



# Folding an Origami Butterfly



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## **Materials:**

**One square piece of paper  
in the color of your choice.**

## **Optional tool:**

**A bone folder or any flat  
piece of plastic to make  
precise creases in the paper.**

Find the instructional YouTube video by  
**Origami Princess** by scanning this QR code  
or by going to this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=Pc50h4ZlQb8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pc50h4ZlQb8)



## **Helpful tips**

1. Read the entire page before committing to folding the paper.
2. Watch the video along with the written instructions.



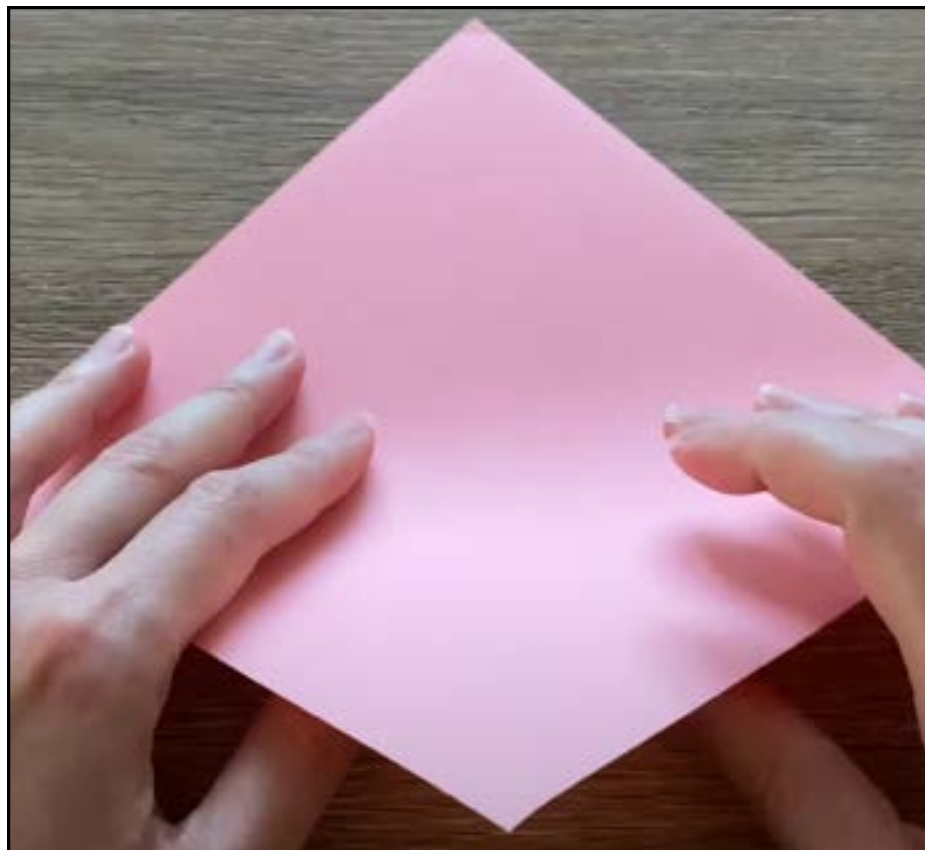
## Section 1: Preparing the paper

**1.** Fold the square paper diagonally once.

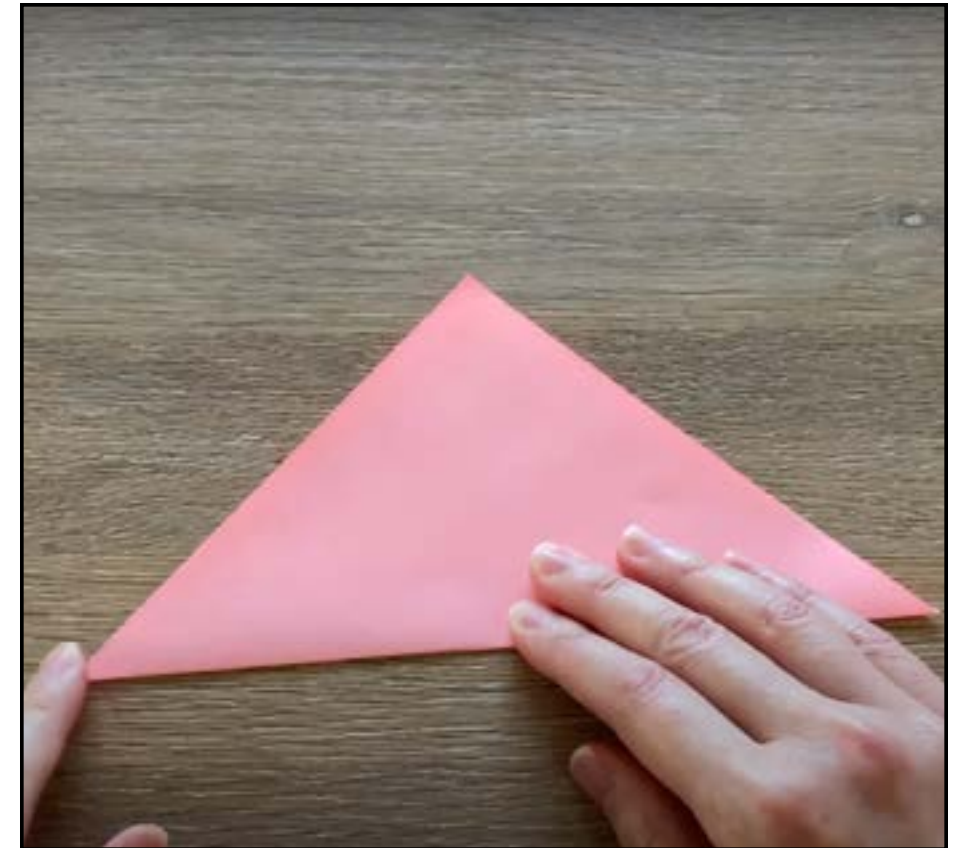
**1a.** This should create a triangle

**1b.** Unfold the paper and leave the inside crease facing up.

**1.**



**1a.**

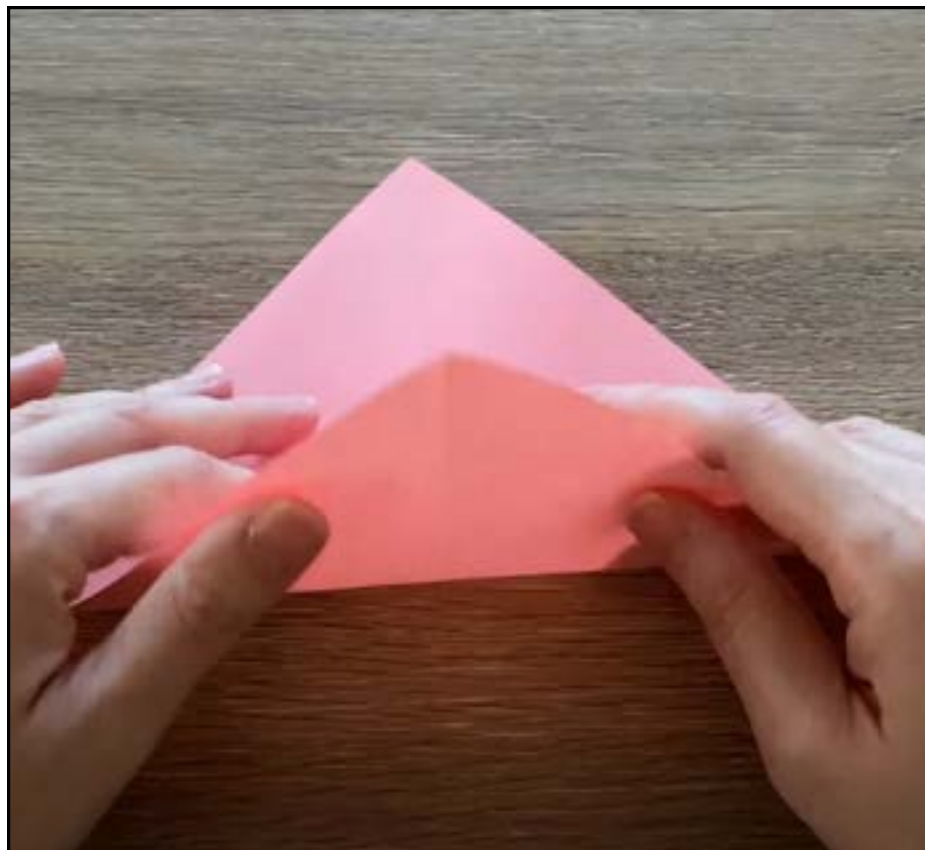


**1b.**



- 2.** Fold the paper across the other diagonal angle
- 2a.** Unfold again.
- 2b.** Flip the sheet of paper over.
- 2c.** This should create an "X" shape on the paper and both the outside crease should be on the same side of the paper. The outside creases should be facing up.

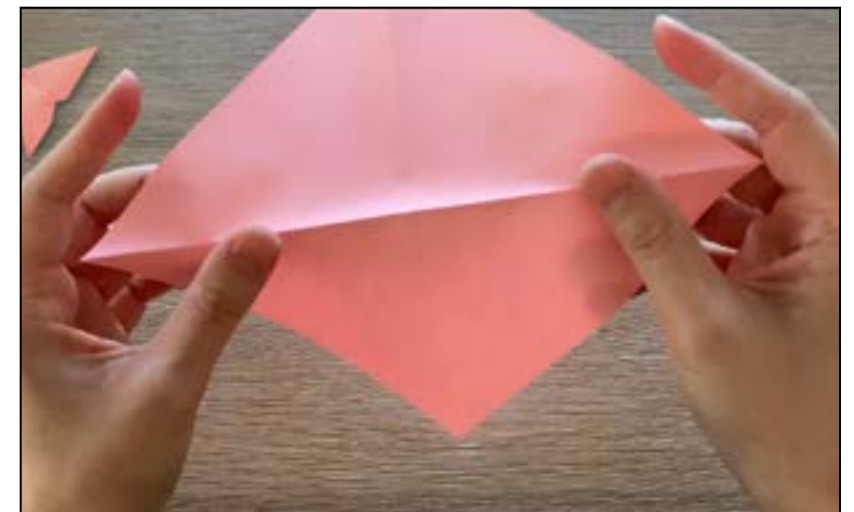
**2.**



**2a.**



**2b.**



**2c.**





**3.** Fold the paper in half horizontally.

**3a.** The outside creases should now be the new inside of the paper.

**3b.** Unfold the paper and rotate the paper 90 degrees.

**3.**



**3a.**



**3b.**



**3c.**



**4.** Fold the paper in half horizontally.  
once more.

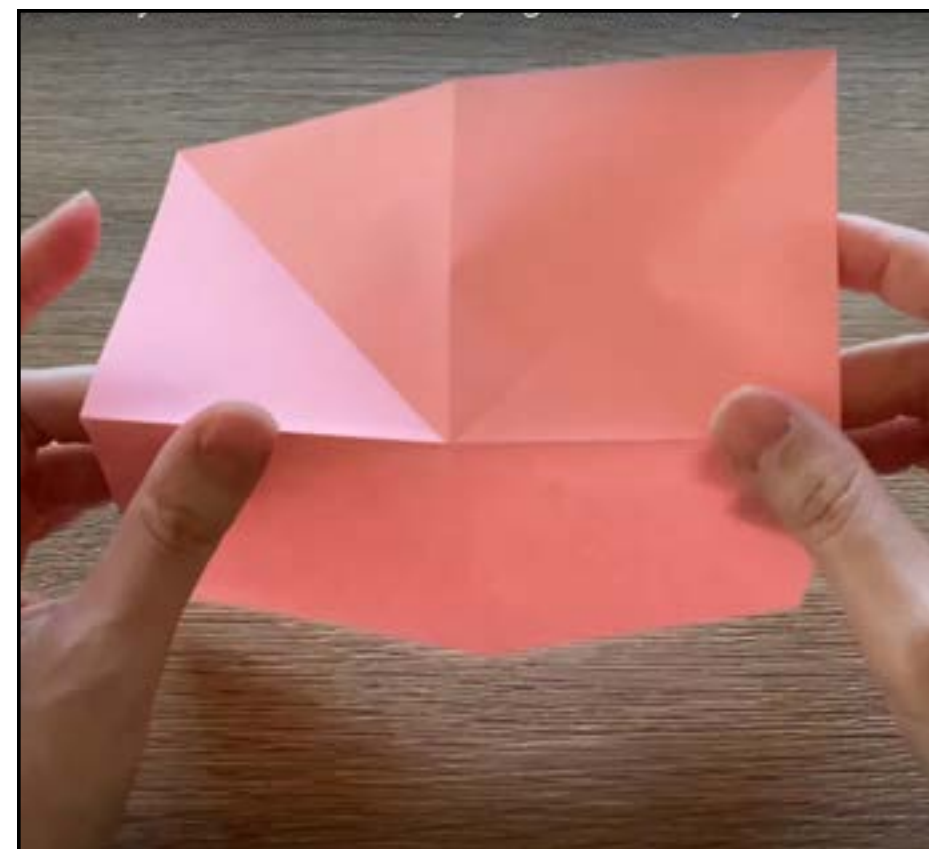
**4a.** Unfold the paper and turn over

**4b.** The latest fold's outside crease  
should be facing up and horizontal.

**4.**



**4a.**



**4b.**





## Section 2:

### Creating the butterfly

**5.** Meet the opposing sides of the last crease by folding them in towards each other.

**5a.** With the opposing sides met, hold this together and bring it down towards the table.

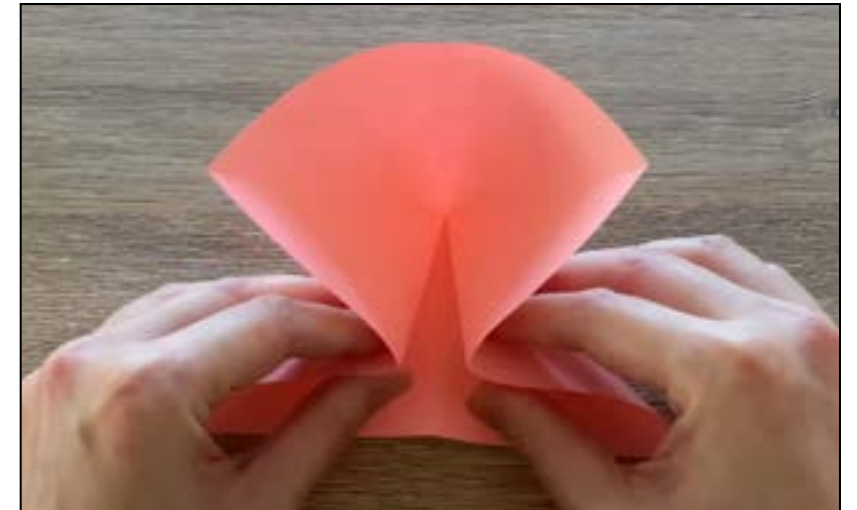
**5b.** Bring the top of the paper down to the folding surface.

**5c.** Fold the edges down to create a triangle.

**5.**



**5a.**



**5b.**



**5c.**





**6.** Bring the right corner over to the middle of the triangle and crease the fold.

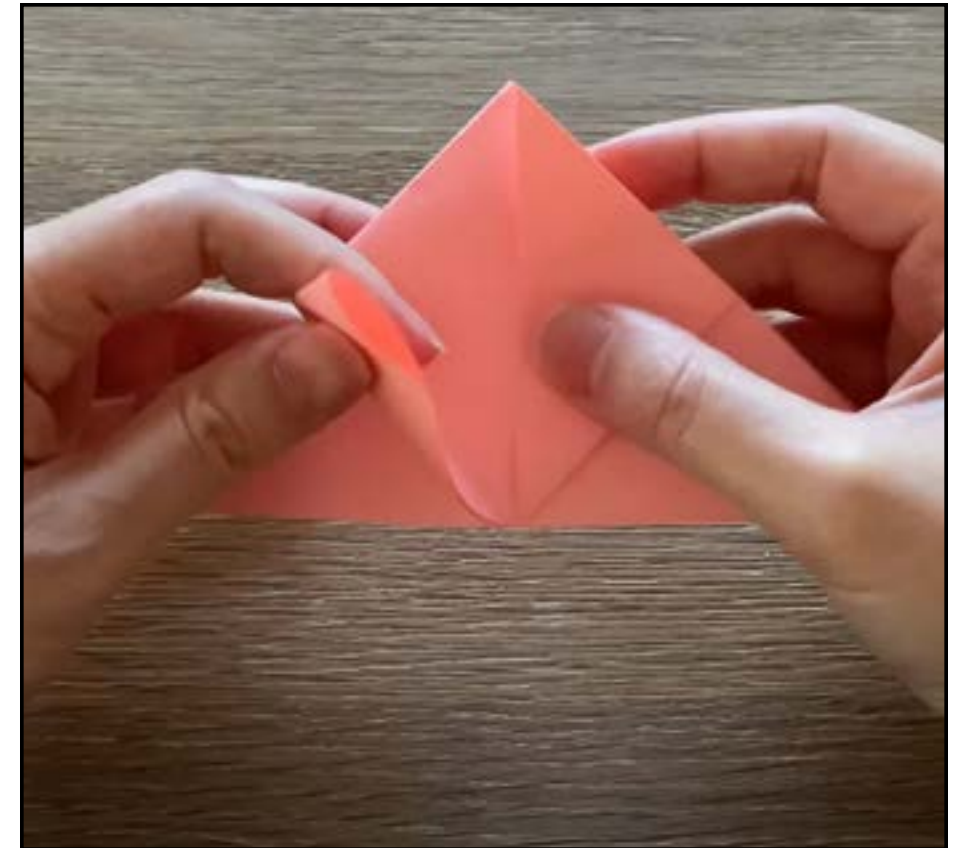
**6a.** Repeat on the other side.

**6b.** This should create a triangle with a diamond in the center.

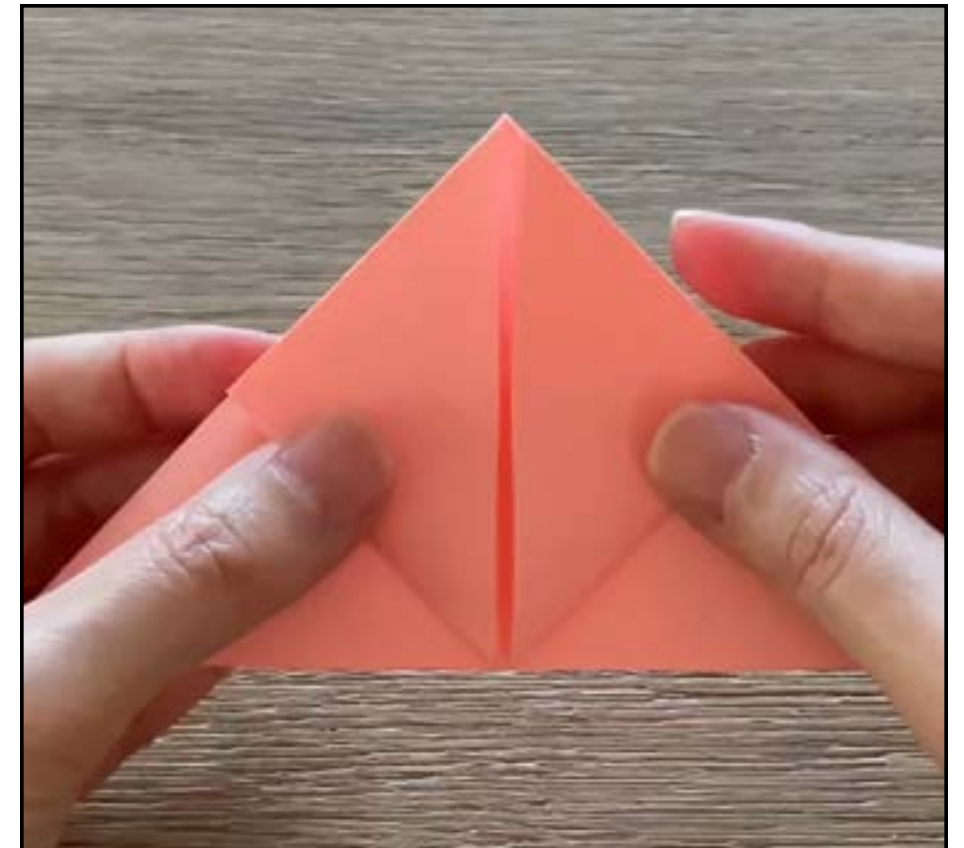
**6.**



**6a.**



**6b.**



**7.** Flip the paper over so that the triangle is pointing towards you and the diamond is facing the ground.

**7a.** Bring the bottom pointing flap towards the top without moving the diamond.

**7b.** Crease the flap against the wings in their new position.

**7.**



**7a.**



**7b.**





**8.** Stretch the fold by moving the head of the butterfly away from the hind wings.

**8a.** Repeat on the other side and make sure every fold and crease are tightly folded.

**8b.** Flip the butterfly over.

**8c.** Fold the head down to secure the middle of the butterfly.

**8.**



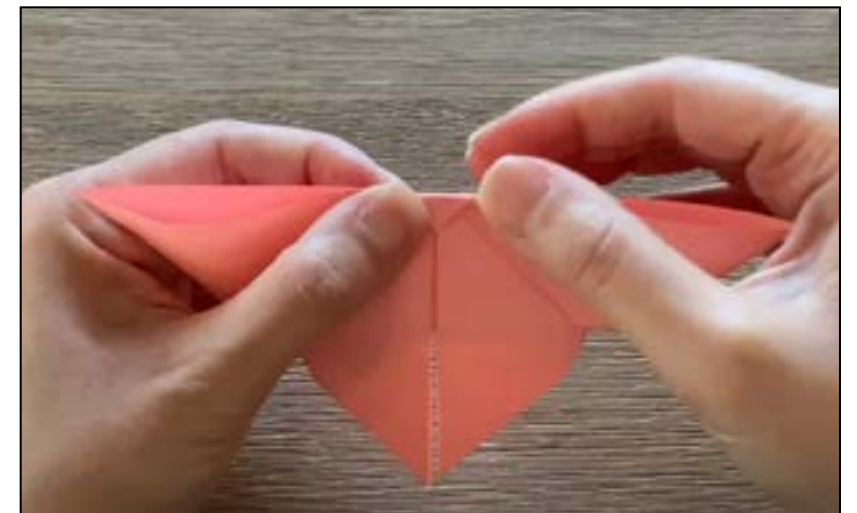
**8a.**



**8b.**



**8c.**





**9.** Crease the midline of the butterfly to create the appropriate resting shape.

**9a.** Enjoy your completed butterfly.

**9.**



**9a.**

