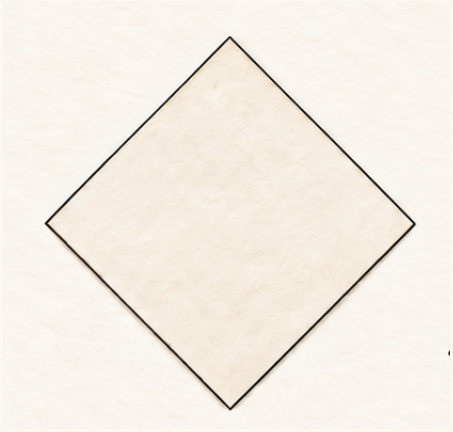
Origami cat face

Storyboard · 1–3

Thin 15 × 15 cm square, colored front and pale reverse. Fold the prepared square without scissors or glue.



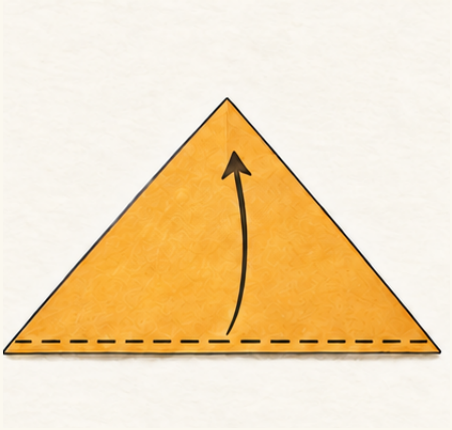
1. Place the square

Put the square pale side up, with one corner pointing toward you.

Why: The first diagonal brings the colored side to the outside.

Check: Four equal sides; a corner faces you.

Repair: If the sheet is rectangular, prepare an even square before continuing.



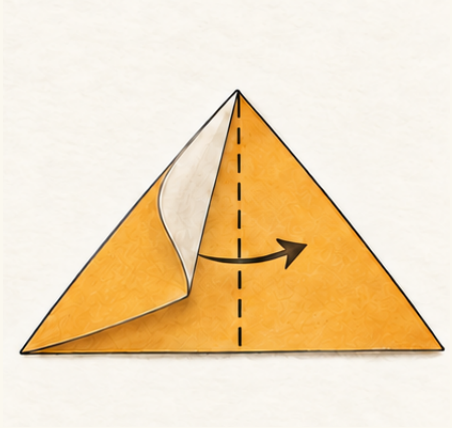
2. Make a triangle

Bring the bottom corner to the top corner. Match the edges and press the diagonal.

Why: Matching the corners gives both ears the same starting shape.

Check: Colored triangle, point up, long folded edge below.

Repair: Open the diagonal and realign the corners before pressing firmly.



3. Mark the center

Bring the left corner to the right corner through both layers. Press the vertical fold lightly.

Why: The middle becomes a reference for comparing the ear folds.

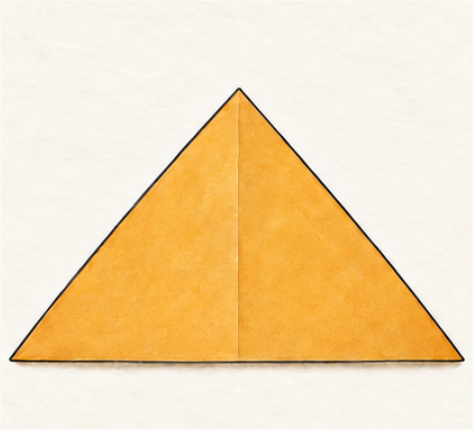
Check: The side corners meet; the triangle is folded in half.

Repair: Keep the long base level and match its endpoints first.

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Storyboard · 4–6

Thin 15 × 15 cm square, colored front and pale reverse. Fold the prepared square without scissors or glue.



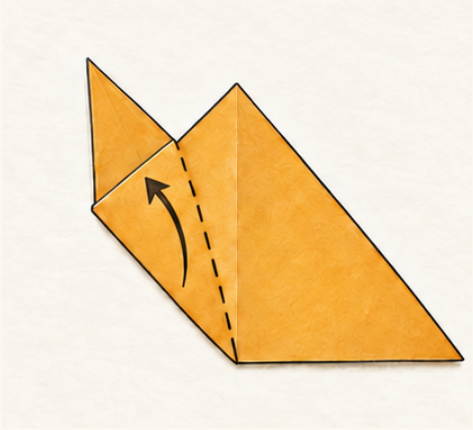
4. Open the triangle

Open only the last fold. Keep the original diagonal closed and the apex pointing up.

Why: You keep the guide crease while restoring room for the ears.

Check: A full triangle with a vertical line to the midpoint of its base.

Repair: If the whole square opened, remake the diagonal from step 2.



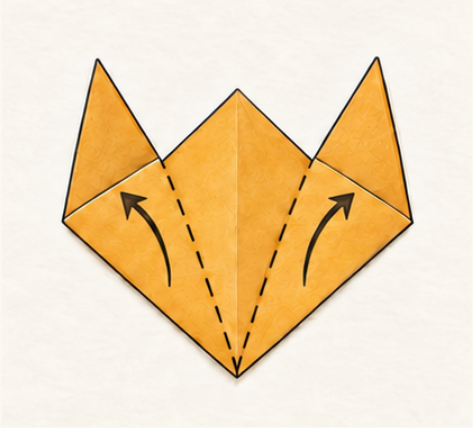
5. Raise the left ear

Lift the left corner through both layers. Pivot from the base midpoint and point the tip upward, outside the central apex.

Why: An angled fold gives the ear a projecting tip.

Check: Left tip rises above the future forehead; the right corner remains free.

Repair: Open only the left ear and adjust its angle before pressing.



6. Raise the right ear

Lift the right corner through both layers. Mirror the left hinge and compare the two ear tips before pressing.

Why: The center crease lets you compare the same distance on each side.

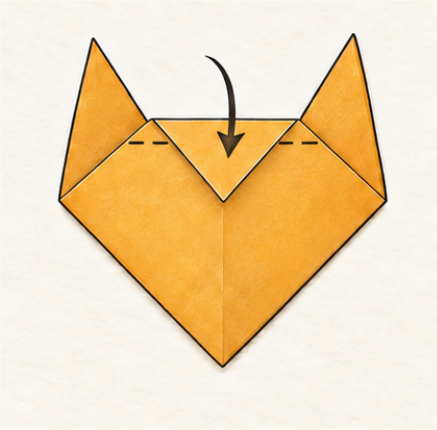
Check: Two upright ears; the original apex remains between them.

Repair: Reopen the uneven ear, hold the base midpoint and match the tip height.

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Storyboard · 7–9

Thin 15 × 15 cm square, colored front and pale reverse. Fold the prepared square without scissors or glue.



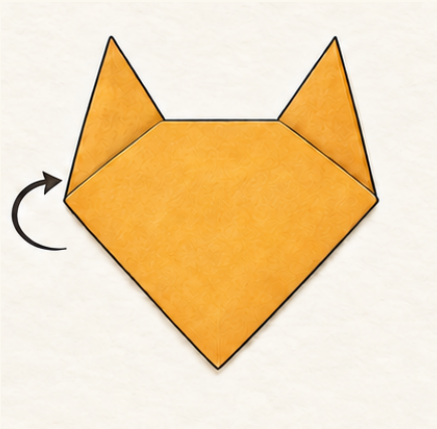
7. Lower the forehead

Fold the central top point down through both layers. Place its horizontal hinge below both ear tips.

Why: This removes the extra middle point and gives the face a forehead.

Check: A straight forehead between two visible ears; the folded flap lies below it.

Repair: If an ear disappears, unfold the forehead and reduce the folded section.



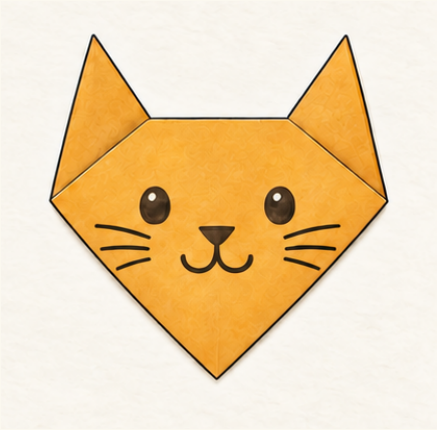
8. Turn the whole model

Turn the entire model over from left to right. Keep the ears at the top and all folds closed.

Why: The smooth reverse becomes the front of the face.

Check: Plain face with two ears; the forehead flap is on the back.

Repair: If a flap opened, turn back, flatten it and lift the model as one piece.



9. Draw a face

Draw eyes, a small nose and whiskers on the smooth front. Support the paper on a flat table.

Why: Decoration makes the folded head recognizable without extra paper parts.

Check: The outline matches the turned model: two straight edges meet at the bottom point. Only pen marks have been added.

Repair: Use a pencil first if you want to reposition the eyes before adding ink.

Try independently: On a fresh square, mark the center and fold two ears without the diagrams. Change only their angle. Compare the tips against the center crease before pressing and explain how the cat’s expression changed.