

# CREATE ORIGAMI BOOKMARKS

Help your section fold, fold and fold some more to make these quirky paper creations

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**1** Ask your young people to take a square of paper and position it in front of them so it looks like a diamond, then ask them to fold the top half up to create a triangle.

**2** Next, show them how to take the right-hand corner and fold it up to the top point of the triangle and then do the same with the left-hand corner. This should leave them with a small diamond shape.

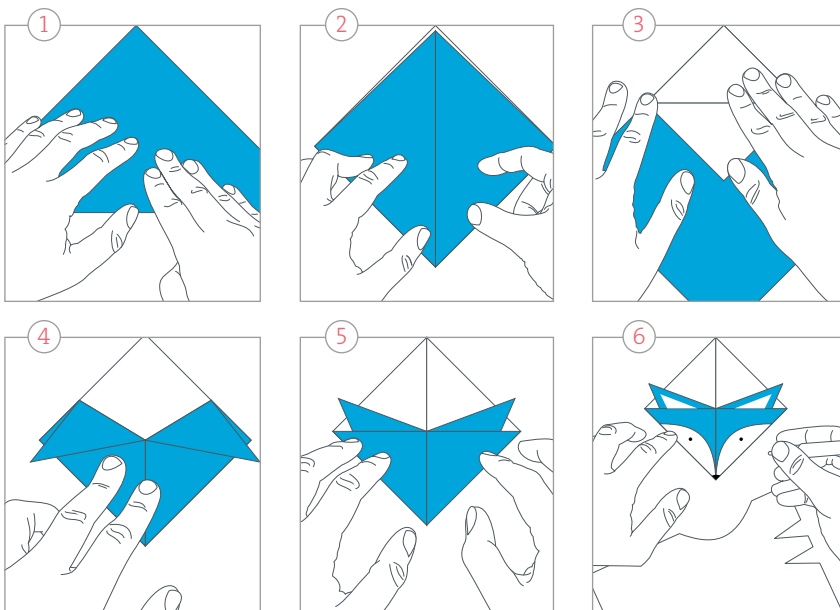
**3** Now they should open those two folds out so they have their triangle shape again and fold down

the top point to centre of the bottom of the triangle.

**4** Ask them to fold each corner back up to the top point of the triangle and then fold it back on itself.

**5** Next, they should tuck the top of the ear backwards into the concealed flap behind it so that the point of the ear flips upwards. Repeat this on the left-hand side.

**6** Now they can decorate their fox with coloured pens or cut-out pieces of plain paper.



## TIME NEEDED

**20** minutes

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Squares of paper (15cm x 15cm)
- Colouring pens or pencils

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## OUTCOMES

This simple but effective activity will not only create something fun and functional for your young people to keep, or give to others, it will also offer a great opportunity to discuss the origins of origami, its relevance as an art form and its significance within Japanese culture.

## TAKE IT FURTHER

Why not try more ambitious origami projects, such as a Japanese paper crane (or orizuru), and learn the Japanese name for each one? Scouts could learn other Japanese greetings and phrases at the same time. They could also try experimenting with scale, attempting to complete very small or very large origami projects.

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