

# Origami Animal Corner Bookmark



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# HISTORY OF ORIGAMI

Origami, known as a paper folding process, has roots in China and Europe but is mostly closely associated with the Japanese culture. The word "origami" became the name of this unique paper folding because "oru" in Japanese means "to fold" and "kami" in Japanese means "paper". Paper folding in ancient Japan was strictly used for ceremonial purposes only. Japanese monks folded origami figures for these ceremonial purposes. Not all people could participate at first because it was a craft only for the elite. Additionally, because paper was made by hand, paper was not affordable then. Origami was used in various formal ceremonies, such as the practice of folding paper butterflies to adorn sake bottles at a Japanese couple's wedding reception. "Tsutsumi", folded paper gift wrappers, were used in some ceremonies to symbolize sincerity and purity. Tsuki, folded pieces of paper accompanying a valuable gift, are another example of ceremonial paper folding since these models would act as a certificate of authenticity.

# FAMOUS ORIGAMI

The first written instruction for paper folding first appeared in 1797, with Akisato Rito's *Sembazuru Orikata*, or "thousand crane folding." In 1845, Adachi Kazuyuki published a more comprehensive compilation of paper folding with *Kayaragusa*; by the late 1800s, the term for paper folding had morphed from *orikata* ("folded shapes") to origami. Artists Akisato and Adachi both contributed to making this art form significant in history.



A decorative border featuring various colorful flowers (red, white, purple, yellow) and green leaves, arranged in clusters at the corners and along the sides of the slide.

# VOCABULARY - ORIGAMI TECHNIQUES

- Kirigami: a form of origami that consists of folding and cutting unlike origami where the paper can only be folded.
- Modular origami: involves the use of two or more sheets of paper to create a larger and more complex structure than a single piece of paper can
- Wet folding origami: the use of adding water to dampen the paper so that it can be manipulated more easily as well as giving it a more sculpture-like element.



# How to make an origami animal corner bookmark



# HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO GET STARTED

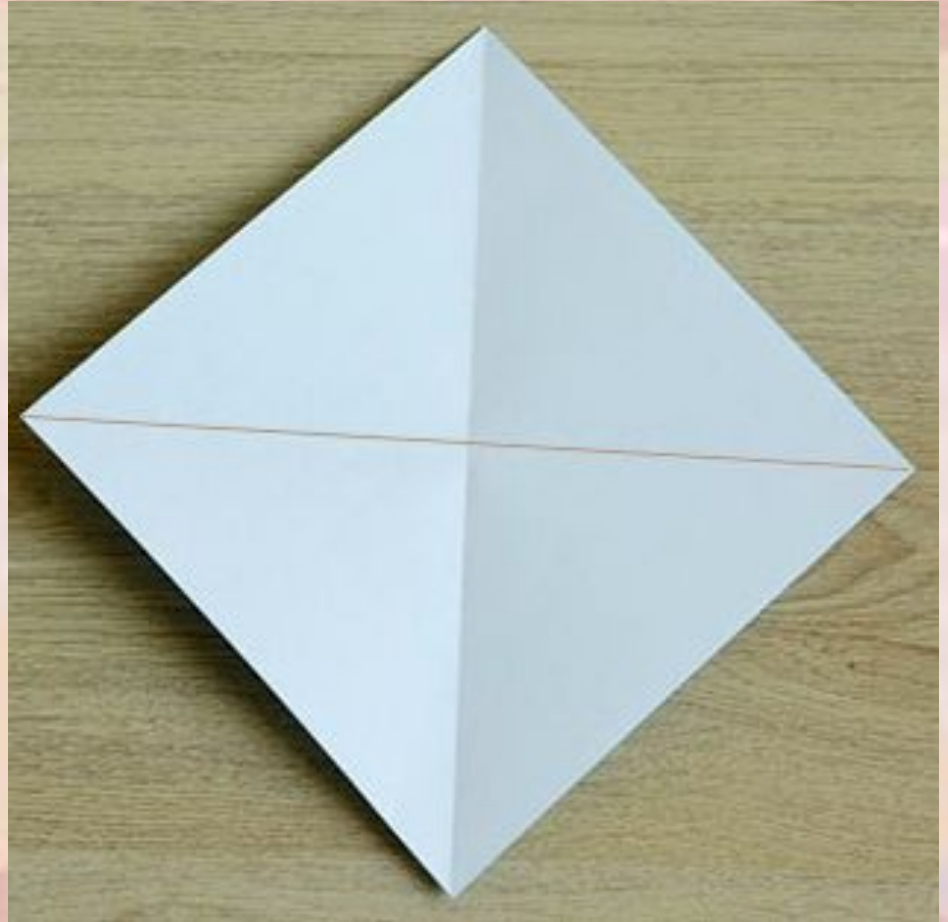
## Materials & Supplies:

- Assorted colors of construction paper,
- Scissors,
- Glue stick,
- Colored markers, pencils, and pens



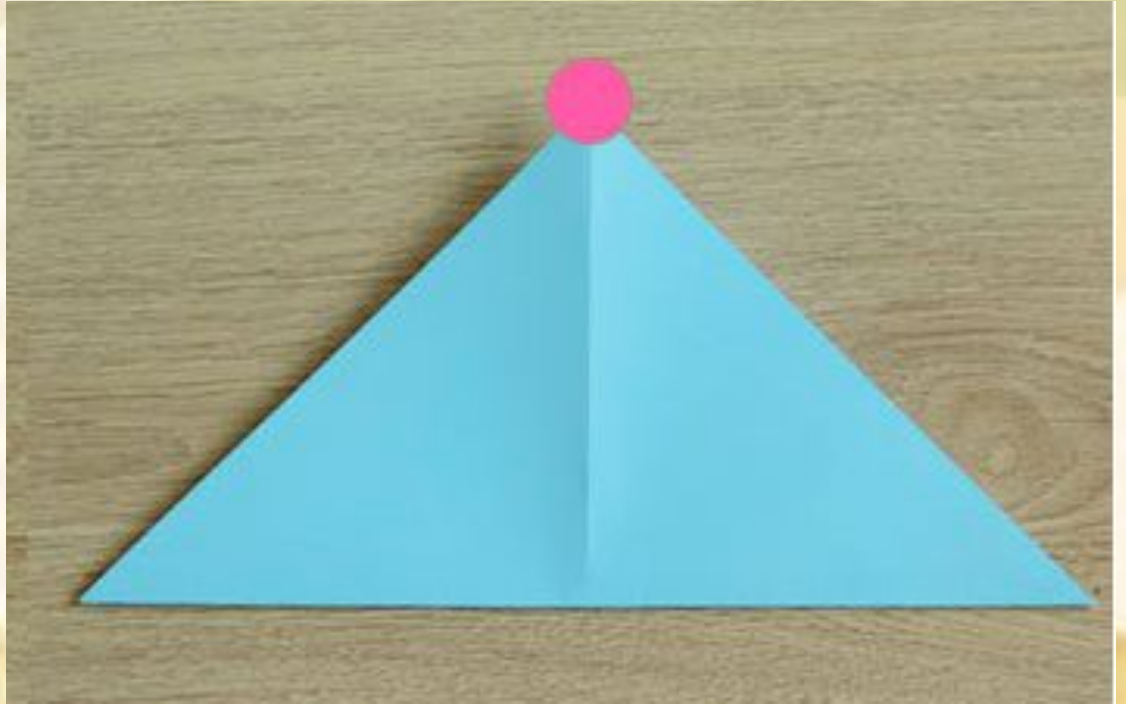
## STEP 1:

Lay a square piece of paper in a diamond position. Fold corner to corner.



## STEP 2

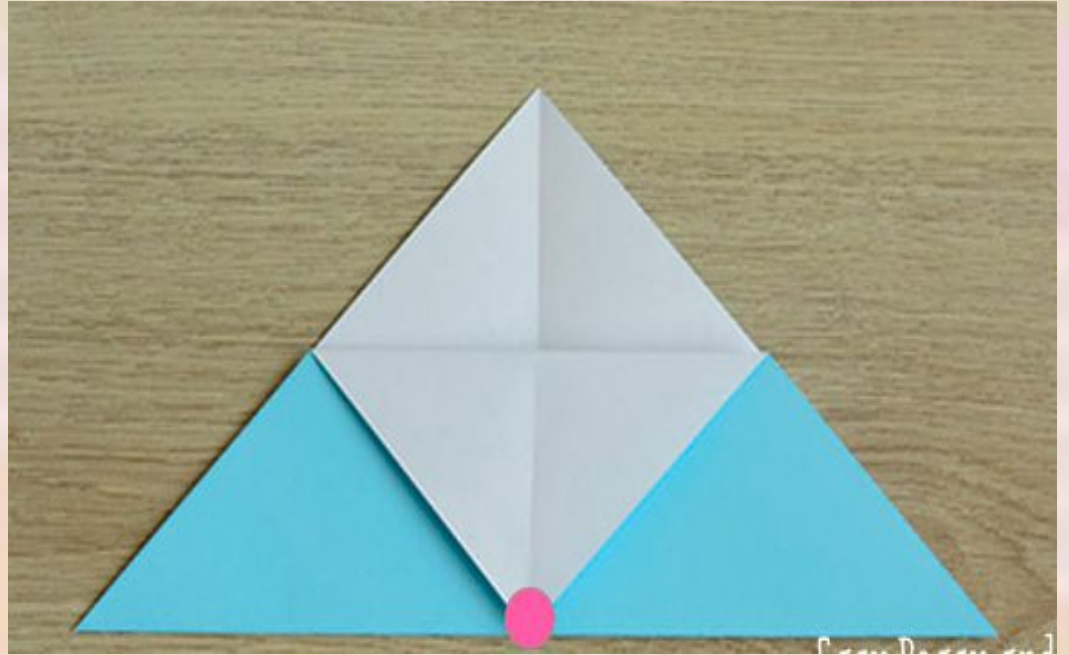
Fold the diamond in half, taking the bottom corner to the top to form a triangle





## STEP 3

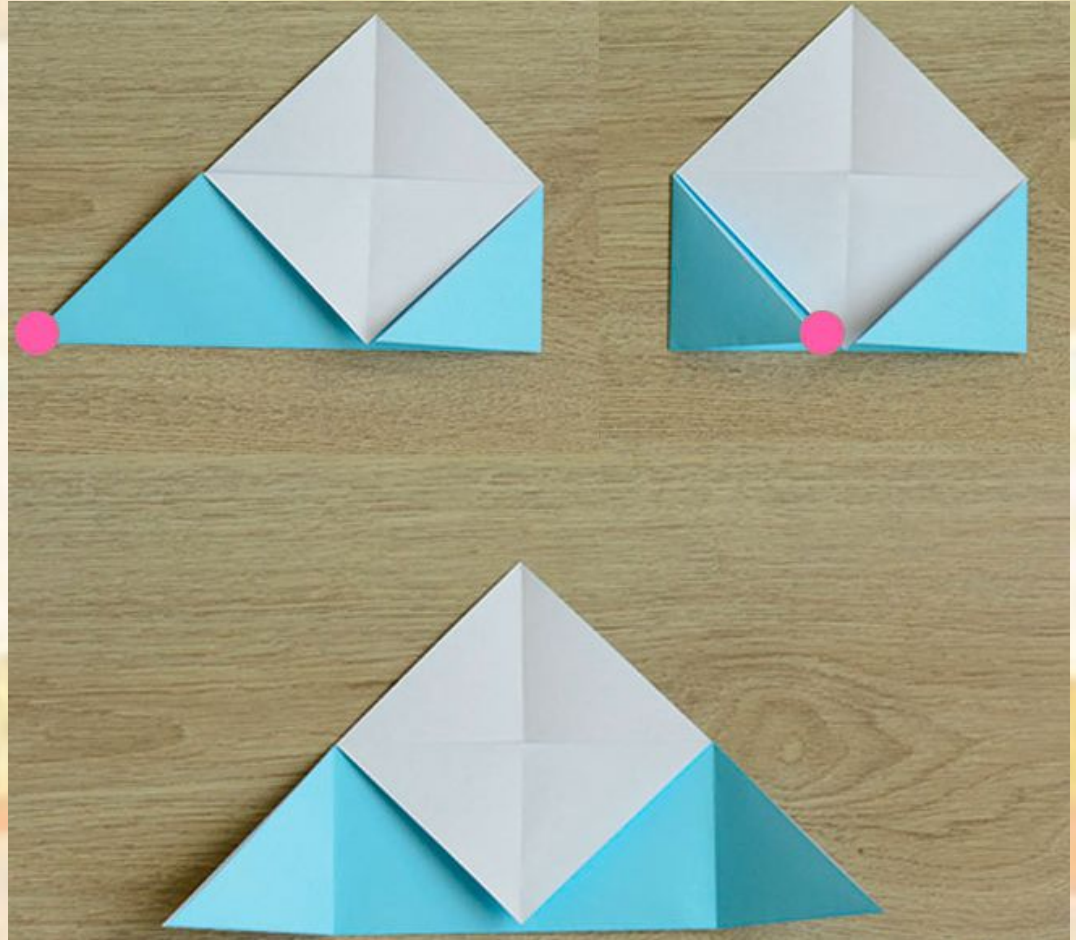
Fold the top layer corner towards the bottom as indicated by the pink dot



## STEPS 4-6

Grab hold of the left (or right) corner of the triangle and fold it towards the middle as indicated by the pink dot

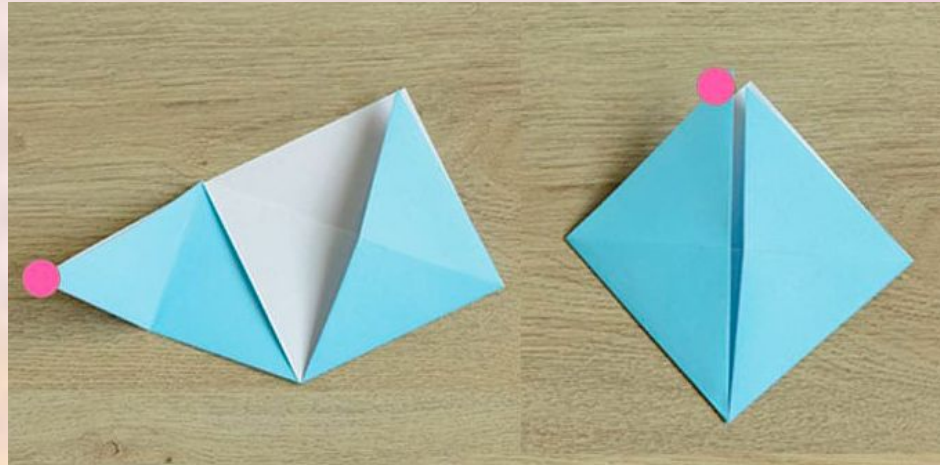
- Crease well
- Repeat with other corner
- Unfold to look like this →



## STEPS 7-8

Grab the left (or right) corner of the triangle again, folding it all the way to the top as indicated by pink dot.

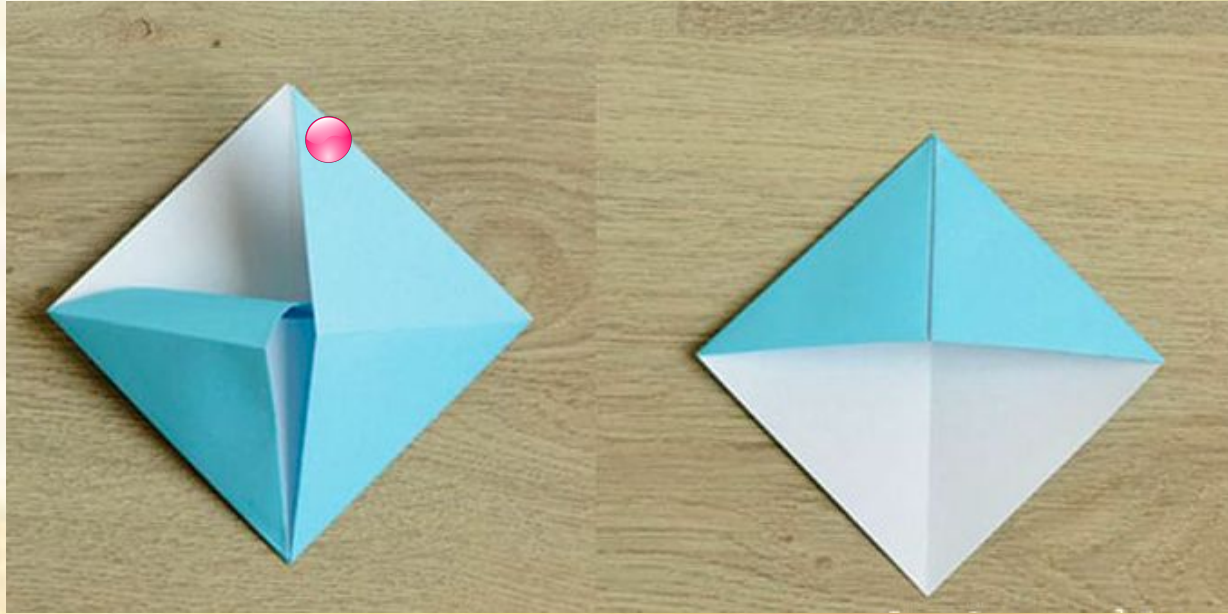
- Crease
- Repeat with other corner




## STEPS 9-10

Now, tuck the flaps into the pocket.  
Grab the top as indicated by the pink dot and push it inside the pocket.

Flip origami over  
and you have the  
start of your corner  
bookmark!







# Time To Decorate! Aren't you excited?

Using your colored construction paper, scissors, glue stick, colored markers, pencils, and pens; decorate and add your animal character's features like: eye's, mouth, nose, and ears!

Watch your corner bookmark come to life.  
Remember to use your imagination!

Finish off by  
adding the  
bookmark to the  
corner of your  
favorite book or  
notebook!