

FOLD A BOAT

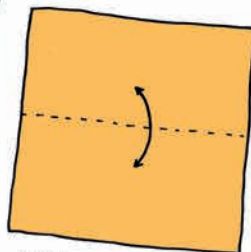
Follow these steps to make an origami model of a sampan – a type of flat-bottomed Chinese boat. You'll need a square piece of paper for each sampan.

How to make a square

1. Fold one corner of a rectangular piece of paper to the opposite edge.
2. Use a ruler to draw a line at the bottom edge of the triangle, then cut along the line.
3. Unfold the triangle to reveal the square.

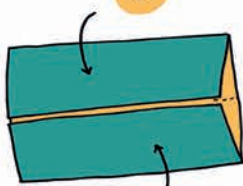
TO MAKE A SAMPAN

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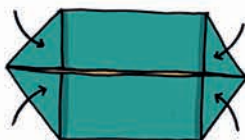
fold the paper in half from bottom to top and unfold it.

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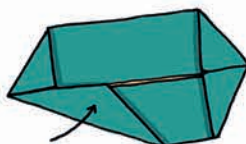
fold up the bottom edge and fold down the top edge to meet the middle crease.

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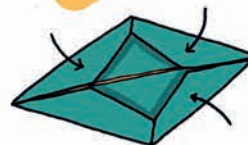
fold in each of the four corners to the middle.

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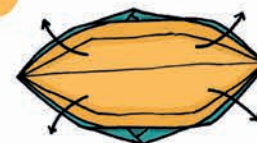
Now fold the bottom-left edge into the middle.

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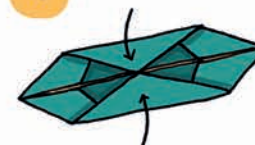
fold in the other three edges, too.

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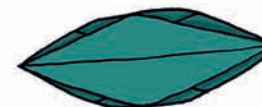
lift up all of the flaps on either side of the middle line to open up the model.

6



fold the top and bottom points into the middle.

8



Then turn the whole thing inside out. Flatten the base of the sampan.

9



flip over for the finished sampan.

Now try this...

Before floating your boat on water, first make it waterproof. Cover the base and sides of the boat with pieces of sticky tape, to stop the paper from getting soggy.



You could make a whole flotilla of sampans using...

patterned paper



newspaper



baking paper



kitchen foil



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In 2015, engineers in London made a large paper boat that was strong enough to carry a person across a lake.

'Origami' comes from the Japanese words for 'fold' (ori) and 'paper' (kami).

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