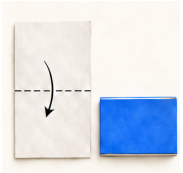


Origami paper boat

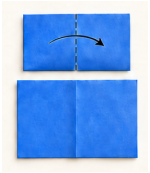
One thin A4 rectangle, 21 × 29.7 cm; colored and pale sides. No cutting or glue.

Dashed: new fold; fine line: earlier crease; arrow: movement.



1. Fold the rectangle

With the pale side up, fold the top short edge down to the bottom edge. Match the corners; keep the closed edge above.



2. Mark and reopen the center

Fold the left edge to the right edge, crease lightly, then reopen that fold. Keep the first fold closed.



3. Fold the roof

Bring both top corners down, through both layers, so their top edges meet the vertical center crease. Leave the bottom strips loose.



4. Raise the front strip

Separate the bottom strips. Lift only the front strip along the horizontal base of the roof; leave the rear strip down.



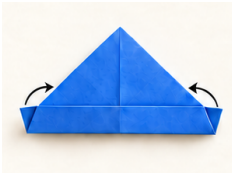
5. Wrap the front corners

Fold each projecting end of the raised strip around the sloping roof edge to the back. Keep the roof itself flat.



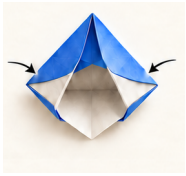
6. Turn the whole model

Turn the entire model over from left to right. Keep the roof point above and all folds closed.



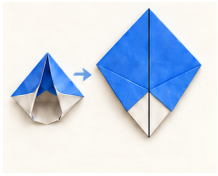
7. Make the second rim

Raise the remaining strip along the roof base. Wrap its projecting corners behind the slopes, leaving the opening between the two rims free.



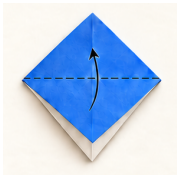
8. Open the hat pocket

Separate the front and back rims at the bottom. Look into the pocket; bring the left and right rim ends toward each other.



9. Flatten the first square

Bring the old rim ends together and flatten the open pocket. Set the square as a diamond, with its two loose points below.



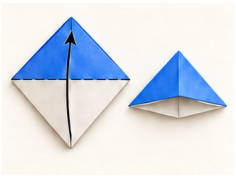
10. Lift the front point

Raise only the front bottom point to the top point. Crease between the side corners; leave the rear point below.



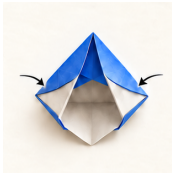
11. Turn the diamond

Turn the whole model over from left to right, keeping the top point above and the first flap closed.



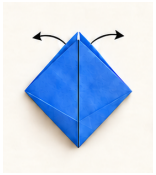
12. Lift the second point

Bring the remaining bottom point to the top point. Align the tips, then press the fold between the side corners.



13. Open the smaller pocket

Separate the front and back walls along the triangle's bottom edge. Bring its left and right base corners toward each other.



14. Flatten the smaller square

Bring the old base corners together and flatten. Place the small diamond with its two loose outer tips at the top.



15. Open the boat

Hold one loose outer top tip in each hand. Pull left and right gently until the central peak rises; ease the hull walls apart.