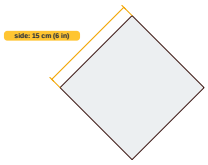
Easy Origami Swan

Simple step-by-step paper folding art. Ages 4+ (6+ alone)

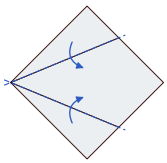
Watch the folds

1 Get a square



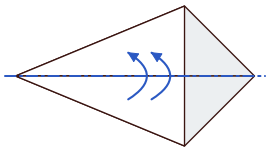
Use a 15 cm (6 in) square, colored side up. Turn it so a corner points up, like a diamond.

2 Make the kite



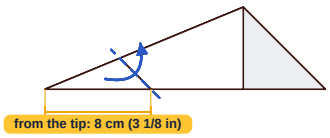
Crease the diamond corner to corner and open it. Fold both left edges in to that line.

3 Fold it in half behind



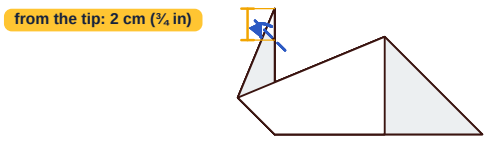
Fold the kite in half along the middle line, with the bottom half going behind.

4 Fold the neck up



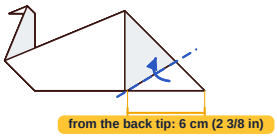
Make a slanted fold 8 cm from the left tip, and push the tip up inside. This is the neck.

5 Fold the head down



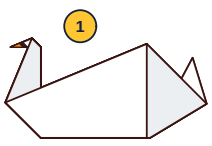
Make a small slanted fold 2 cm from the top of the neck, and push the tip down inside. This is the head.

6 Fold the tail up



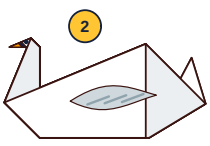
Make a slanted fold 6 cm from the back tip, and push the tip up inside. This is the tail.

7 Color the beak



Marker 1: color the tip of the head orange for the beak, with a black stripe behind it.

8 Draw the eye and wing



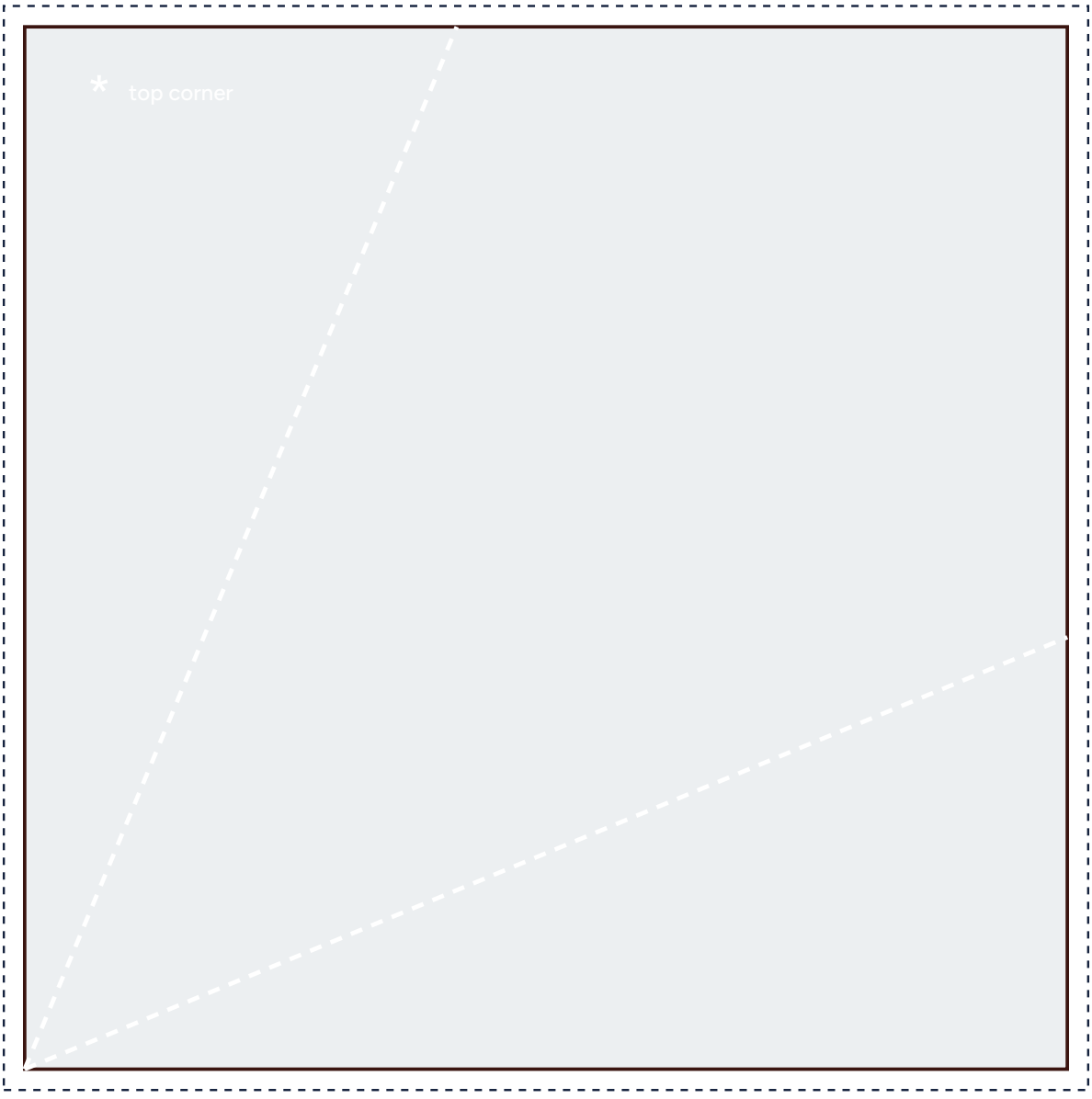
Marker 2: draw a small eye, and a wing with soft feather lines.

Ready-to-fold swan 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.

Color your own swan

Color the finished model and practise the drawn details here.

Watch the folds

