

Tuto Origami box!

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There are several important rules in origami:

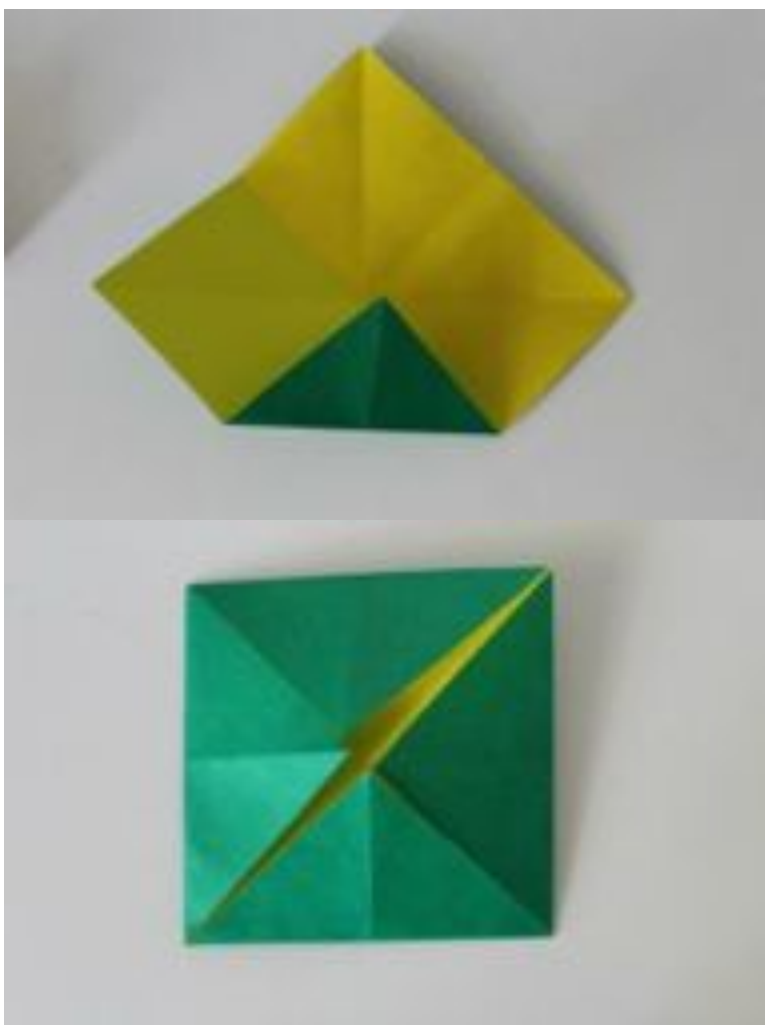
1. You should always fold perfect squares of paper. When you master origami a bit better you can cut the papers yourself, they won't be perfect and you might notice some irregularities in the final product.
2. Always insist when you crease your folds, generally with your nails.
3. You always use an already existing fold or border as guide. Some folds are useless except to be a guideline when you fold.

You will need eight paper squares to make the lid of the box. These eight squares are going to be folded into eight pieces that you will then intertwine to build the lid. Here, I used a paper with different colors on both sides to make things easier to visualize.

1. Fold the square in half, diagonally and vertically/horizontally. Always insist on the creases.



2. Then fold the four tips of the square towards the middle.



3. Open one of the tips and fold the bottom side on the middle of your square (where the folded tips meet).



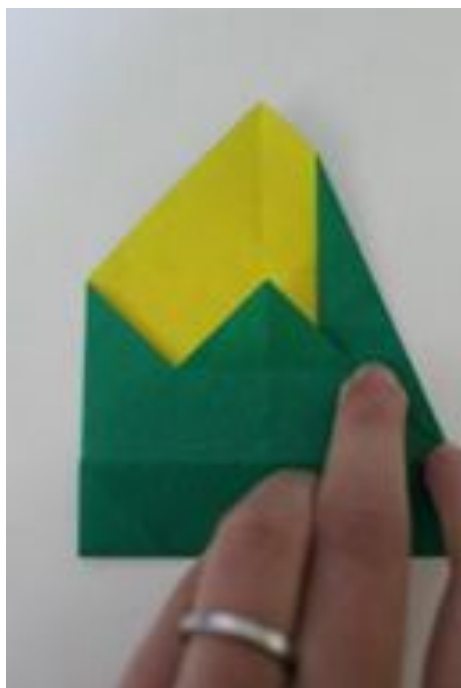
4. Completely unfold the side you just folded.



5. Then fold back the tip, as if to come back to your square from step 2, but one fold higher this time.



6. Then, fold the side of the tip along the lower tip. Crease.



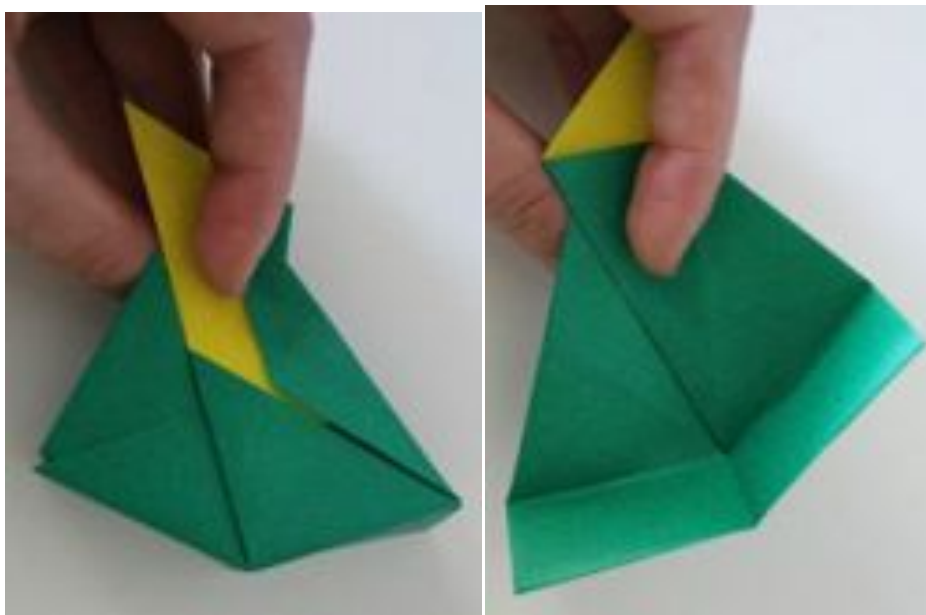
7. Fold your piece along the middle line.



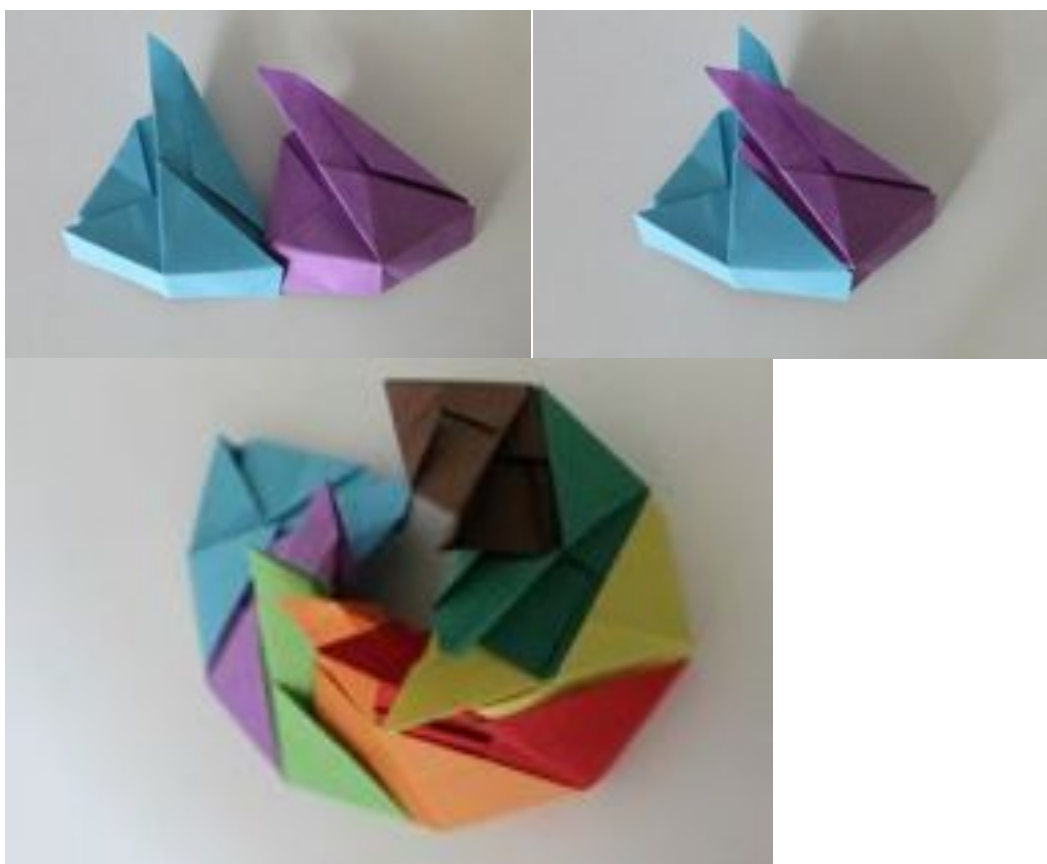
8. Crease the bottom fold and position it at a right angle with the rest of the piece.



9. The next step is the trickiest. Keep the right angle while bringing the middle fold on the diagonal on the left of your piece. The second pic shows what this should look like from the bottom. You have now completed your base piece. You need to do this again in order to get eight pieces altogether for the lid.



10. This another tricky step. We are going to intertwine the pieces with one another (follow the pics.) For this stage I used papers, which are the same color on both sides.



11. Intertwine the first and last elements together.



12. For the next stages you have to handle your lid delicately while making sure that all your pieces stay together. Flatten your lid gently to fill the hole in the center.



13. Now, fold each little tip under the side of the next piece. It helps to train with papers of different colors.



14. Fold all your tips up to the last one, be especially careful to place this one properly otherwise your lid won't hold properly. During these last stages, hold your lid and shape it regularly and gently with your hands so that the pieces still intertwine neatly.



15. This is what the final result should look like!



16. Repeat the same procedure to make the bottom part of the box, but this time with slightly smaller paper squares. Here I used papers with 10cm sides for the lid and for the bottom squares of 9,5cm sides. You can reduce the size of your squares as follows. Fold your square diagonally, then cut along a line at 0,5 cm from the side.



I hope you now are the proud maker of a lovely box! If you need any help or clarifications, do not hesitate to ask!

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