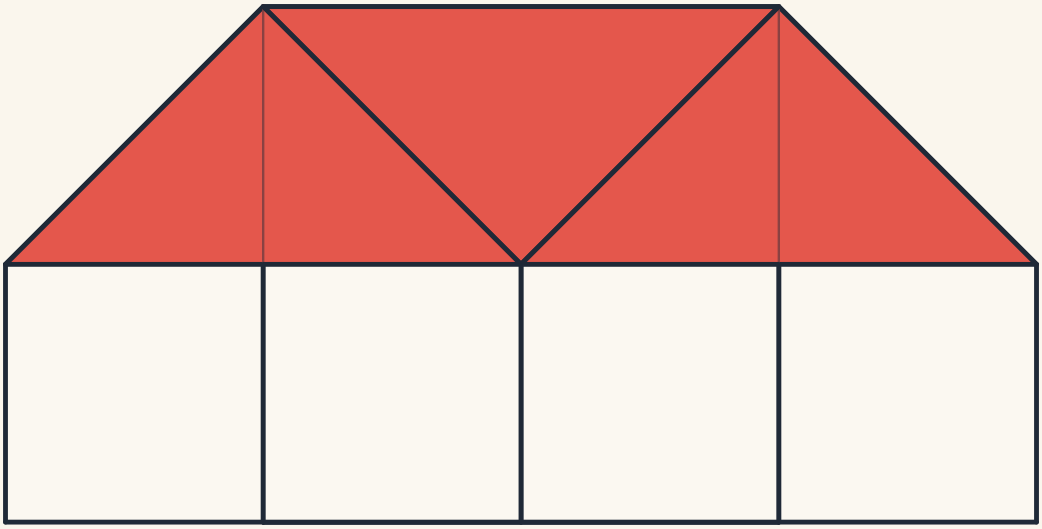
ORIGAMI DIAGRAMS

House

The origami house is a classic flat model of a house with a sloping colored roof above white walls, folded from one square. It is easy, takes about three minutes, and is one of the best models for learning the squash fold.



DIFFICULTY
Easy

TIME
About 3 min

STEPS
5

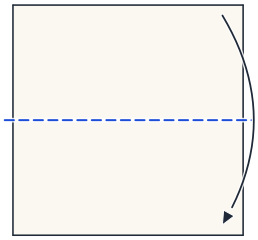
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A 15 cm (6 in) square; the colored side becomes the

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

House - origami diagram

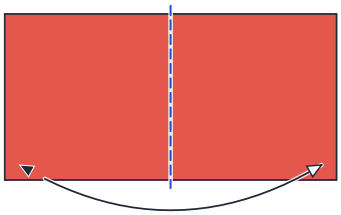
Easy - 5 steps - 3 min

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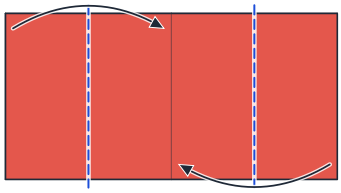
Place the square with the white side facing you. Bring the top edge down to the bottom edge and crease, so you have a wide rectangle with the fold at the top.

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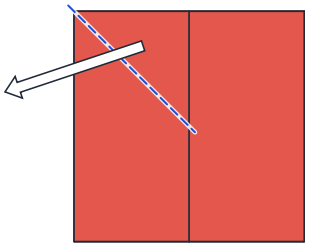
Fold the rectangle in half from left to right, press a crease, and open it again to mark the vertical center line.

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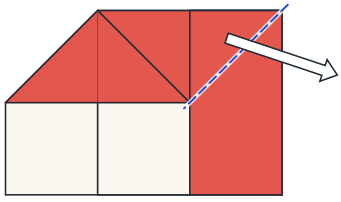
Fold the left edge and the right edge in so they meet on the center crease. You now have a square with two flaps in front.

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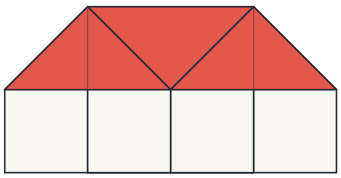
Lift the left flap so it stands up, open it from underneath, and press its top corner down so the flap squashes flat into a triangle. The triangle forms one half of the roof, and the white wall appears below it.

5



Squash the right flap in exactly the same way. The two triangles and the colored strip between them make one continuous roof.

Done



The house is finished: a colored roof sits on top of white walls. Draw a door, windows and a chimney, or fold several houses in different colors and line them up as a street.