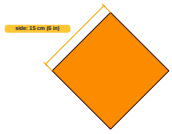
Easy Origami Koi Fish

Simple step-by-step paper folding art. Ages 7+

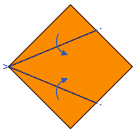
Watch the folds

1 Get a square



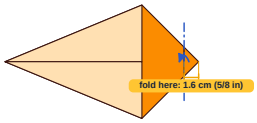
Use a 15 cm (6 in) square, colored side up. Turn it so a corner points up, like a diamond.

2 Make the kite



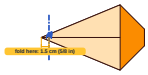
Crease the diamond corner to corner and open it. Fold both left edges in to that line.

3 Fold the tail behind



Fold the right tip behind, about 1.6 cm from the end, to make a flat tail edge.

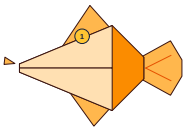
4 Fold the nose behind



Fold the left tip behind, about 1.5 cm from the end, to make a round nose.

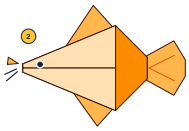
Tip: A dab of glue stick under the tips you folded behind keeps them flat, so the back looks neat too.

5 Glue on the tail fin and fins



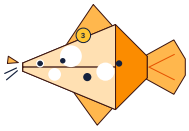
Marker 1: cut out the tail fin and fins from the pieces page, with a grown-up helping, and glue them on.

6 Draw the eye and whiskers



Marker 2: draw an eye, and two long whiskers.

7 Add the patches



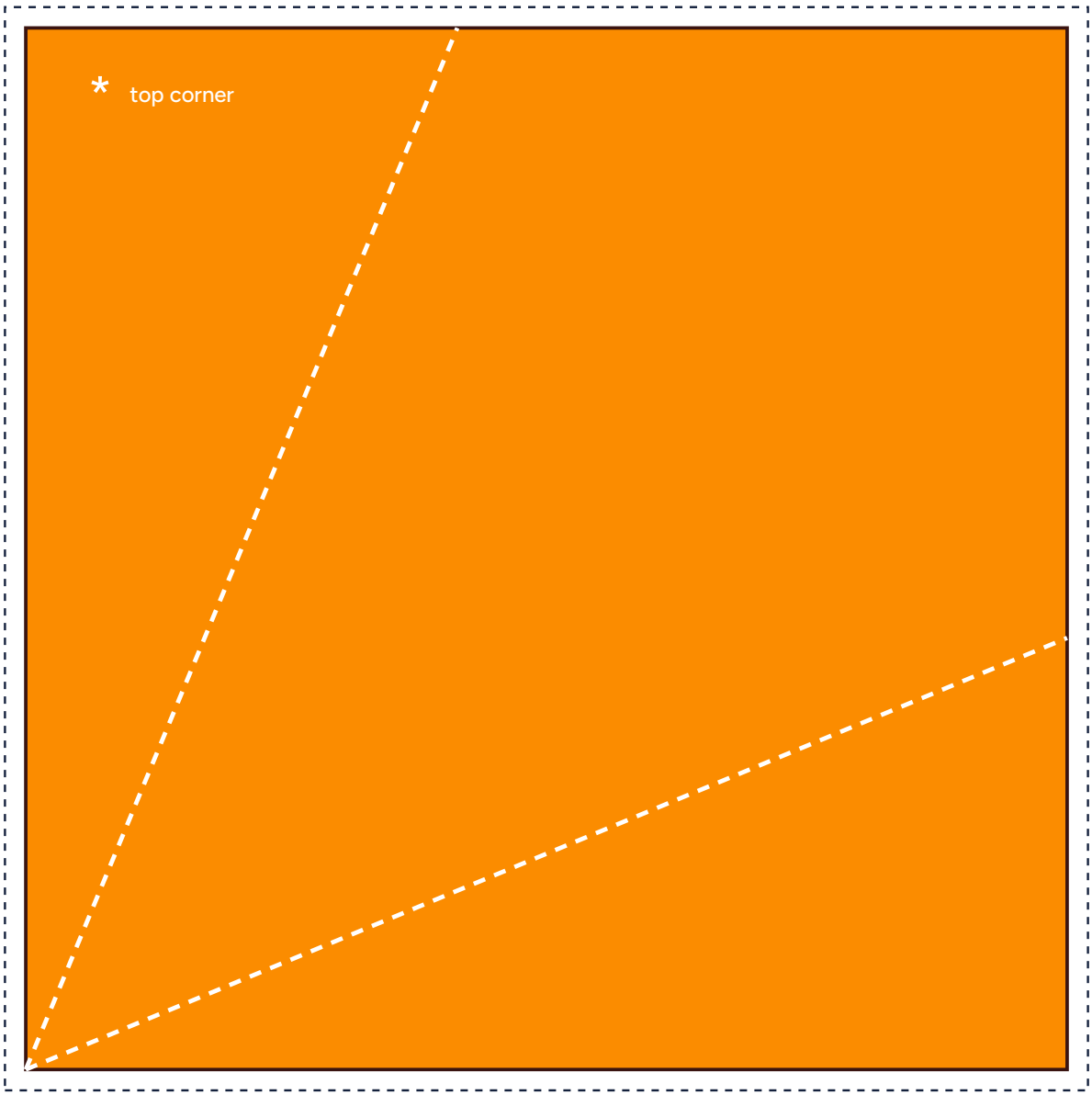
Marker 3: color big white patches and a few black spots.

Ready-to-fold koi fish paper

Cut out the square along the dashed line. That is the only cutting. Start with the printed side up. Turn it so the corner marked with a star points up, like a diamond, then follow the steps. The dashed lines show your first fold.

Watch the folds

cut on the dashed line

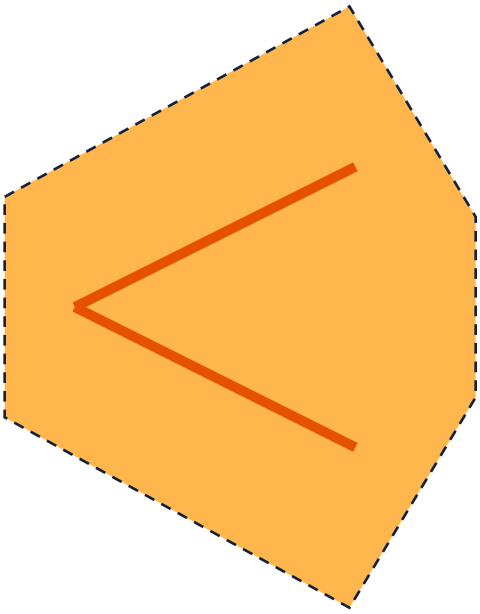


Print at 100% (actual size). The square is 15 cm (6 in). The back is white.

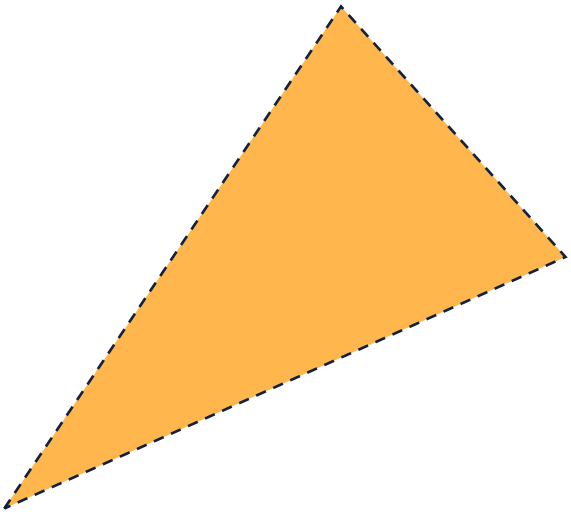
Pieces for your koi fish

Cut out each piece along the dashed line, with a grown-up helping. Glue it on where the step picture shows it. Print at 100% (actual size).

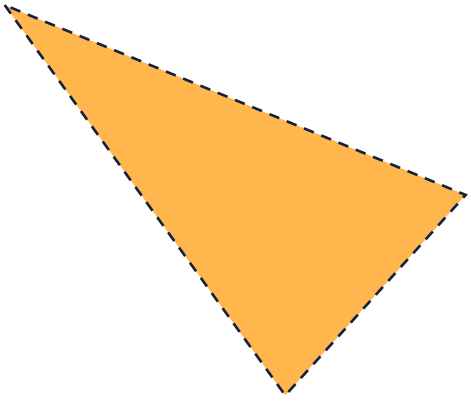
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Tail fin



Top fin



Bottom fin



Whisker

Tip: a glue stick works best. Hold each piece for a few seconds.

Color your own koi fish

Color the finished model and practise the drawn details here.

Watch the folds

