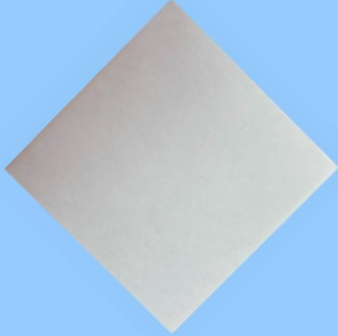


# Origami Starlings

1. Take a square of paper



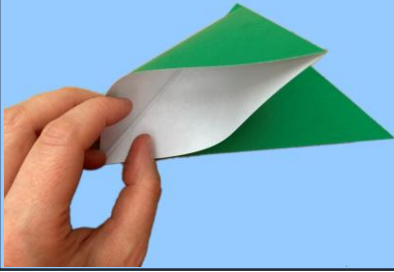
2. Fold in half, corner to corner, to make a triangle



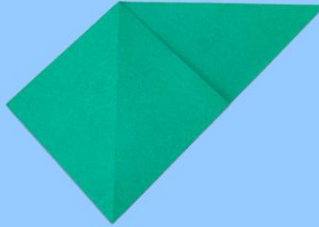
3. Fold in half again



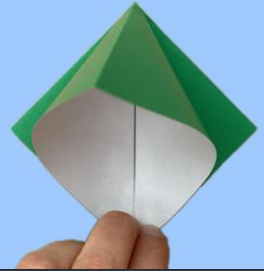
4. Open up one side of the triangle...



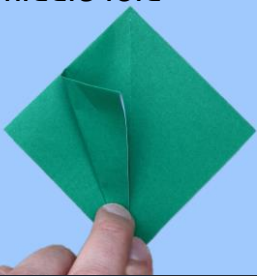
5. ...and flatten down, lining up the corners, to make a diamond



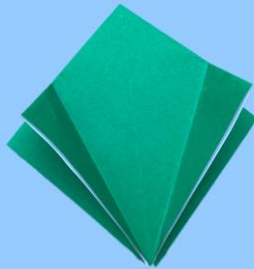
6. Turn over and repeat steps 4 & 5 on the other side



7. Fold one side so the open edge lines up with the middle fold



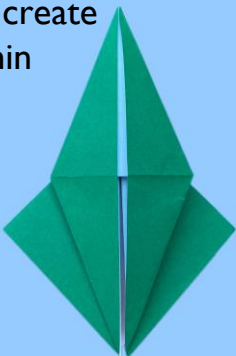
8. Repeat on the other side and open out again



9. Pull the point of the diamond up, and fold along the creases made in step 8...



10. ...to create a long, thin diamond



11. Turn over and repeat on the other side

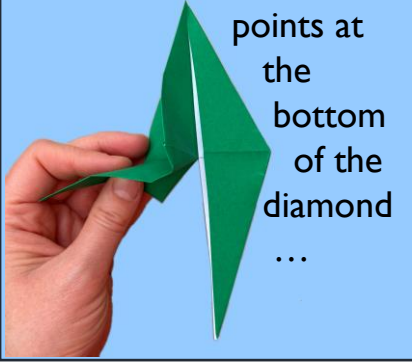


12. To create a diamond that is split at the bottom.

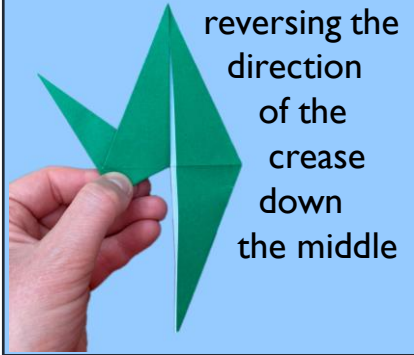


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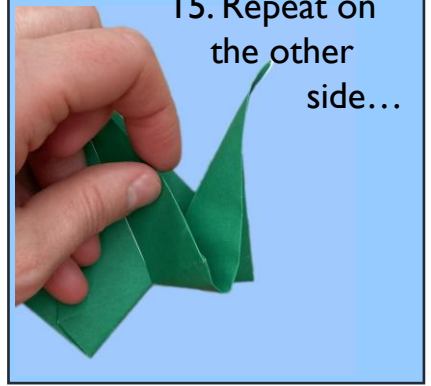
13. Take one of the points at the bottom of the diamond ...



14. ...and fold up, reversing the direction of the crease down the middle



15. Repeat on the other side...



16. ...to create this shape



17. In a similar way, take one tip and fold it down, to make the head



18. Your completed starling



Pull on the two points at the bottom and the wings flap

## Make a recycled murmuration

1. Make a number of origami starlings out of old magazines – we used 10cm squares for the ones in the example. Dark backgrounds with white text work particularly well to create the appearance of starlings.

2. Using a needle, take a piece of thread through the point in the middle of the back of your starling.

3. Tie the threads of your starlings to a twig, or sew to a ribbon to make a garland. Remember to have the threads at different lengths to create the pattern of a murmuration.

