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How to Fold an Origami Lotus Flower

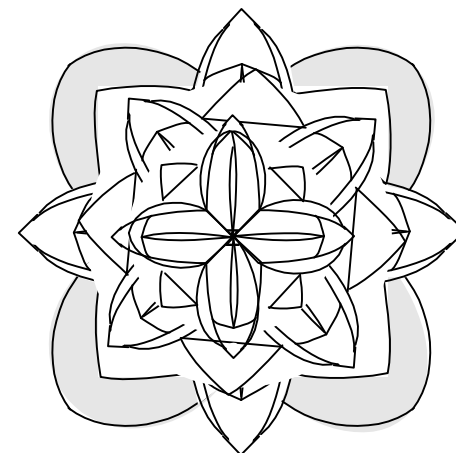
The lotus flower is made up of several layers of petals (between two to four layers, depending on the final look you want).

You will need one square sheet of paper for each layer.

The final layer of petals is approximately one quarter of the initial paper size.

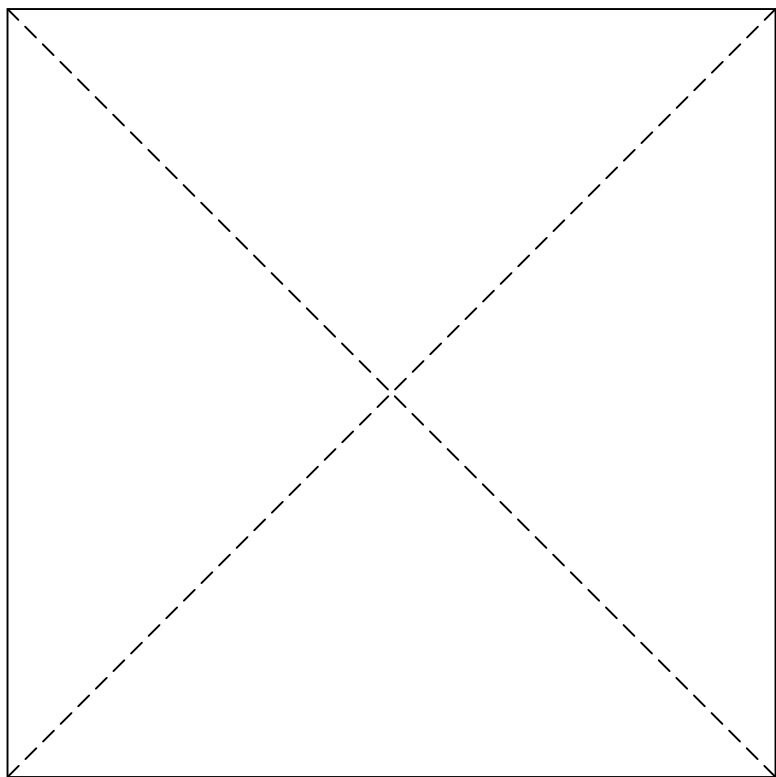
This procedure describes how to make one layer of petals. Repeat this procedure for each layer of petals (with smaller squares for the inner layers). The layers are then stuck together, one on top of the other, to form the complete lotus).

For best results, all folds should be made as accurately as possible.



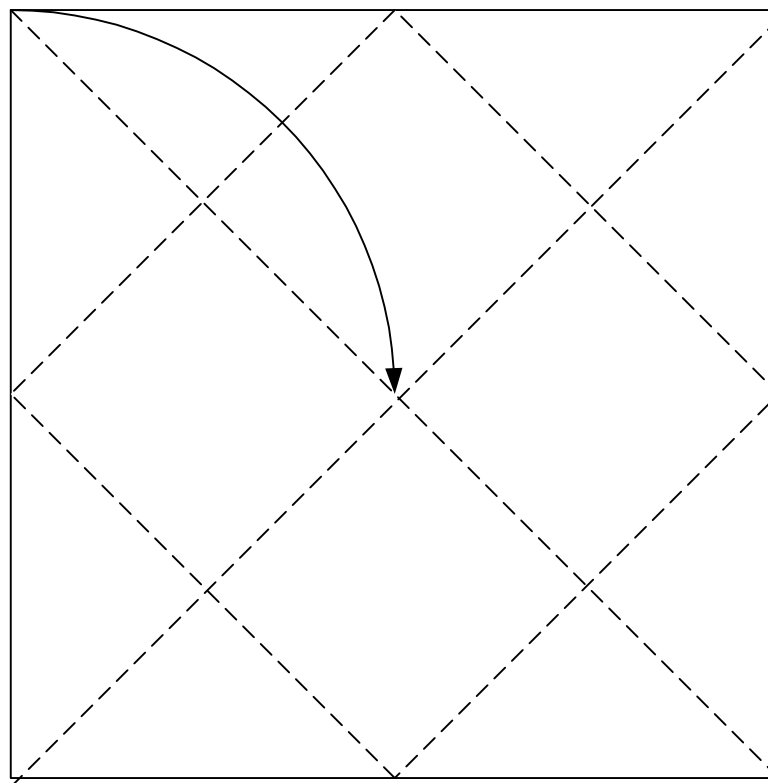
Step 1

Fold the paper diagonally along the dotted lines.
Crease and then unfold.



Step 2

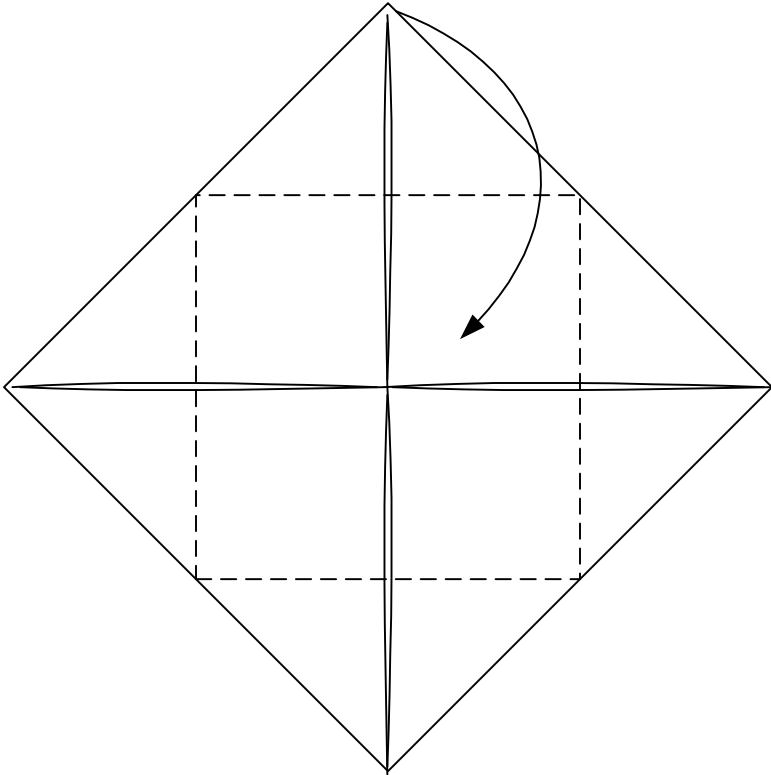
Fold all four corners into the centre.



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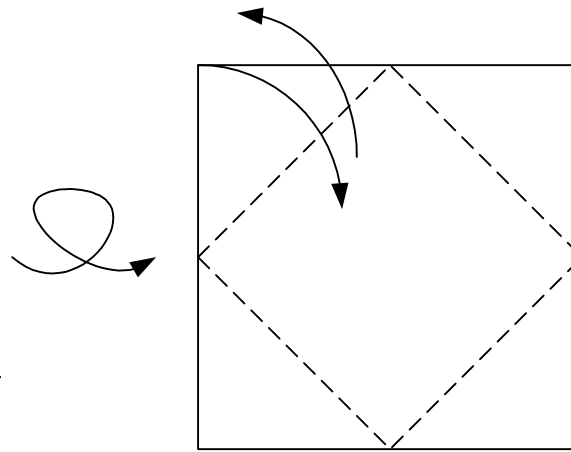
Step 3

Fold all four corners into the centre again.



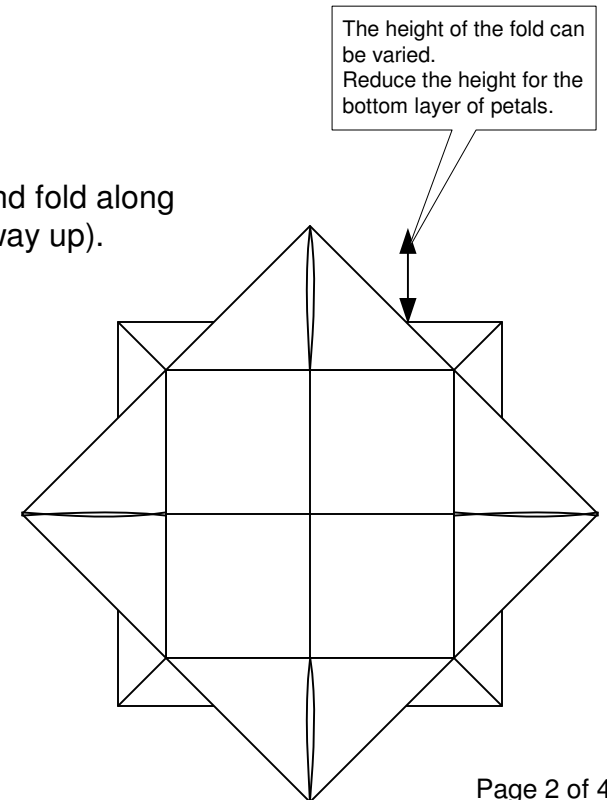
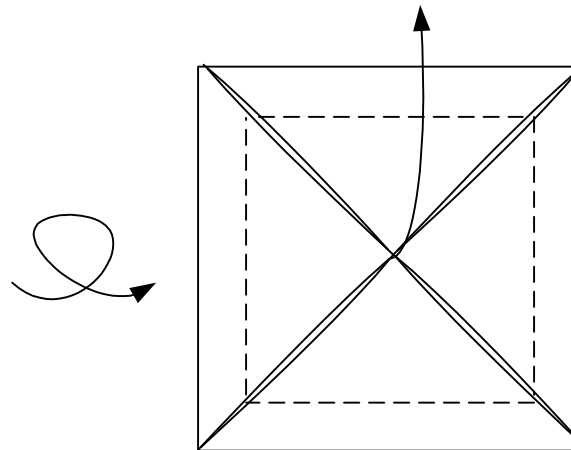
Step 4

Turn over, and fold all four corners into the centre. Make crease, and then unfold.



Step 5

Turn over again and then lift each corner and fold along the dotted line as shown (about 3/4 of the way up).

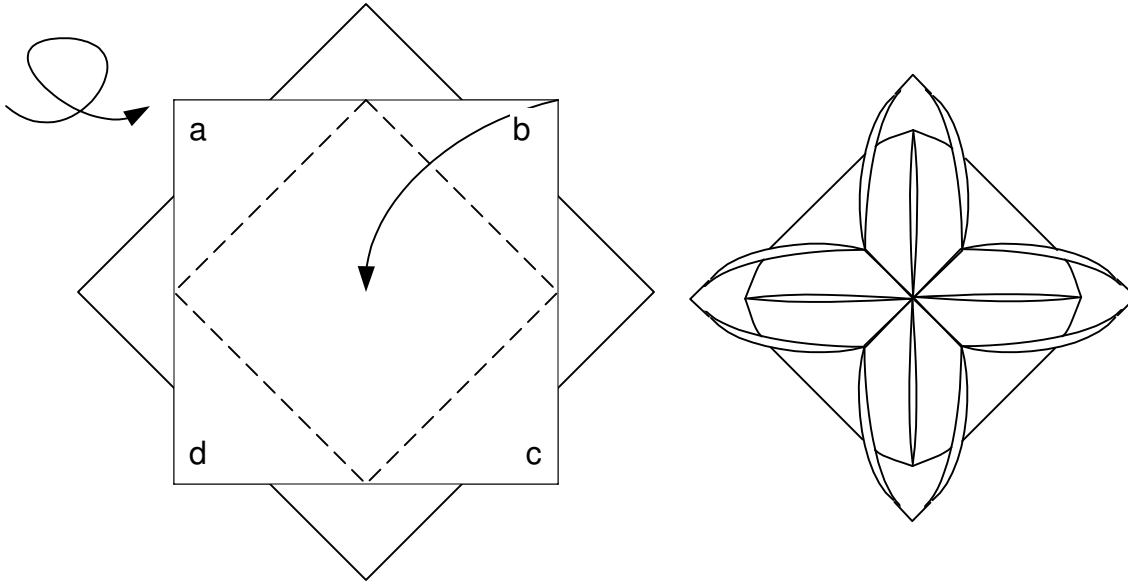


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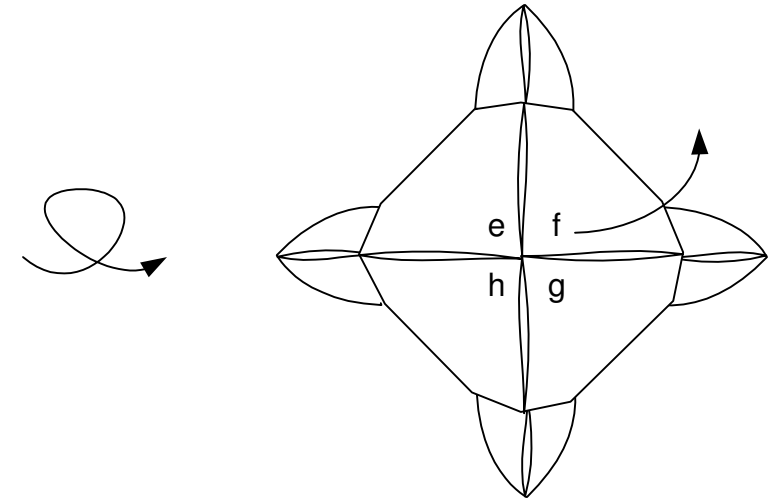
Step 6

Turn over again and fold a, b, c, d into the centre. This forms four petals.



Step 7

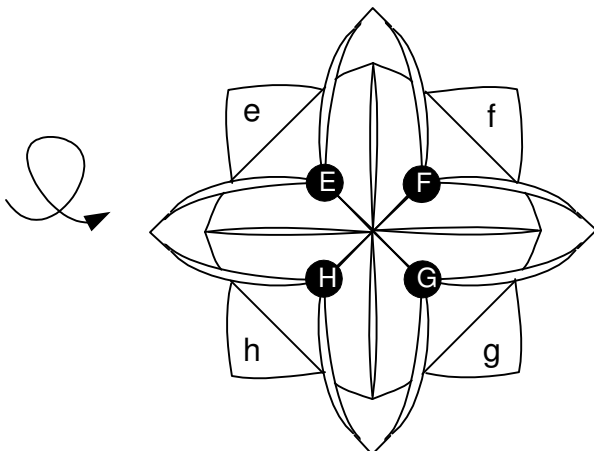
Turn over and pull out the four corners (e, f, g, h) under the flower.



Step 8

Turn over again. Hold down the centre of the flower and gently ease the underneath corners (e, f, g, h) up to make another four petals.

The corners can be pulled up higher if necessary (for the inner layers of petals). To do this, put your thumb on one of the black dots, and gently pull up the corresponding corner as far as possible, being careful not to tear the edges. Repeat for all corners.



Repeat procedure for each layer

Repeat steps 1-8 with a new square of paper to make another layer of petals. Use smaller paper for the inner layers of petals.

Glue or tape the layers of petals on top of each other.

See next page for instructions on making the lotus flower leaf.

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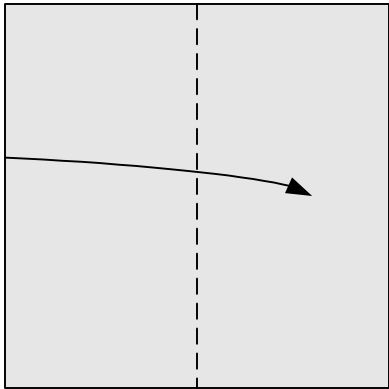
How to make the leaf

There are several different shapes you can use for the bottom leaf (round, hexagonal, 4-leaf).

To make the leaf, use a square piece of green paper. The paper should be slightly larger than the bottom layer of petals.

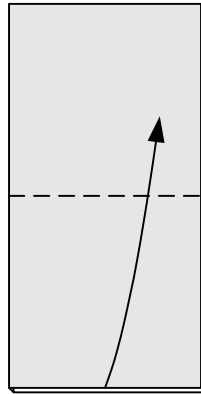
Step 1

Fold paper in half along dotted line.



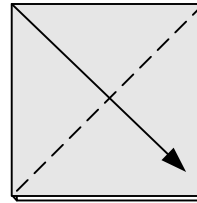
Step 2

Fold in half again along dotted line.



Step 3

Fold in half diagonally along dotted line.

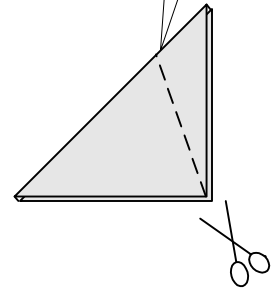
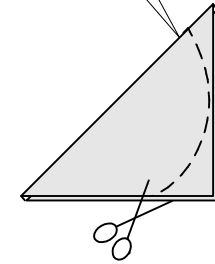


Step 4

Cut edges of paper along dotted line.

This cut will produce the shape shown below.

This cut will produce a hexagon-shaped leaf.

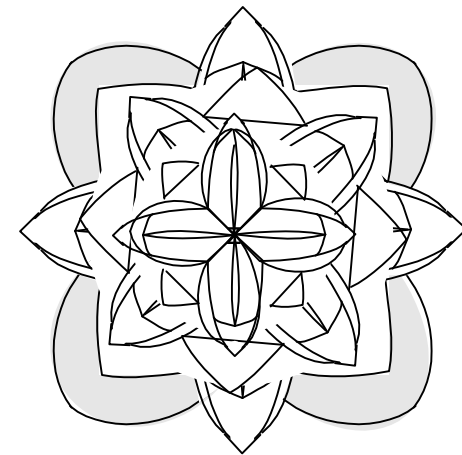
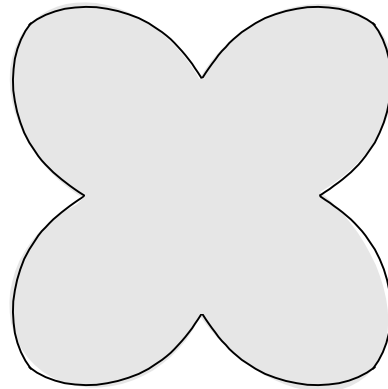


Step 5

Unfold leaf.

Glue flower in the centre.

Use the leaf to write a message - one word on each corner (eg Truthfulness, Compassion, Tolerance etc).



**Finished flower
(three layers of petals)**