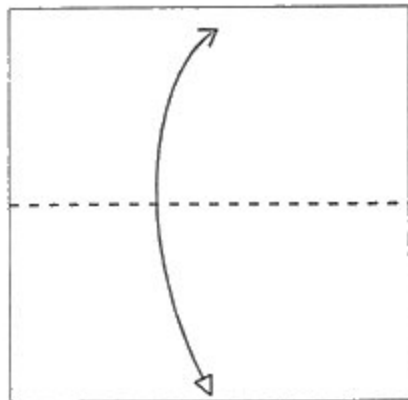


# Yami's Origami Spinning Top



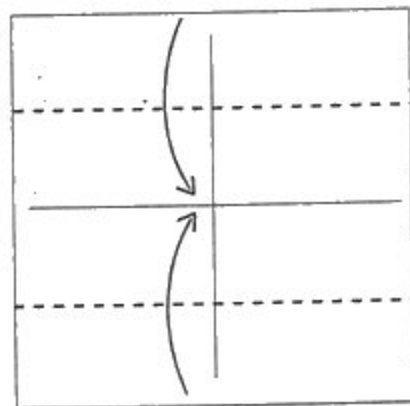
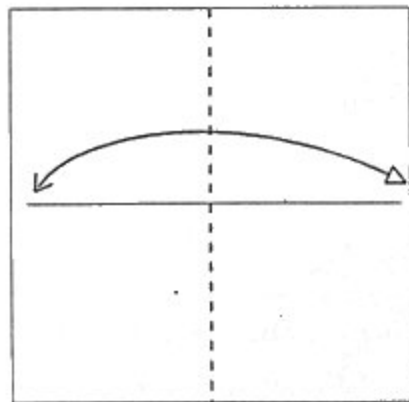
*It's a striking fact that the simplest toys and games bring us the most fun.*



1. Here we use regular square origami paper but any larger rectangular paper including regular 8 1/2" x 11" paper will do. Certain stages will look different in the larger paper--but try it, it will work too.

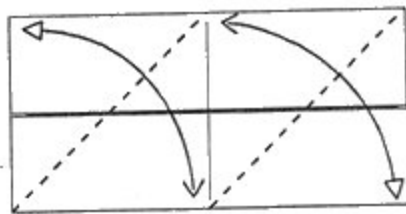
Valley fold in half to make the horizontal center line. Unfold.

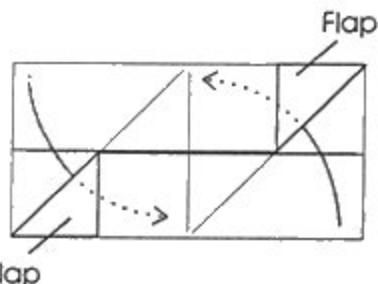
2. Valley fold vertically to make the vertical center line. Unfold.



3. Valley fold top and bottom edges to the vertical center line.

4. Valley fold the left upper half folded edge to the vertical center line. Repeat the same on the right lower folded edge. Unfold both.

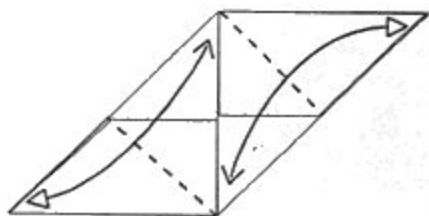




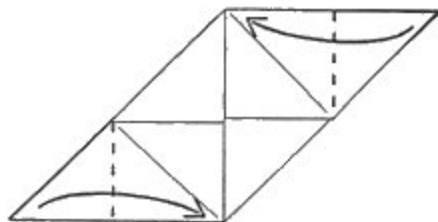
\*Note: little triangular flaps will form naturally after the unfold process as shown. Tuck them under.



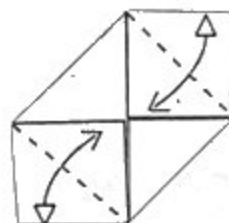
5. Tuck the left upper corner under the left lower pocket. Tuck the right lower corner under the right upper pocket.



6. Valley fold both the left and right flaps to meet on the diagonal center line. Unfold both flaps.



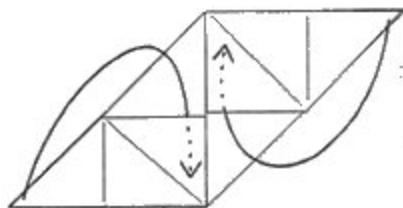
7. Valley fold both upper left and lower right rectangular surplus to form an equal triangular flap on each side.



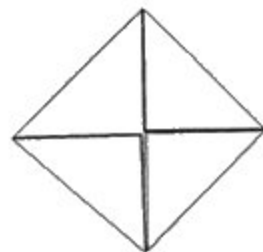
8. Valley fold both left and right triangular flaps to the center. Crease very well. Now the model is square. Unfold both left and right triangular flaps and unfold the inner flaps as well.



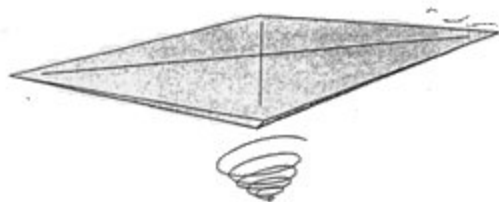
9. Now tuck the flap at the end in and under the fold at the line going from lower left up to the center for the left side. Tuck the flap on the right under the fold at the line going from upper left down to the center. This may be a little tricky, but don't give up. The flaps will be firmly locked in after this step.



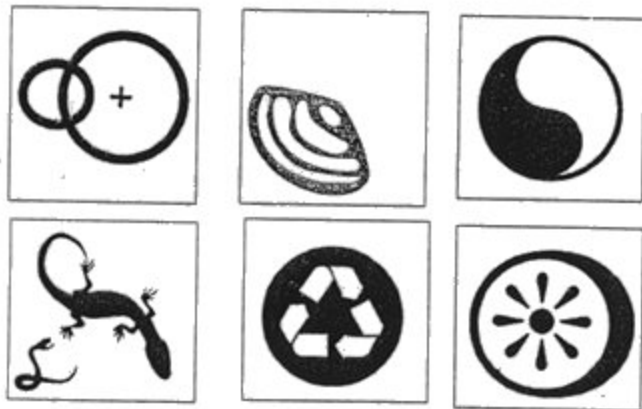
10. Flatten and straighten the tucks, then turn the model over and spin it!



11. As a fun variation, place a flat origami figure or draw a figure on the surface of the spinning top. Then when you spin it watch what happens! Spinning creates unlimited illusions in shapes and colors. After mastering the folds, try a different size or thickness of paper. Use a variety of decorations to create fun variations. Try it with stickers or add your own shapes and colors. Experiment with different designs. Wow, it's really wild! Anything is possible with the magic created while spinning.



Try some of these or look for your own.



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