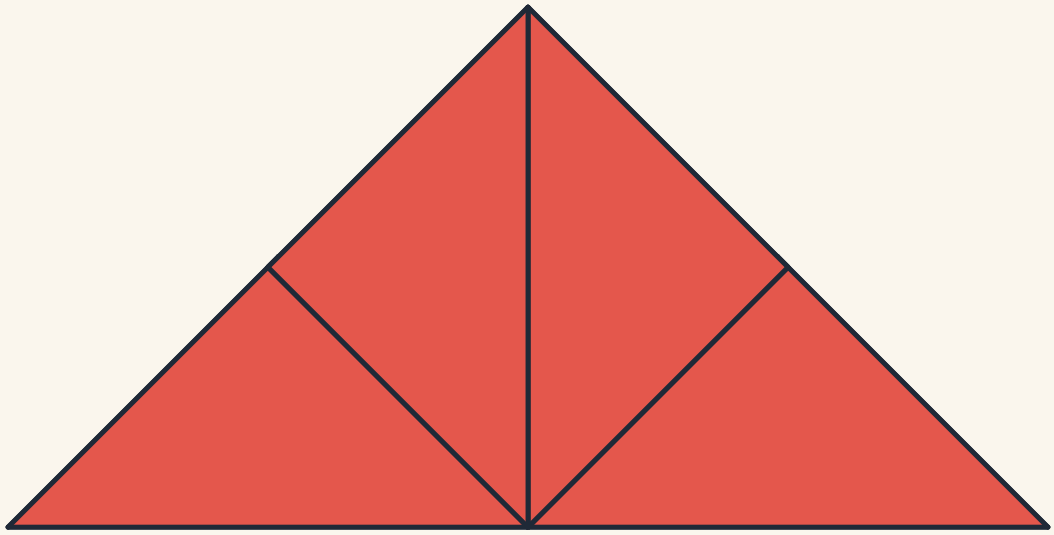
ORIGAMI DIAGRAMS

Butterfly

The origami butterfly is a small model with four wings and a locked body, folded from a square using the waterbomb base. It is a comfortable intermediate model that takes about six minutes and introduces collapsing a base.



DIFFICULTY
Intermediate

TIME
About 6 min

STEPS
9

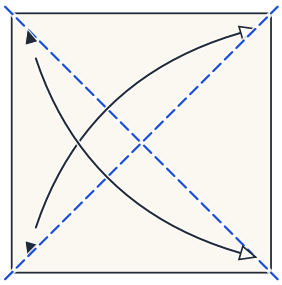
PAPER
A 15 cm (6 in) square; bold patterned paper makes

- Valley fold (toward you)
- Mountain fold (away)
- Existing crease

Butterfly - origami diagram

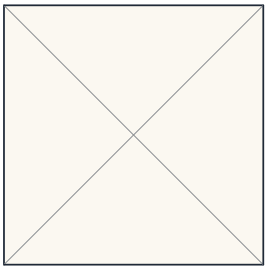
Intermediate - 9 steps - 6 min

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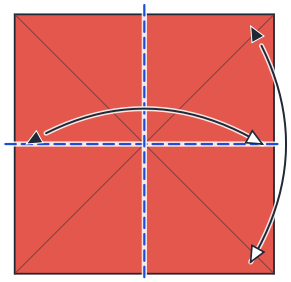
Begin white side up and crease both diagonals, folding corner to corner and opening each time.

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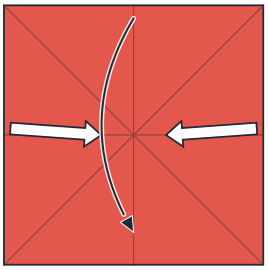
Flip the paper over.

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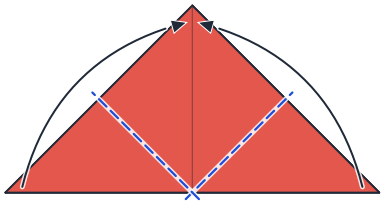
Crease both midlines by folding edge to edge, then open.

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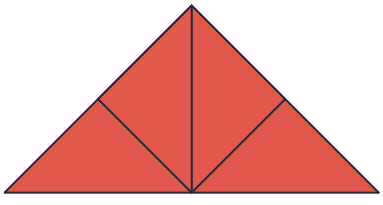
Push the side edges inward along the creases as the upper half comes down, and the paper collapses into a triangle with its tip at the top. You have made a waterbomb base.

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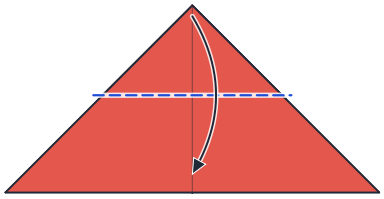
Take the two bottom corners of the upper layer up to the apex; the result is a diamond.

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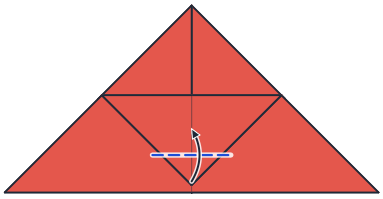
Flip the model over.

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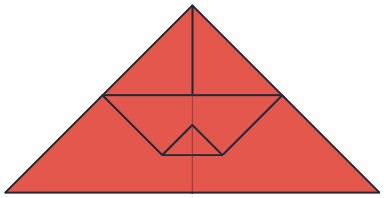
Fold the top point downward until its tip almost touches the bottom edge. Leave the diamond's points behind in place, since they become the upper wings.

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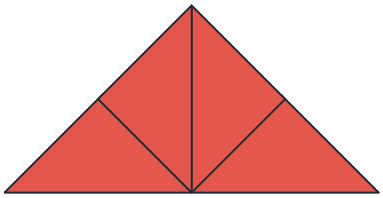
Fold the tip back upward over the new folded edge. This small triangle forms the body and holds the layers together.

9



Flip the model over.

Done



Valley fold the whole model along its vertical center, wings together at the back, and then let it spring about halfway open. The wings rise, the body stands proud, and a firm pinch on either side of the body keeps it that way.