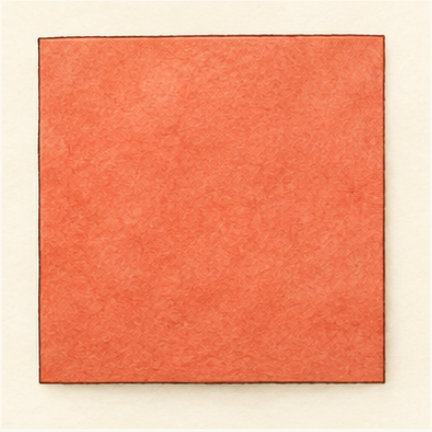
Origami corner bookmark

Storyboard · 1–3

One thin 15 × 15 cm square; no cutting, glue or scissors.



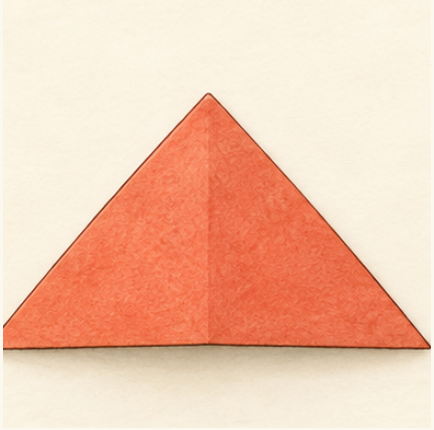
1. Place the square

Put the colored side down with one corner pointing toward you.

Why: A clear point keeps the diagonal easy to match.

Check: A square diamond has one corner nearest you and one farthest away.

Repair: Rotate the paper until the corners point up and down.



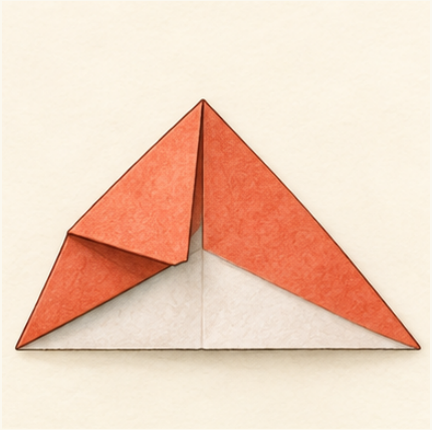
2. Make a triangle

Bring the bottom corner to the top corner. Match both side edges, then press the diagonal.

Why: The triangle gives the bookmark its straight outside edges.

Check: A two-layer triangle points up, with its long folded edge at the bottom.

Repair: Open the fold, match the tips first, and flatten from the center outward.



3. Mark the middle

Bring the left corner to the right corner, crease lightly, then reopen the triangle.

Why: The temporary crease gives both pocket flaps the same target.

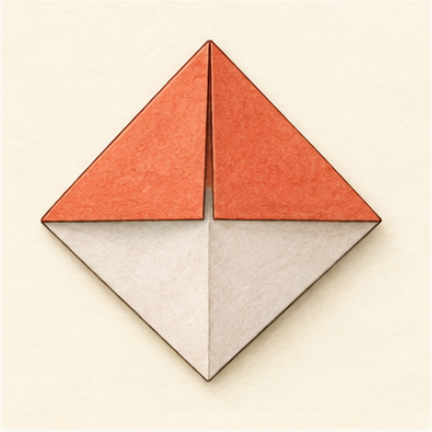
Check: The wide triangle has a fine crease from its top point to its base middle.

Repair: Keep the base straight while matching the side corners.

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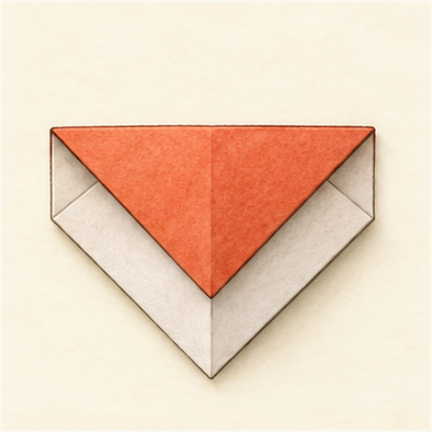
4. Fold both pocket sides

Bring the left and right corners to the center crease, one at a time, and press their sloping folds.

Why: Two matching flaps create a pocket without another piece.

Check: The side tips meet at the center and the lower point remains visible.

Repair: Lift only the uneven flap and align its edge with the center.



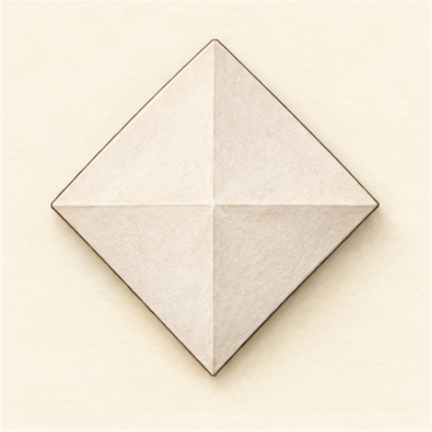
5. Lower the top flap

Fold the top point down over the meeting flaps, stopping at the straight base edge.

Why: This flap closes the upper edge while leaving the pocket mouth underneath.

Check: The broad top flap lies flat; the lower point and pocket opening remain visible.

Repair: Lift the flap and refold it to the base edge, not past it.



6. Turn the model

Turn the whole model over from left to right. Keep the point down and all folds closed.

Why: The reverse reveals the pocket for the final tuck.

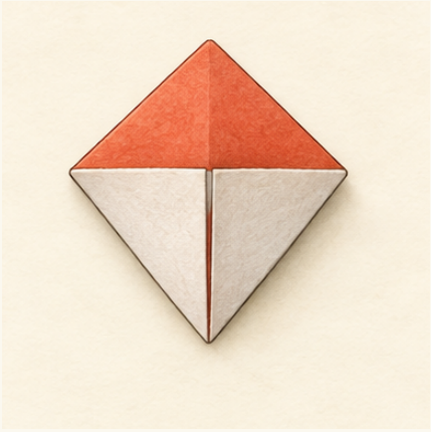
Check: A diamond faces you with a pale pocket at the top and one point down.

Repair: Turn back, flatten the opened flap along its existing crease, and lift as one piece.

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7. Tuck the point

Fold the bottom point up into the pocket, sliding its tip behind the top flap to the center.

Why: The tuck locks the layers together and grips a page.

Check: The point disappears inside and the outside edges form a neat triangle.

Repair: Widen the pocket with a fingertip and slide the point in without forcing it.



8. Test the corner

Slip the bookmark over one book-page corner. Press the top and side edges gently.

Why: A page test shows whether the pocket holds paper.

Check: The bookmark grips one corner and stays flat without glue.

Repair: Sharpen the two pocket folds and try a thinner page.



9. Add a small mark

Draw a pencil star or dot on the front, keeping ink away from the folded pocket.

Why: A light mark personalizes the bookmark without adding weight.

Check: The bookmark lies flat and its pocket remains open underneath.

Repair: Erase a heavy mark before using wet ink; moisture softens thin folds.

Try independently: Make a second bookmark from a smaller square without the pictures. Change the flap angle slightly, predict the pocket, and test its fit on a book corner.

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