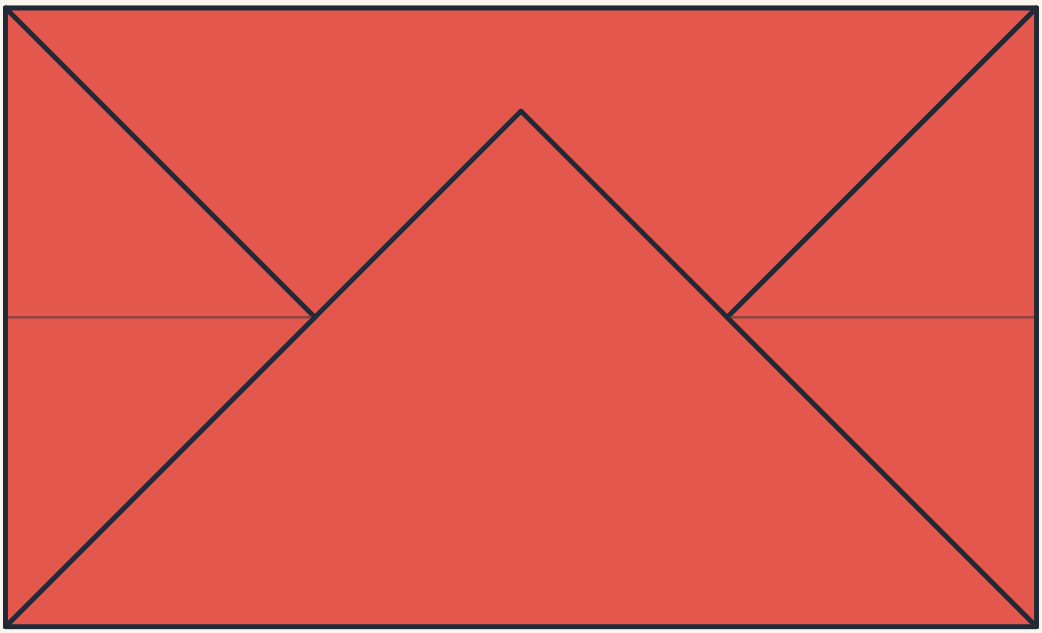
ORIGAMI DIAGRAMS

Envelope

The origami envelope is a small rectangular letter envelope folded from a single square that locks shut by tucking the top flap under the bottom one, so it needs no glue or tape. It is an easy model with four folds and takes about three minutes.



DIFFICULTY
Easy

TIME
About 3 min

STEPS
4

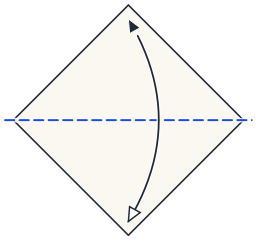
PAPER
A square of 20 cm (8 in) or larger; a 21 cm square cut

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

Envelope - origami diagram

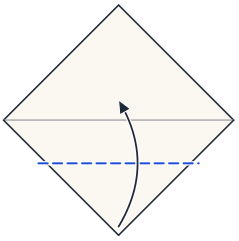
Easy - 4 steps - 3 min

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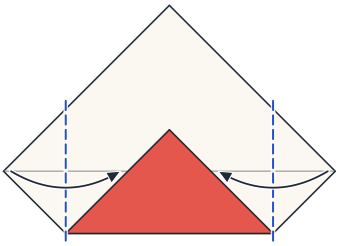
Place the square as a diamond with the white side facing you. Fold the bottom corner up to meet the top corner, then open it again to leave a crease across the middle.

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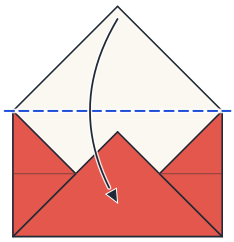
Fold the bottom corner up so it goes past that centre crease and its point rests about a quarter of the way from the centre to the top corner.

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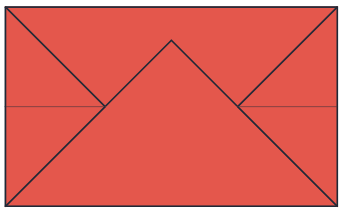
Fold the left corner and then the right corner in along vertical lines. Each line starts where the edge of the bottom flap meets the outer edge of the paper, so the sides of the envelope come out straight.

4



Fold the top corner down along the line joining the tops of the two side folds, and slip its point under the edges of the bottom flap so the envelope stays closed.

Done



The envelope is finished and holds itself shut. To send a note, lift the top flap out, slide a folded letter or a small card into the pocket, and tuck the flap back under the bottom flap. Add a sticker over the point if it will travel in a bag or in the post.