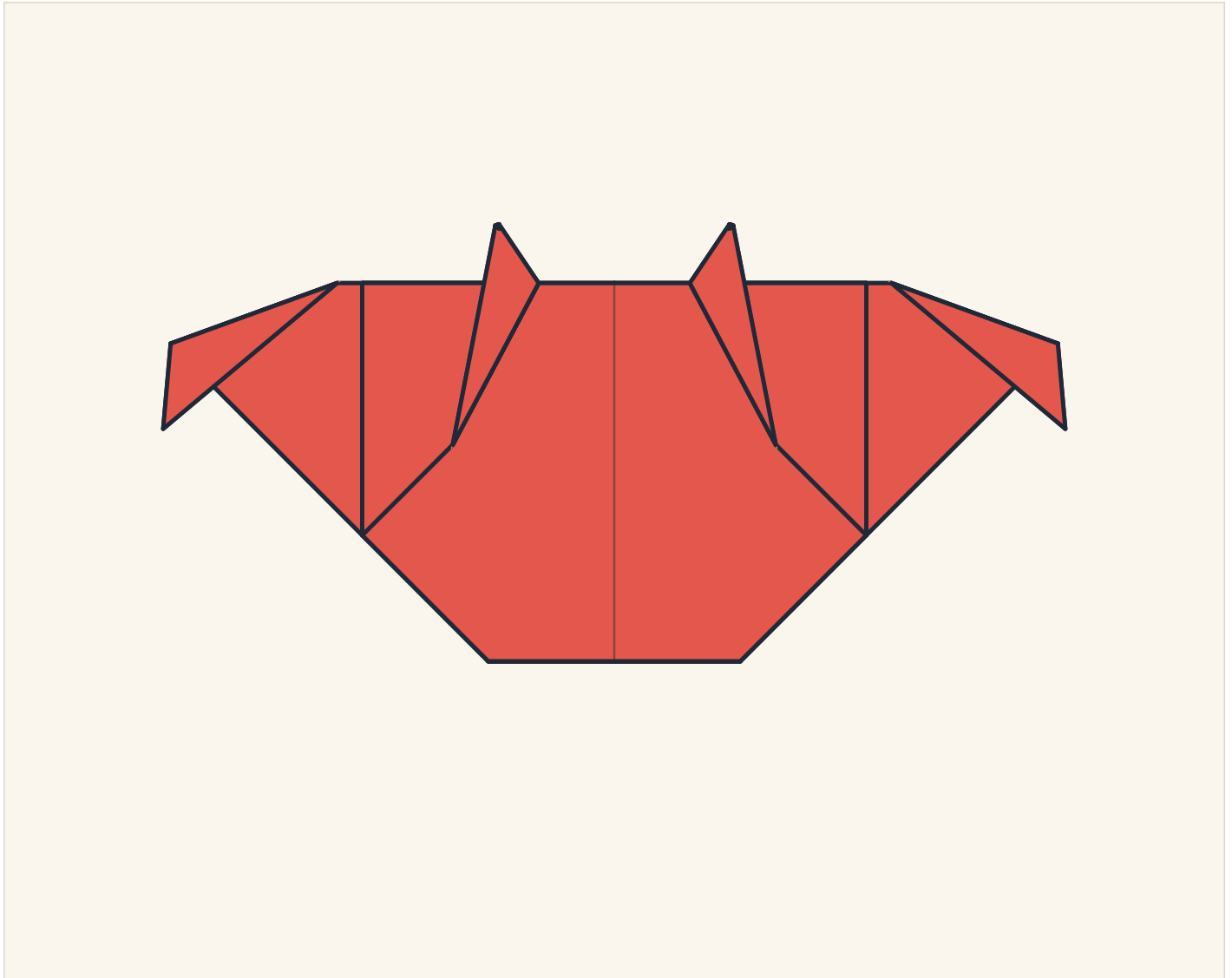


Bat

The origami bat is a flat Halloween bat with wide wings, hooked wing tips, a short body and two pointed ears, folded from one square without cuts or glue. It starts from the waterbomb base and takes about six minutes; every fold after the base is a simple valley or mountain fold.



DIFFICULTY

Easy

TIME

About 6 min

STEPS

9

PAPER

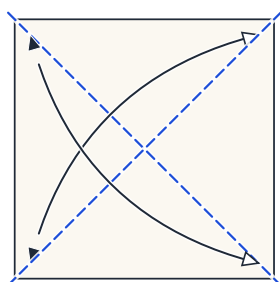
A 15 cm (6 in) square, black on one side; any dark

--- Valley fold (toward you)

--- Mountain fold (away)

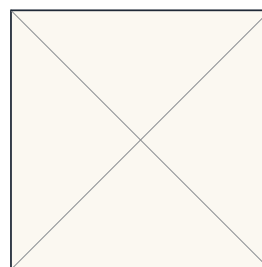
— Existing crease

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Lay the square with the white side facing up. Fold it in half corner to corner, open it, then fold along the other diagonal and open it again, so an X is creased into the paper.

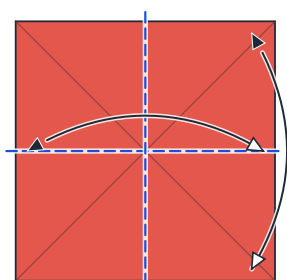
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Turn over

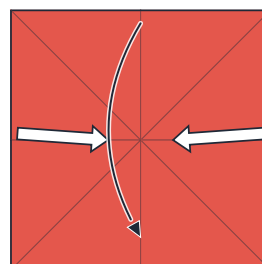
Turn the paper over so the colored side faces up.

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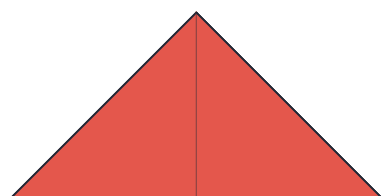
Fold the square in half edge to edge, open it, then fold it in half the other way and open it again. You now have a cross of creases on top of the X.

4



Hold the paper by the left and right edges, push them in towards the middle along the creases and bring the top half down over them, so the square collapses flat into a triangle with two flaps on each side. This is the waterbomb base.

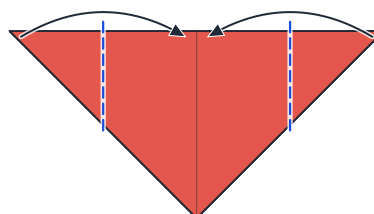
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Rotate 180°

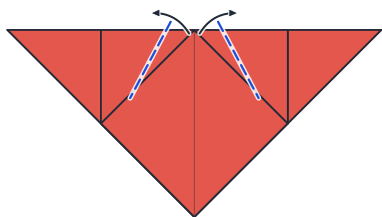
Turn the triangle upside down so the long folded edge runs along the top and the point is at the bottom.

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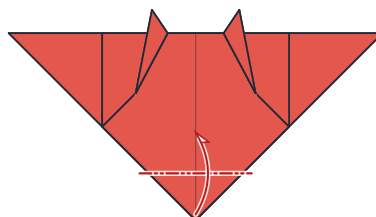
Take only the two front flaps and fold their outer top corners in to meet at the middle of the top edge. Each fold line runs straight down, halfway between the side corner and the middle. The back flaps stay where they are: they become the wings.

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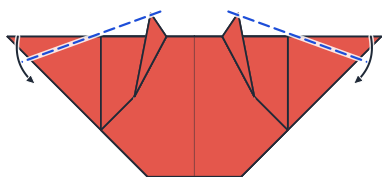
Fold the tip of each of those corners up and outward along a slanted line that starts on the top edge a little way from the middle. The tips now stick up above the top edge as two pointed ears.

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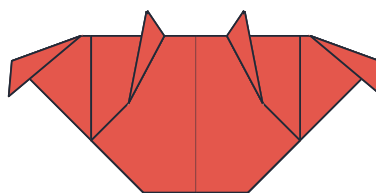
Fold the bottom point behind the model, through all the layers, about a quarter of the way up. The bat now has a short body with a flat bottom.

9



Fold each wing tip down in front along a slanted line that runs from the top edge, just outside the ears, to the lower edge of the wing. The point flicks out below the wing like the hooked claw at the end of a bat's wing.

Done



Your bat is finished: wide wings with hooked tips, a short body and two pointed ears. Give it two white or yellow eyes with a gel pen or small stickers, then hang it upside down from a thread or tape it to a window.