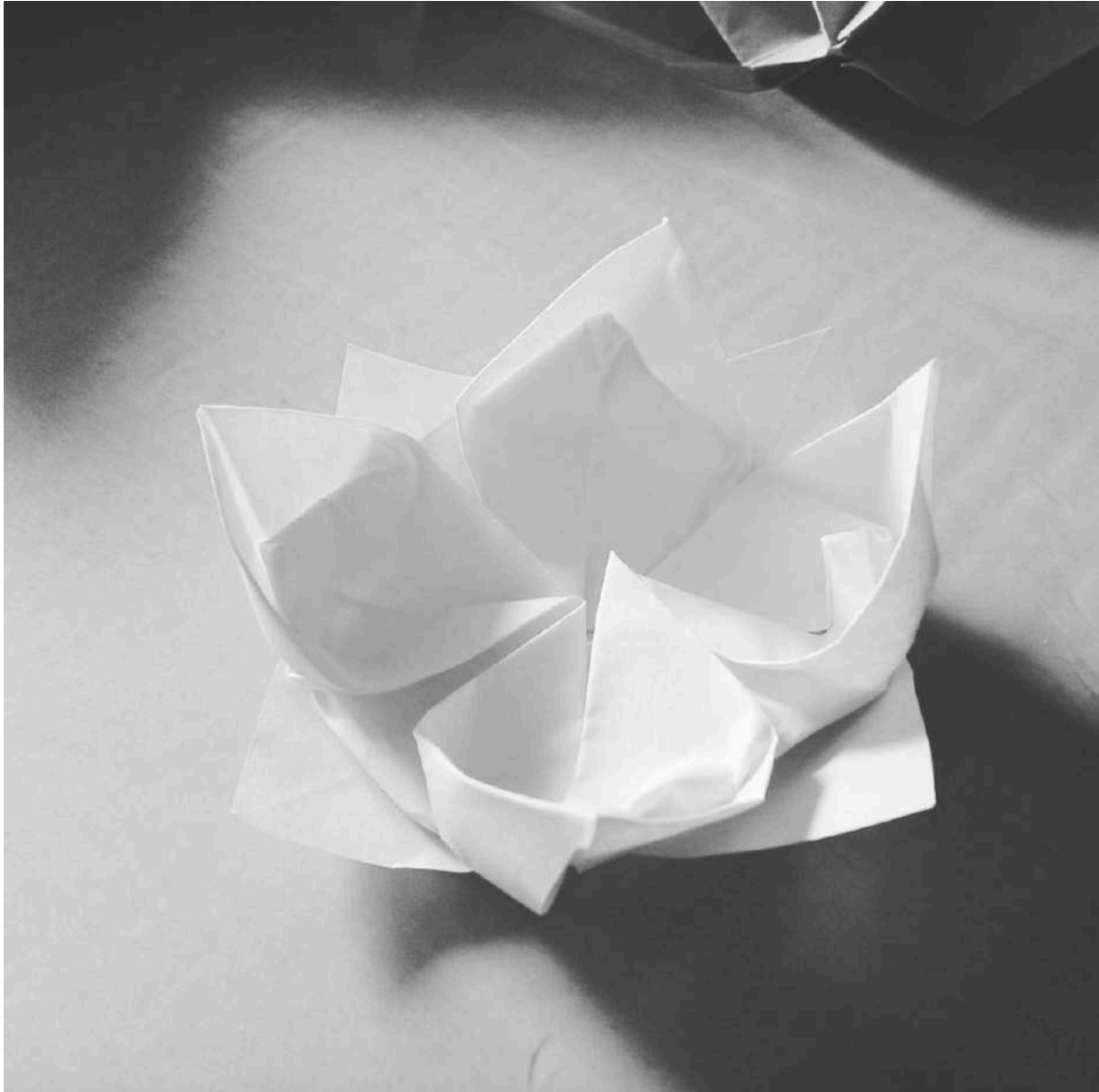
9. Now you need to open out the model to complete your crown. Open the flaps outward and shape the inside into a square shape.



10. Turn over. Your origami crown is finished!

## ORIGAMI 5: FLOWER

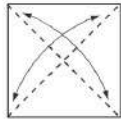
Get inspired by this painting entitled *Children with Fruit and Flowers* (1777) by Reverend Matthew William Peters. This painting is currently on display in the Drawing Room of the State Apartments at Dublin Castle. Today, we're making an origami flower, so join us in making your own! You could even make a beautiful headpiece or a bouquet of flowers.





# Origami Lotus Instructions

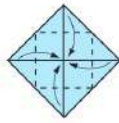
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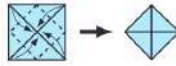
1. Start with white side up. Fold diagonally both ways and open.



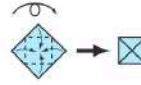
2. Fold each corner into the centre.



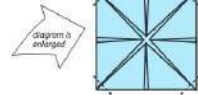
3. Fold each corner into the centre once again.



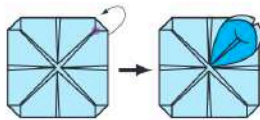
4. For a third time, fold each corner into the centre.



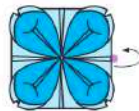
5. Turn model over and fold each corner into the centre.



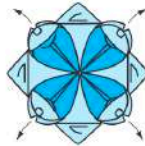
6. Fold each corner inwards a small amount.



7. To form the petals, press down on the point shown, while slowly pulling the petal from behind, to the front. It's almost like turning the corner "inside out". Repeat on all corners.



8. The second set of petals are formed the same way, but the corner from the point shown.



9. The third set doesn't need to be turned "inside out", just folded normally from below the first set.



Finished Lotus.