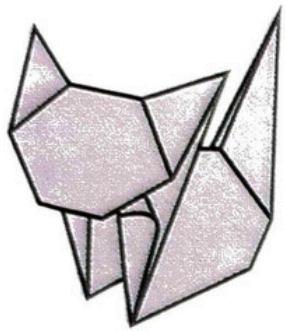
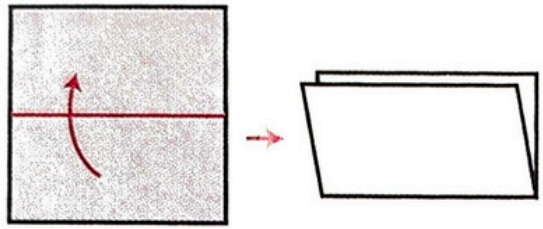
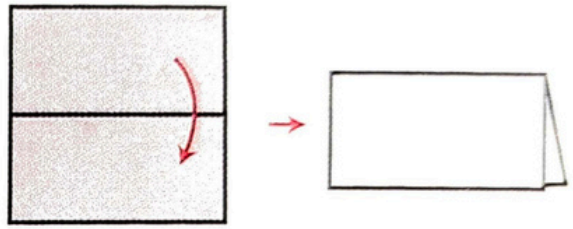
PAPER CATS INSTRUCTIONS

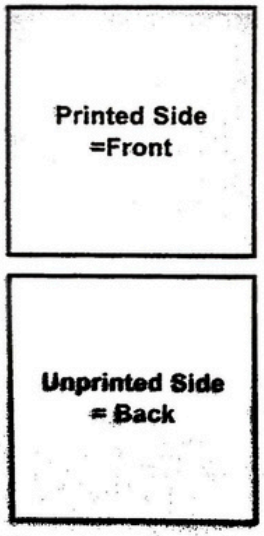




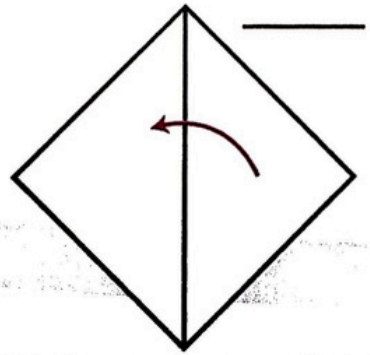
Before you start:
A valley fold means that you are creating a valley shape as you fold.



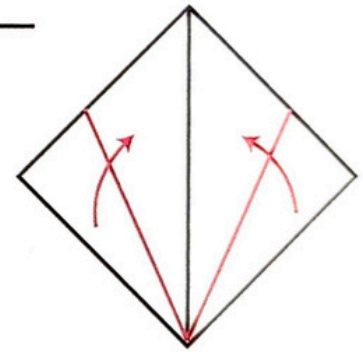
Before you start:
A mountain fold means that you are folding away from you to create a "peak"



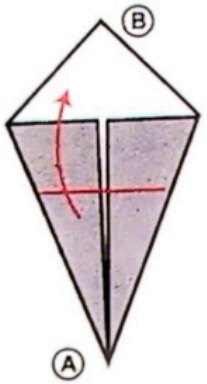
Cat face on reverse



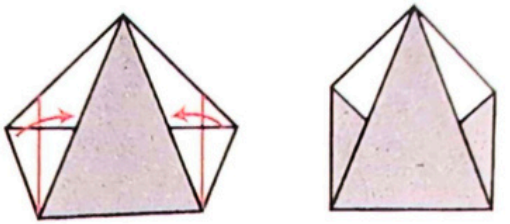
1. Taking your square piece of paper with the printed side facing away from you, valley fold it in half along the diagonal line
(23 secs)



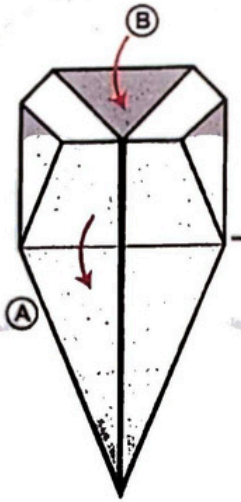
2. Still with the printed side facing away from you, use the crease as a guide to valley fold the left and right corners to meet the centre line
(26 secs)



3. Valley fold the bottom Ⓐ corner Ⓑ to the top corner.
(41secs)

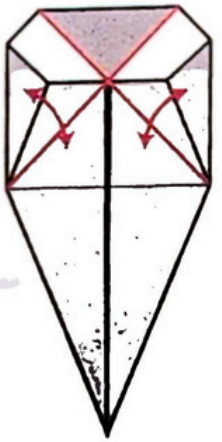


4. Valley fold the left and right corners in so that the edges meet the triangular shape.
(55 secs)

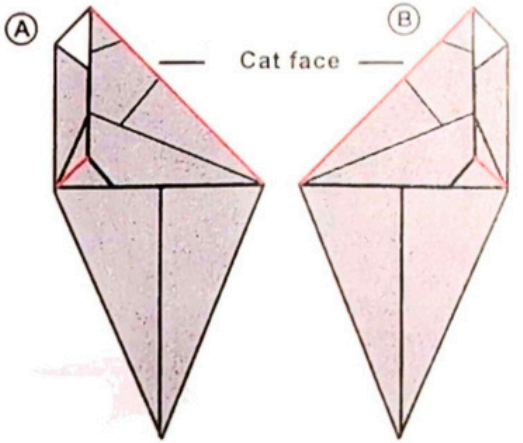


Horizontal crease

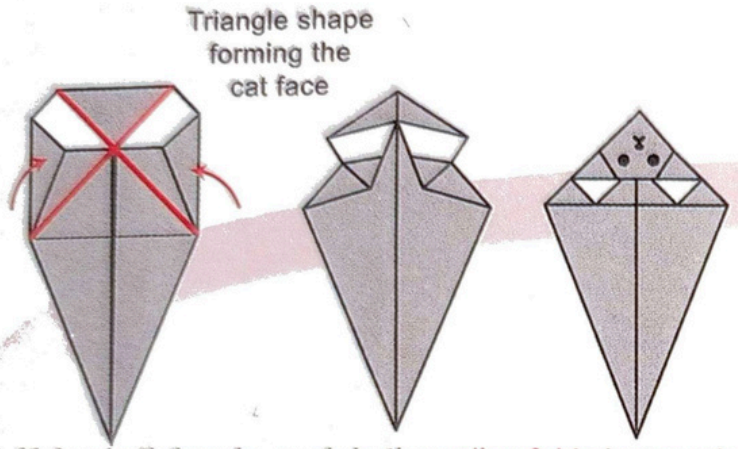
5. Unfold the large triangle Ⓐ then fold the top corner Ⓑ down so that the point meets the horizontal edge, using the line on the printed side as a guide. (1 mini 17secs)



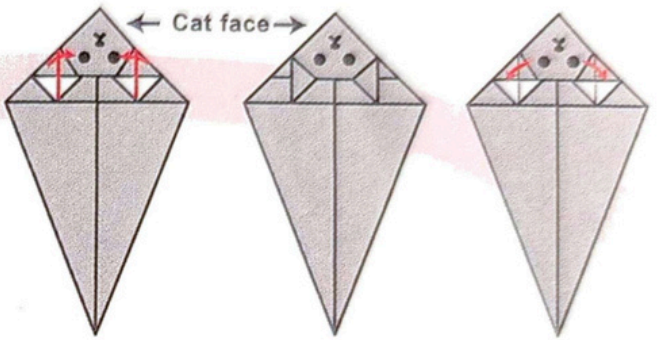
Horizontal crease



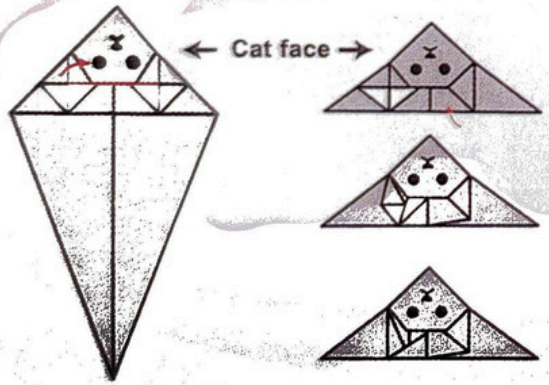
6. One at a time, valley fold the right edge to meet the horizontal crease as shown in Ⓐ then repeat with the left edge Ⓑ. Make sharp creases alona the diagonal creases shown in the diagram.
(1 mini 30secs)



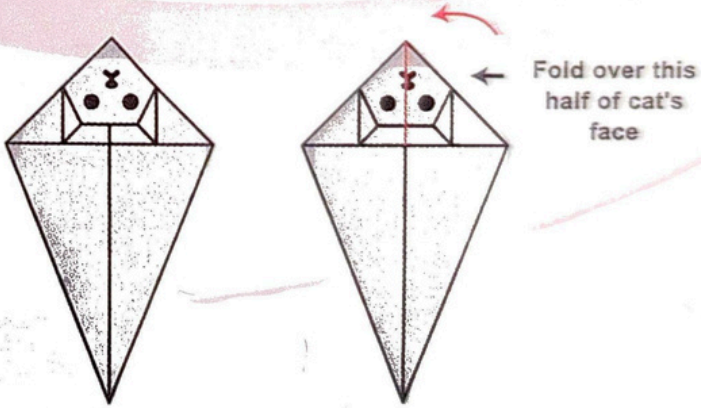
7. Using both hands, push in the valley folds just made at the same time, pushing inwards in the direction of the marked arrows.As you do this, a triangular shape will form, shaping the face of your origami cat, Adjusting slightly, carefully make sure that everything lays flat as you enforce the fold.
(2mins 19 secs)



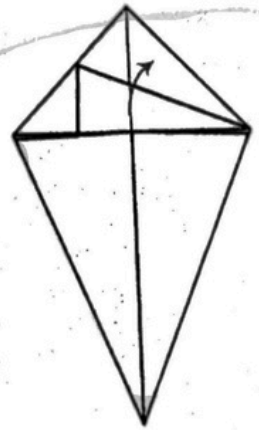
8. To make the cat ears, valley fold the top layer flaps on the left and right hand sides in the direction of the arrows shown above
(2mins 42 secs)



9. Lift the frst layer of the cat's face, from the bottom edge (marked in red) using your index fnger. With your other hand, push the left ear from the left most point inwards and under the cat's face. Repeat for the opposite ear. (2mins 52 secs)

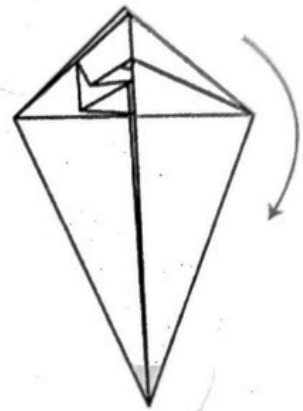


10. Next, lift the right half of the cat's face and ear over to the left side.
(3mins 28 secs)

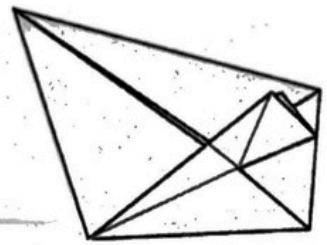


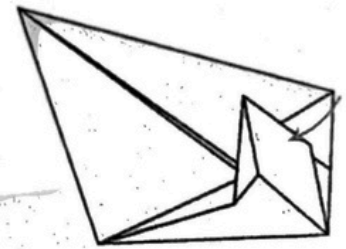
11. Using the marked crease line, valley fold diagonally where indicated.

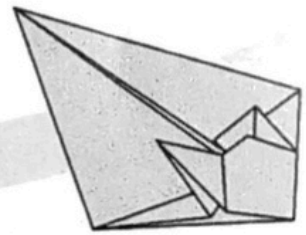
(3mins 32 secs)



12. Your paper should look as above. Now rotate 180 degrees.



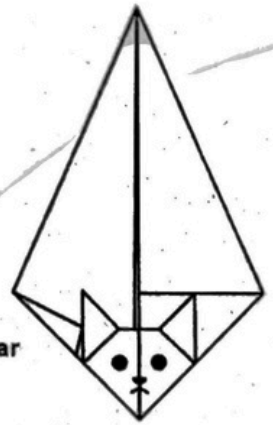




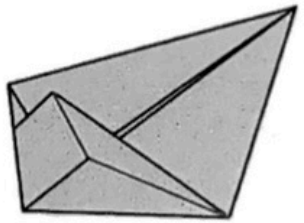
13. To hnish forming the ears, valley fold and mountain fold where indicated (it may be useful to look at the next two diagrams to help understand the motion here),

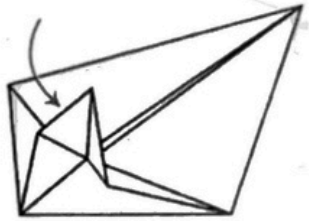
(3mins 37 secs)

14. As you make these folds, a flap will start to open.Carefully press this flap to flatten it into the shape of the pointed ear.

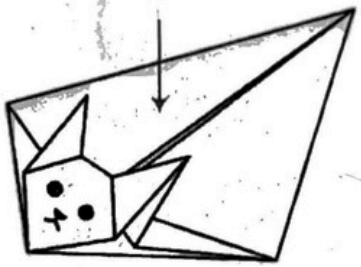


15. The frst ear should look like this. Now repeat from step 11 on the other side. (3 mins 55 secs)

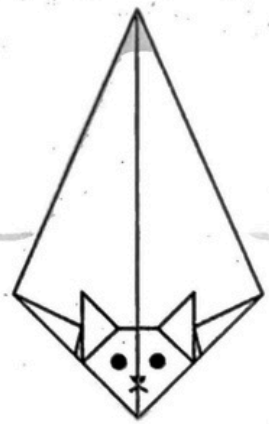




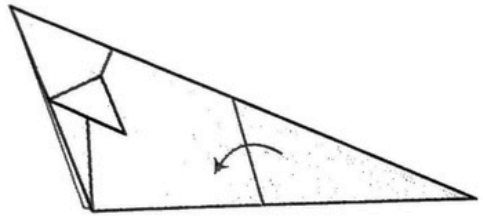
16. Start by pushing the flaps all the way to the other side. Making a diagonal crease, valley fold and mountain fold where indicated



17.Again, you should see a flap starting to open. Carefully press this flap to flatten it into the shape of the pointed ear. Well done, the cat's face is now complete! (4 mins 8 secs)



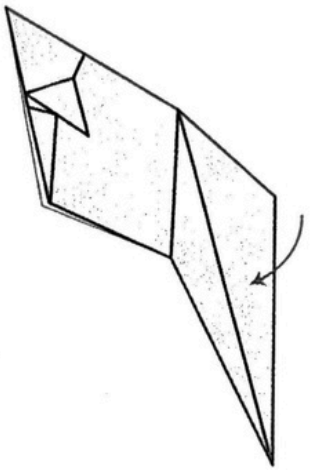
18. Mountain fold the entire cat along the centre. (4 mins 22 secs)

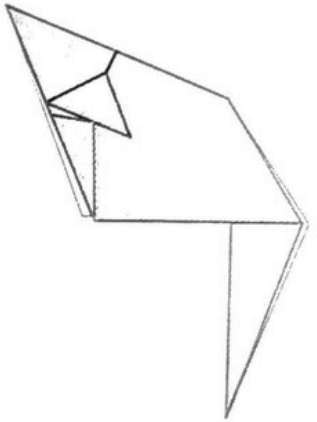


19. Diagonally valley fold down the tail to form a crease, You can use this crease line as a guide but you can adjust this crease depending on how big you want your cat's body to be.

For a longer body, make the crease closerto the tail, or for a smaller body, fold the crease closer to the head.

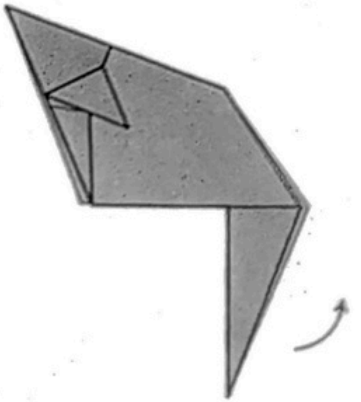
(4 mins 34 secs)





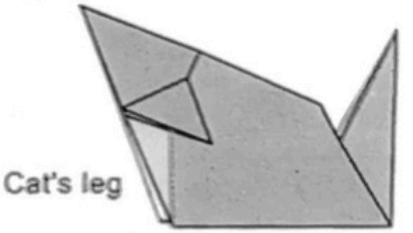
20. Open up the tail a little and push the paper inwards, mountain folding along the creases that you've just made. The tail folds should fold in on itself and point downwards as illustrated above.

(4 mins 43 secs)

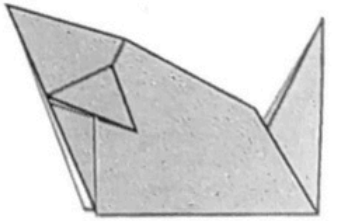


Horizontal line

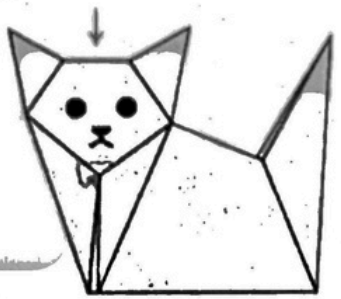
21. Now pull the tail up and fold along the horizontal line so it is pointing up. (4 mins 53 secs)

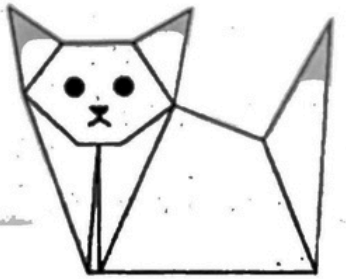


Cat's leg

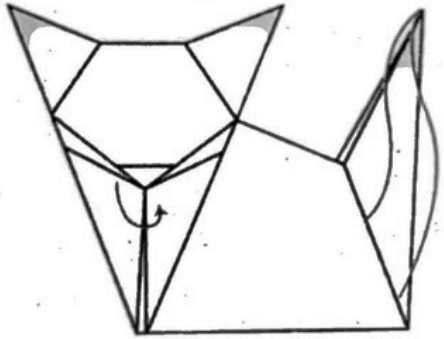


22. Take the cat's left leg (there will be two flaps) valley fold the whole leg along its vertical crease line, pushing the cat's head down and forwards as you do so. You can fold the right leg if you want youir cat's head to be facing the opposite way. (5 mins 13 secs)

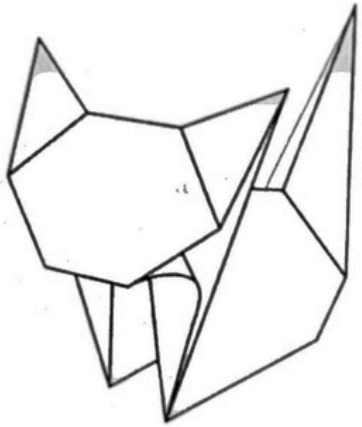




23. As you do this, the head will start to stick up. Being as careful as you can, push the head down so that it lies a little more flat. Finish your cat by tucking up the chin. (5 mins 41 secs)



24. Tuck in the bottom tip of the head with a mountain fold to give your cat a little chin.Try bending the tail to sculpt it into a curve too, if you fancy.



25.And there you go! You have made your cat. Try making another cat in a different size and colour. The more you practice, the easier it will become. Happy folding!