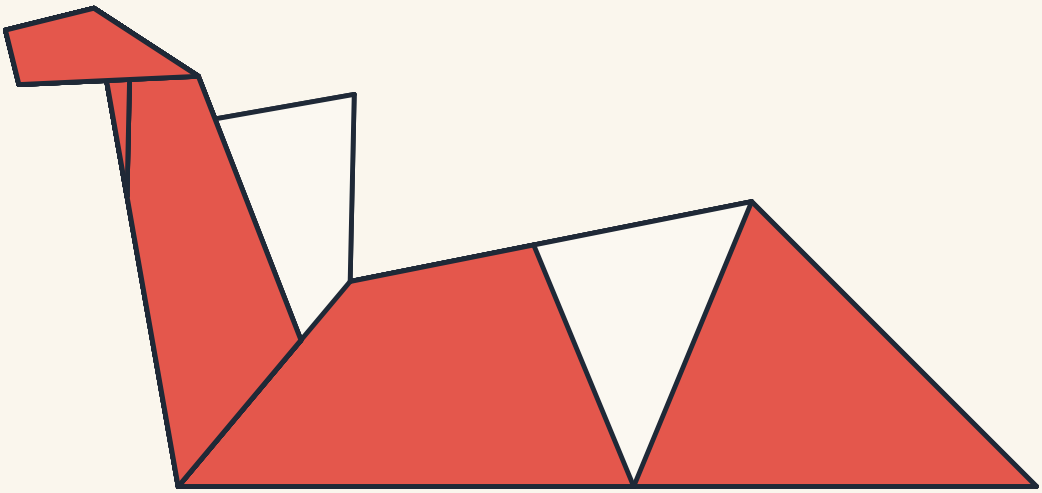
ORIGAMI DIAGRAMS

Swan

The origami swan is the traditional simple swan with a raised neck and a head that points forward, folded from a kite shape made from one square. It is an easy model that takes about five minutes; the only moves that need care are the two outside reverse folds at the end.



DIFFICULTY
Easy

TIME
About 5 min

STEPS
10

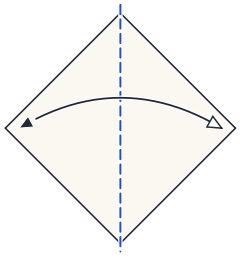
PAPER
A 15 cm (6 in) square; white paper gives the classic

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

Swan - origami diagram

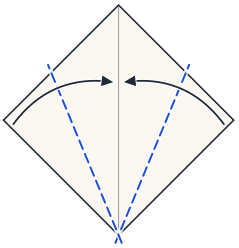
Easy - 10 steps - 5 min

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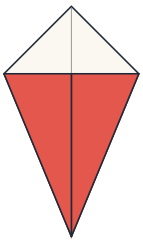
Set the square down as a diamond with the white side up, fold it in half from left to right, and open it to leave a vertical crease.

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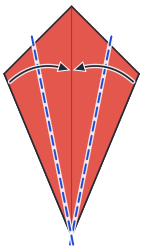
Fold the two lower edges in so they lie along the vertical crease, making a kite with its long point at the bottom.

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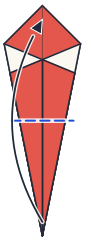
Flip the kite over.

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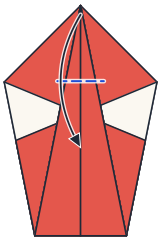
Fold the two lower edges in to the middle crease again. The kite becomes long and slender.

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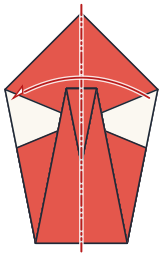
Fold the long bottom point up so its tip meets the top point. This long flap will become the neck.

6



Fold the tip of that flap back down a short way to form the head.

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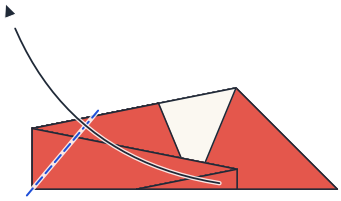
Mountain fold the model in half along the middle crease, sending the right half behind.

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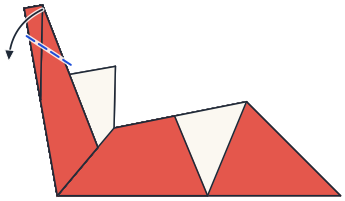
Turn the model a quarter turn so the folded edge runs along the bottom, with the neck at the left.

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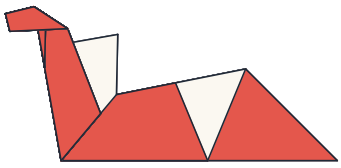
Make an outside reverse fold at the base of the neck: open the layers a little, swing the long point up around the outside of the body along the slanted line, and flatten it so the neck stands up.

10



Make a second, smaller outside reverse fold near the top of the neck so the head points forward.

Done



Spread the two halves of the body a little underneath so the swan sits upright, and curve the neck gently with your fingers. White paper gives the classic look; a black square makes a black swan.