

Fashion origami



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dazzling
designs

Fashion is all about style...

But there's something else behind every fabulous garment you wear: construction, or how a piece of clothing is made. This project has a little bit of both. You'll learn how to fold a gorgeous origami coat.

Cut out the square design below and follow the step-by-step folding instructions.

What is origami, anyway?

Origami is the art of folding a single piece of paper into an object, in this case a coat.

Fashion Origami provides directions for the coat along with a skirt, dress, shoe, and lots more.

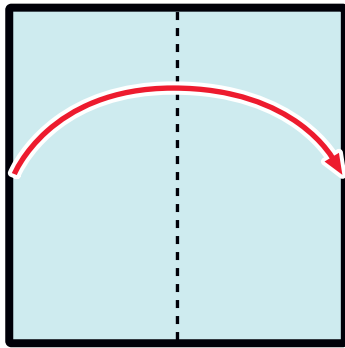


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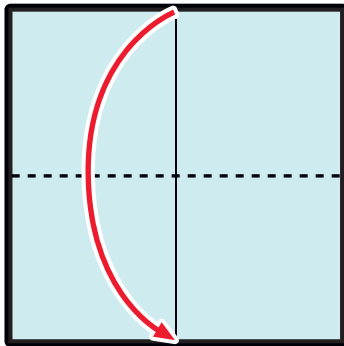
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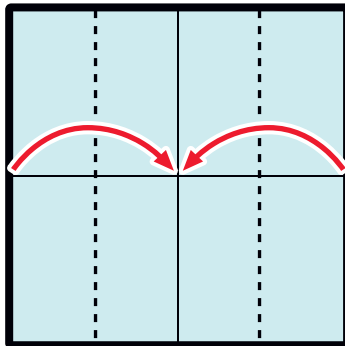
- 1** Choose a pattern for your coat. Flip the paper over. Then fold the paper in half, from left to right. Crease firmly, then unfold.



- 2** Fold the paper in half again, this time from top to bottom. Crease firmly, then unfold.

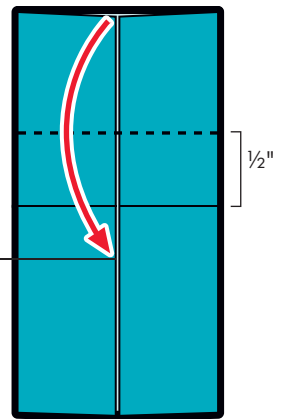


- 3** Fold in both sides, so they meet at the center crease. Do not unfold.

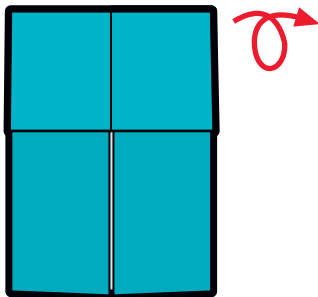


- 4** Fold the top of the paper down about 1/2 inch (1.3 cm) below the middle of the paper.

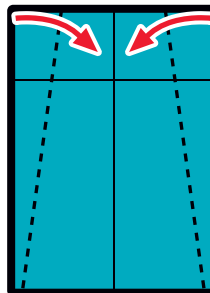
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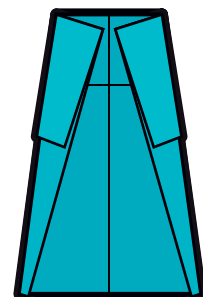
- 5** Flip the paper over.



- 6** Fold the left side down at a slight angle, as shown. Then fold the right side down at a slight angle. Make sure that both folds match.

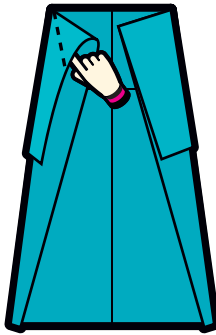


It should look like this:

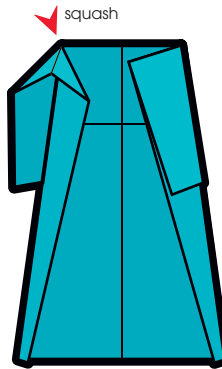




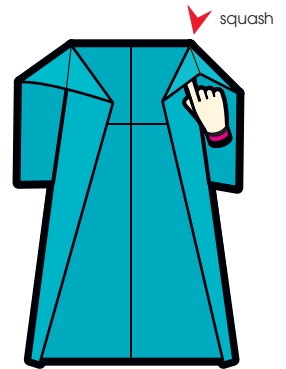
7 This next part is a little tricky. You are going to make sleeves. Start on the left side. Slide your finger between the short flap and the long flap, so it makes a pocket at the top.



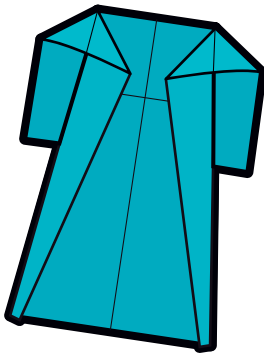
Press the pocket down as you remove your finger. It should flatten into a triangle.



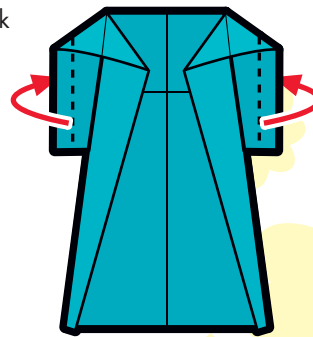
8 Now do the same thing on the right side. Slide your finger between the short flap and long flap, so that it makes a pocket. Then press the pocket down, so it flattens into a triangle.



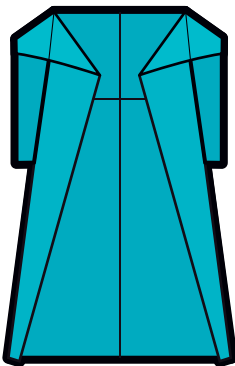
Check your sleeves — they should look the same. If they don't, adjust them until they are even.



9 Now fold back both sleeves along the dotted lines.



Beautiful!



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