

The Genius of Ian Willem Derksen

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INTRODUCTION.

Many readers will not be familiar with the name of the creator of the origami in this book. This is understandable, since Jan Willem Derksen lived in Holland. He was virtually isolated from rest of the world origami community. It is important to remember this when appreciating his models. On first contact, I was immediately impressed by the technical standard of his folding and creating. In this book is the entire collection of his known work.

The models will, of course, speak for themselves. I would simply add that they range from simple to complex. They are arranged in alphabetical order, without regard to their complexity, in this publication.



I would like to draw to the readers attention the technique used in the models "Gemini" and "Spider" to produce the required number of points. [Birdbase surrounded by rectangular areas that have a near-birdbase crease pattern]. This is a new technique to the author and clearly marks the creator as innovative in the field of technique as well as model creation.

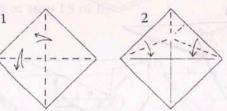
This would have been entirely a purists' book except for the inclusion of two models that do require gluing in the final assembly. My arguments for their inclusion are: that it is relatively simple to avoid most of the gluing [by starting with modified paper sizes] and that they provide a starting point for others to attempt to improve on.

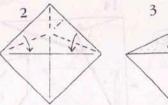
The diagrams in this book have mostly been made directly from original models in the absence of original diagrams. Because of this, the final model is authentic but the folding sequence may vary from the original. In those cases where there were alternatives the simplest method has been diagrammed.

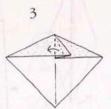
I thoroughly recommend folding the models in this book. Some are truly stunning. The quality of the models kept me going through the times when drawing diagrams seemed impossible and understanding the folding sequence would have defeated an Einstein. I know that you will agree with me if you give the models a go.

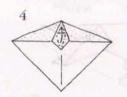
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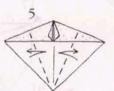
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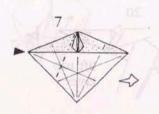


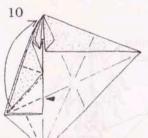


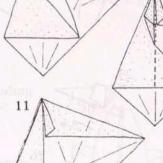




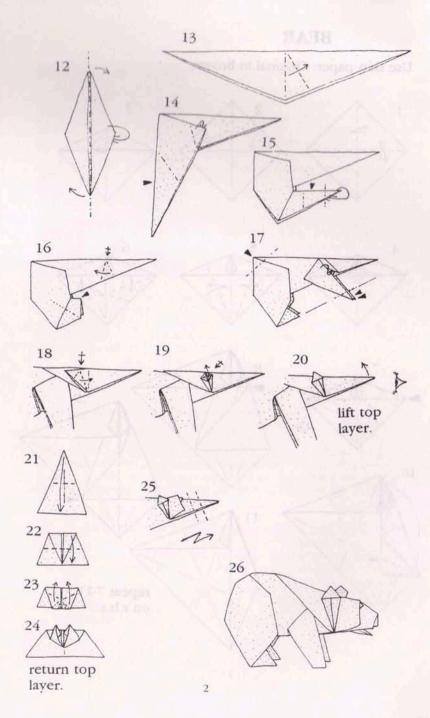








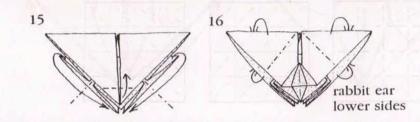
repeat 7-11 on r.h.s.

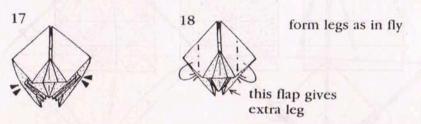


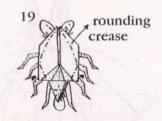
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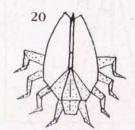
Use foil or tissue covered foil. Original in black and red.

start at step 15 of fly



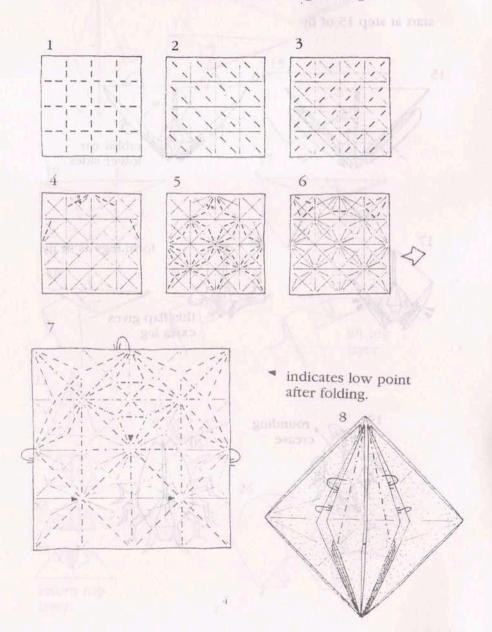


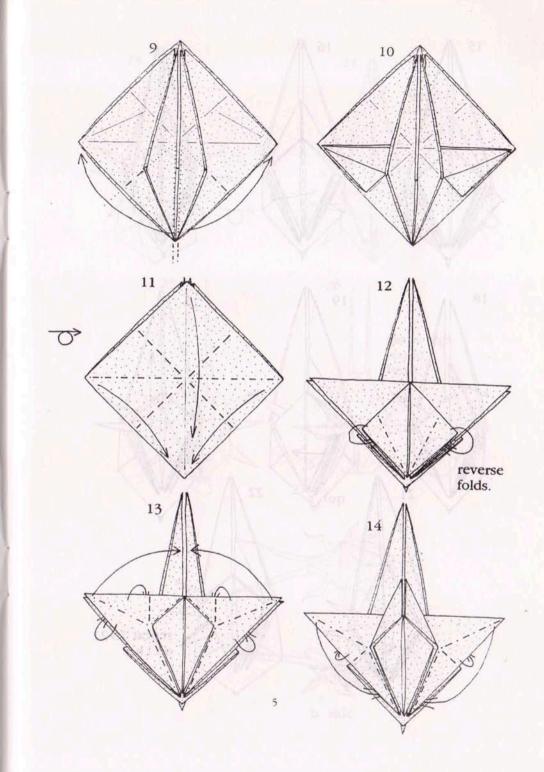


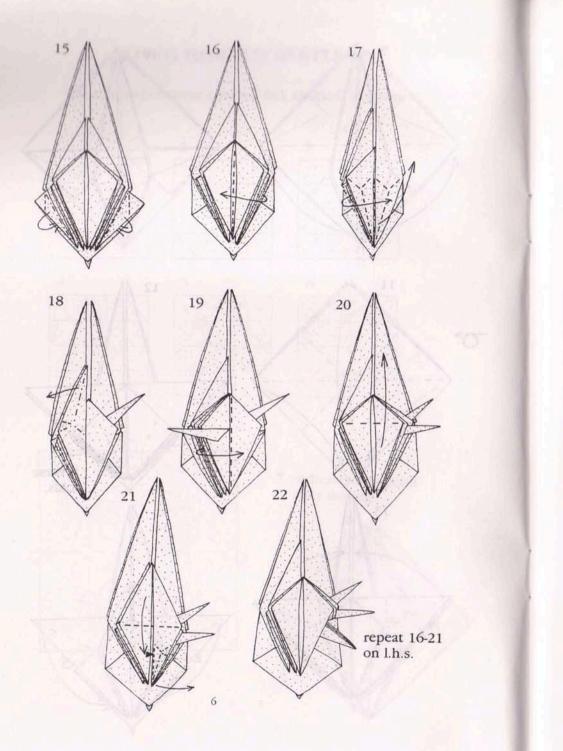


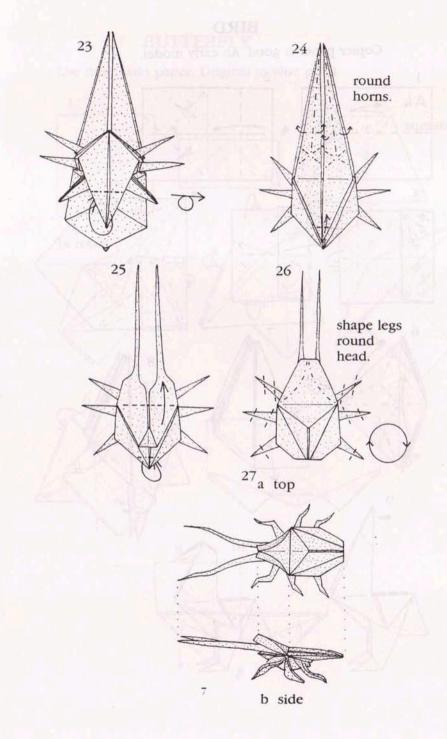
LONG HORNED BEETLE

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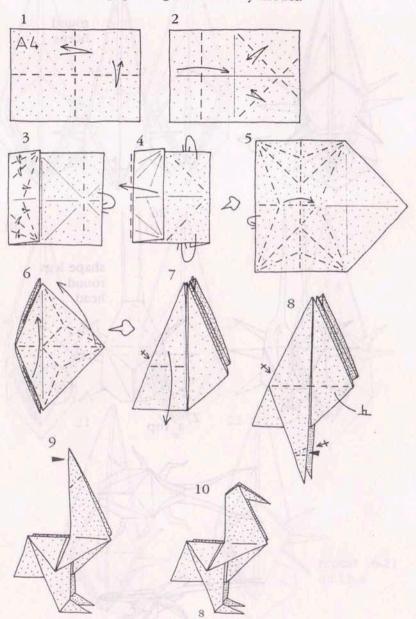






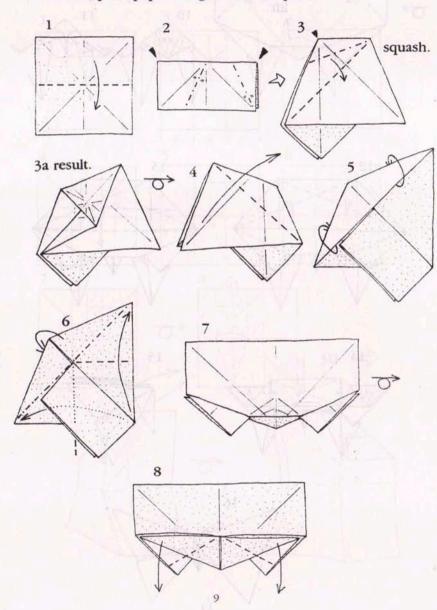
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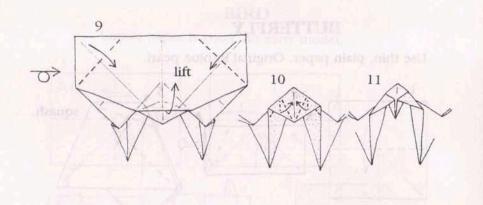
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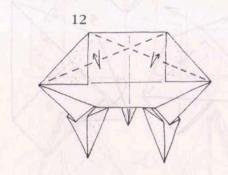


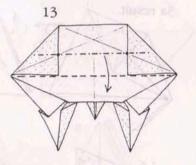
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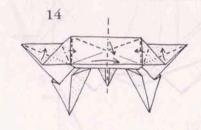
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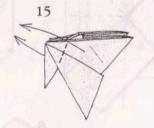


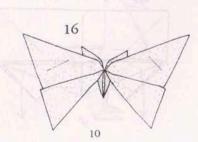






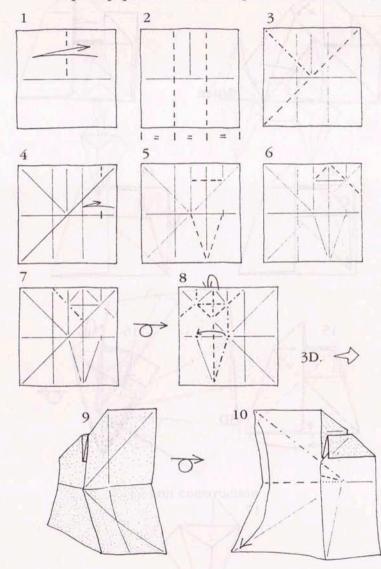




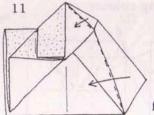


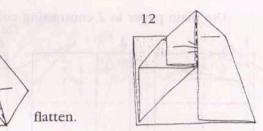
PENETRATING CUBE MODULE

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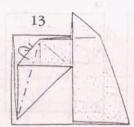


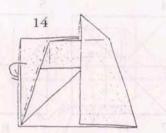


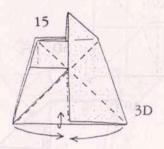


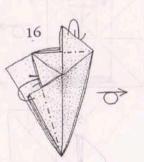


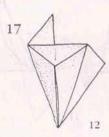


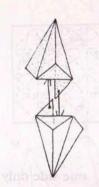


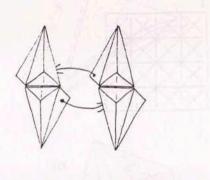


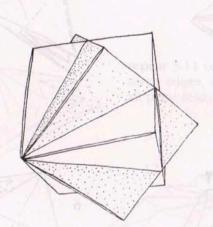










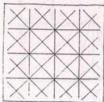


12 unit construction.

3D DECORATION

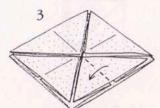
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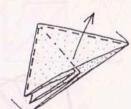


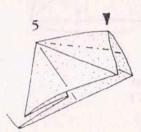


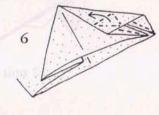


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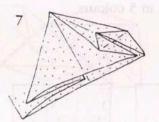


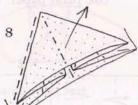


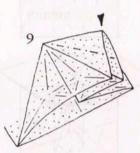


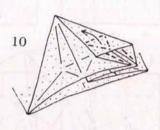


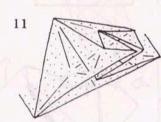
unfold to step 3, repeat 3-7 on l.h.s.



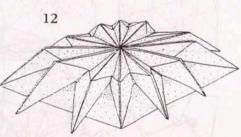






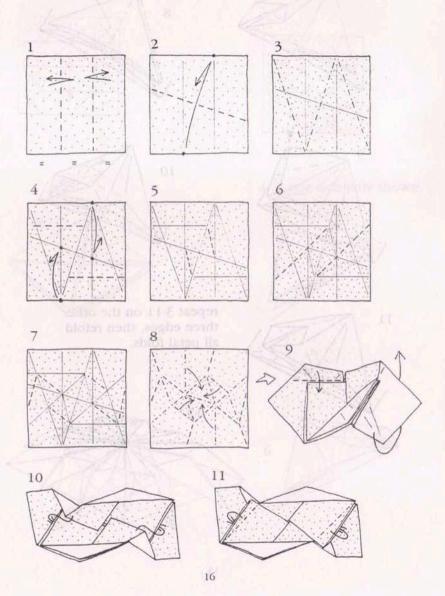


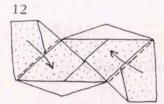
repeat 3-11 on the other three edges, then refold all petal folds.

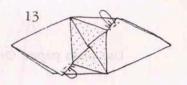


STAR PATTERNED DODECAHEDRON

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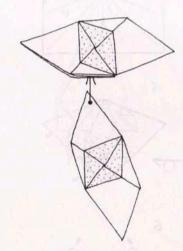


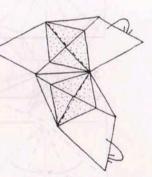




unit complete.

joining.



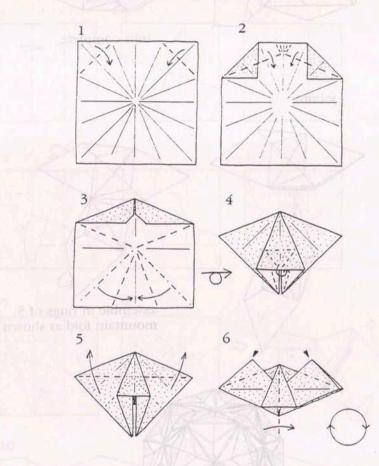


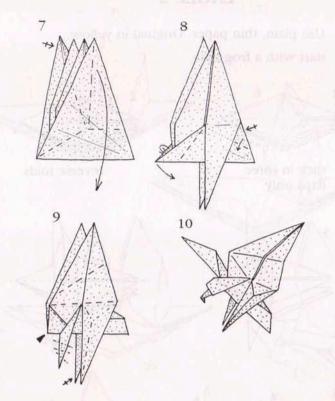
assemble in rings of 5, mountain fold as shown.



30 unit dodecahedron

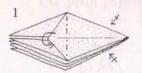
Use plain paper. Original in brown.



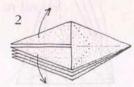


EAGLE 2

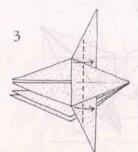
Use plain, thin paper. Original in yellow. start with a frog base.

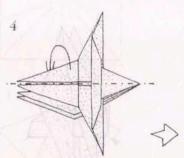


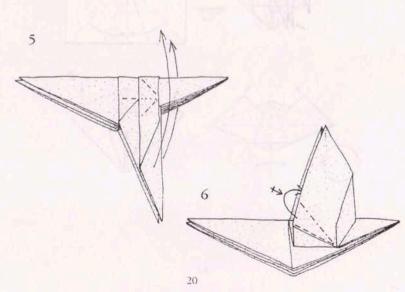
tuck in three flaps only.

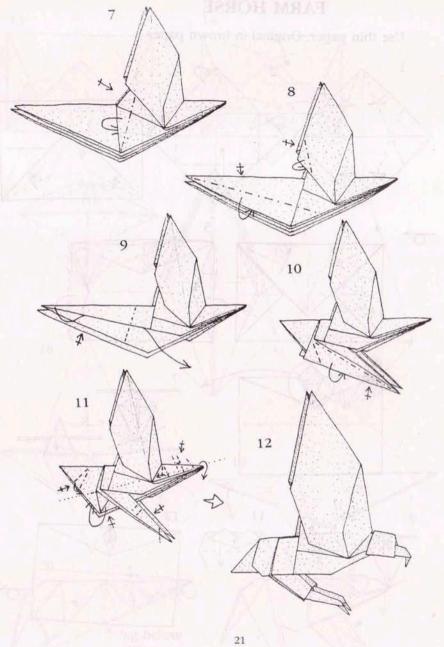


reverse folds.



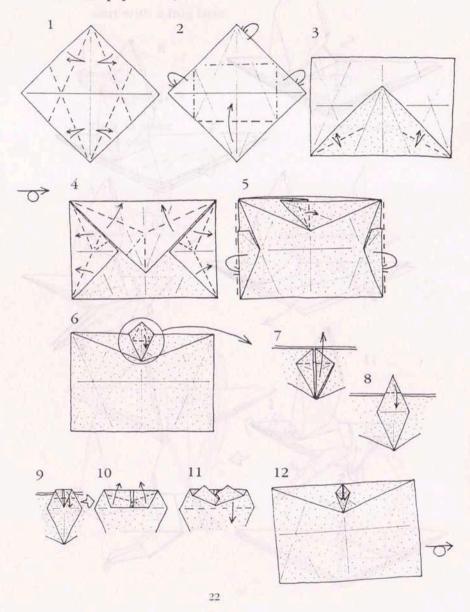


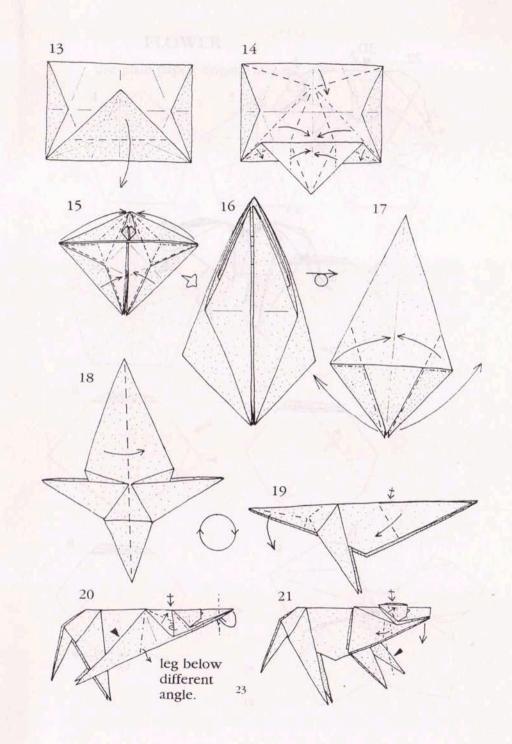




FARM HORSE

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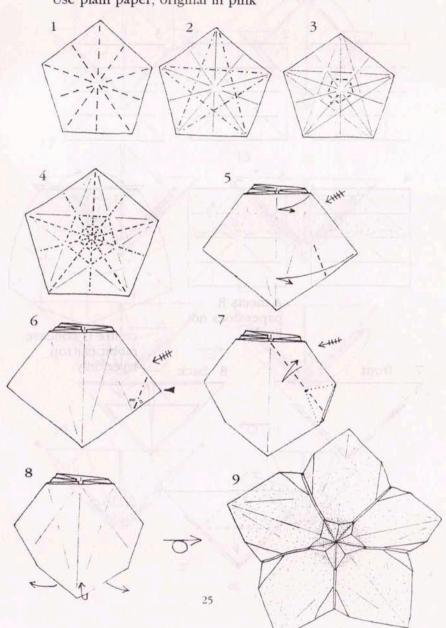




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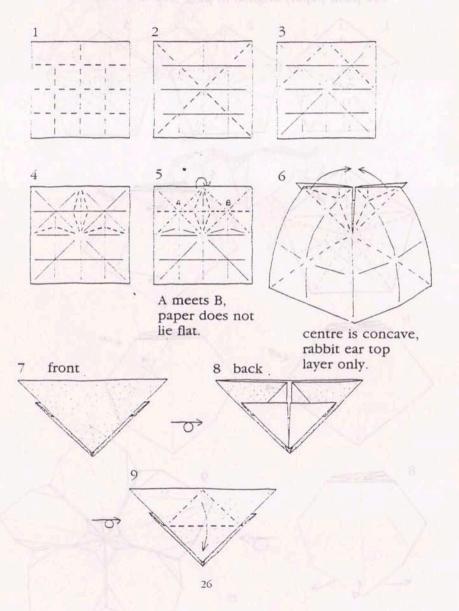
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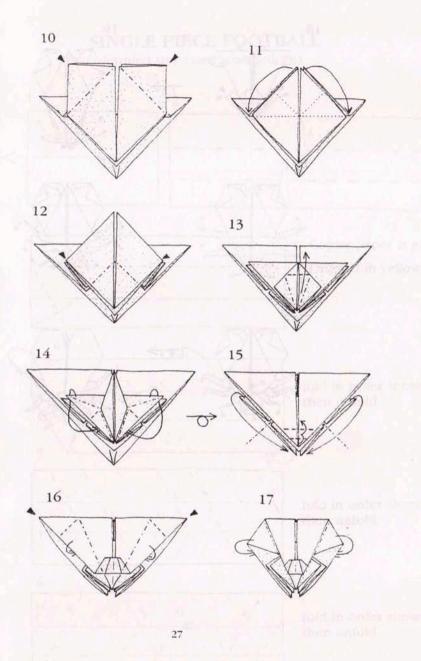
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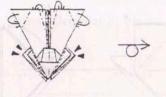


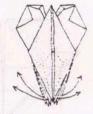
FLY

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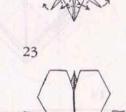




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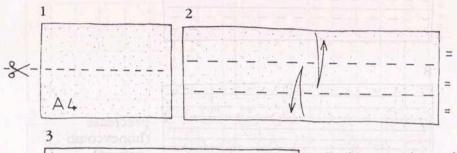


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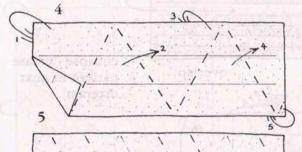


SINGLE PIECE FOOTBALL

(dimpled truncated icosahedron)



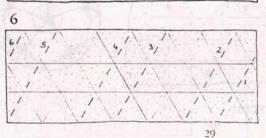
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Original in yellow.



fold in order shown, then unfold.



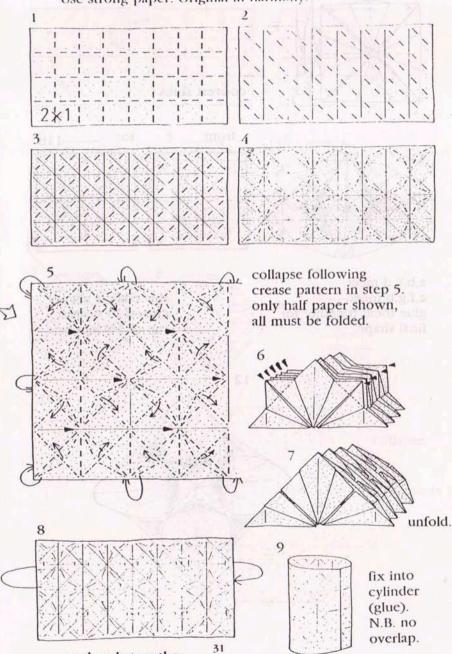
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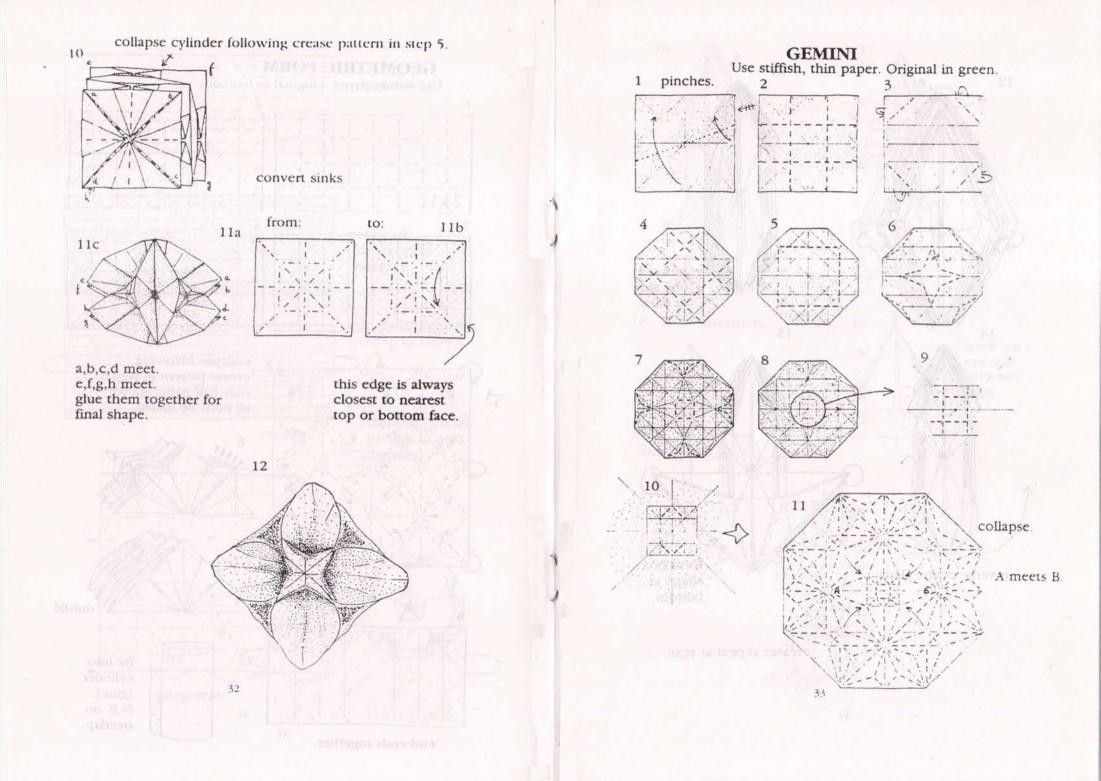


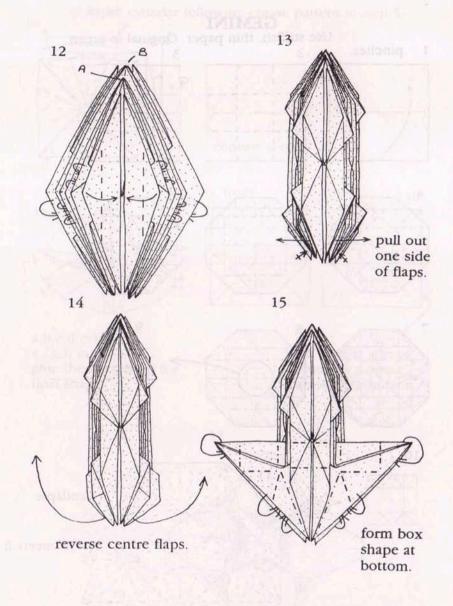
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GEOMETRIC FORM

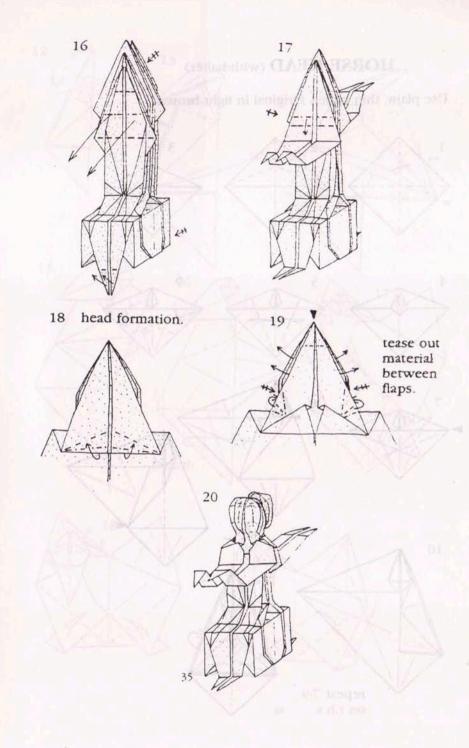
Use strong paper. Original in harmony





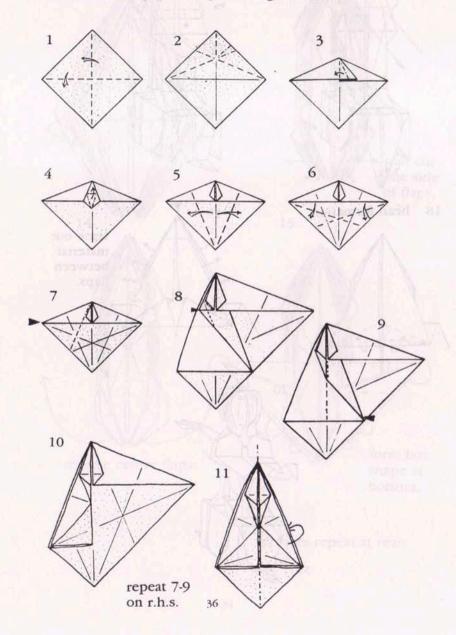


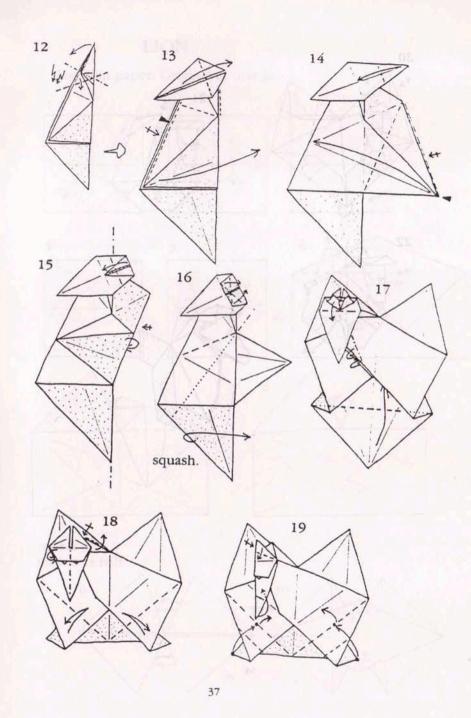
creases repeat at rear.

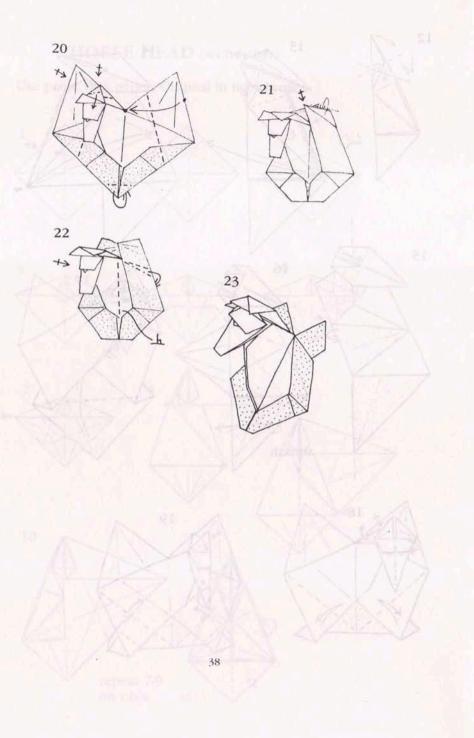


HORSE HEAD (with halter)

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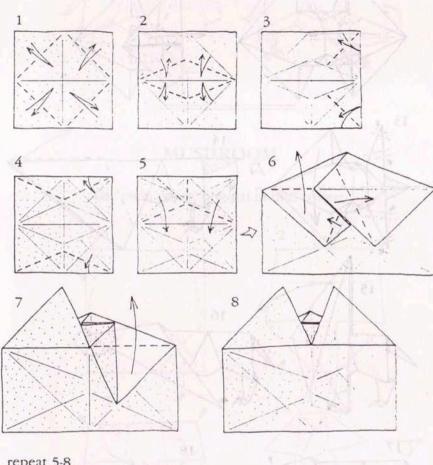




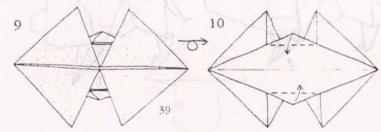


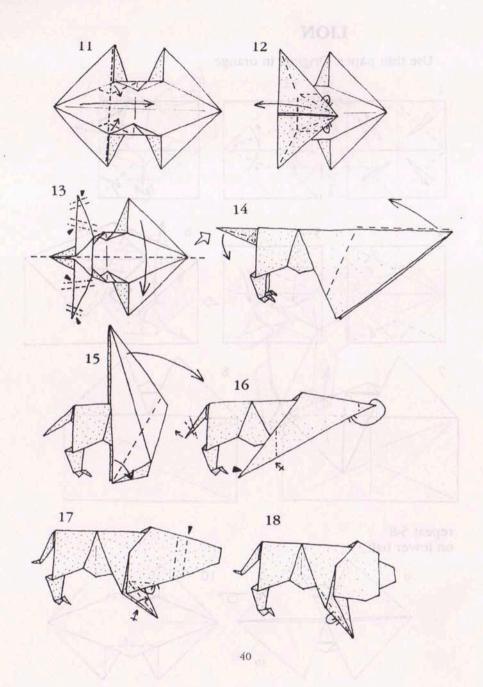
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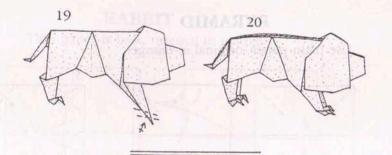
Use thin paper. Original in orange.



repeat 5-8 on lower half.

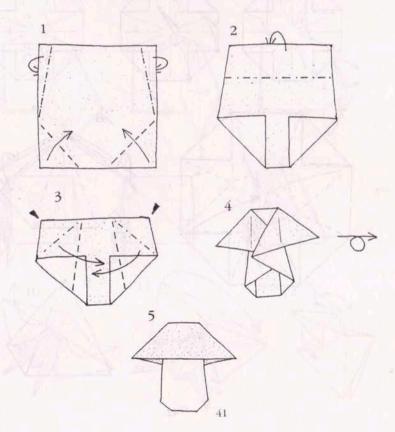






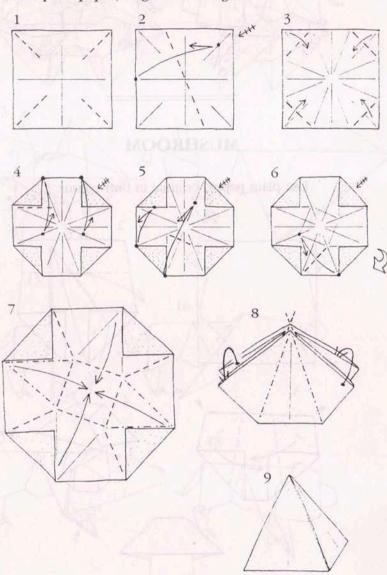
MUSHROOM

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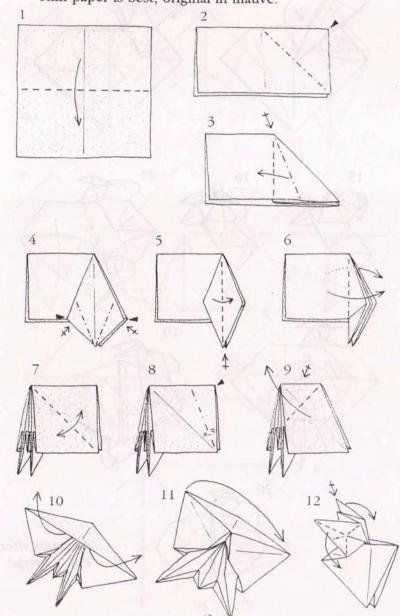
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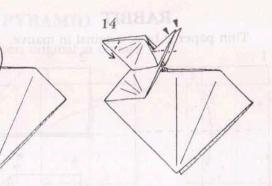


RABBIT

Thin paper is best, original in mauve.

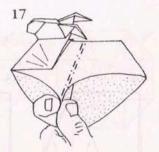


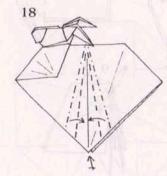
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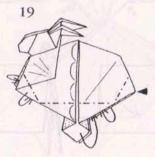










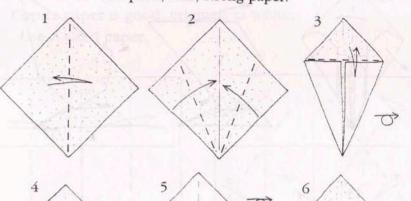


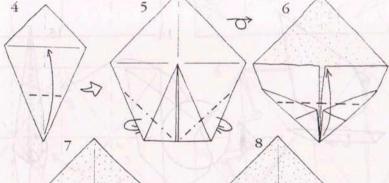


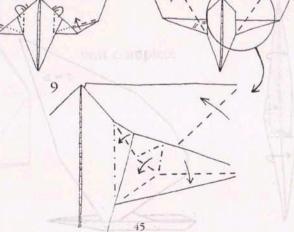
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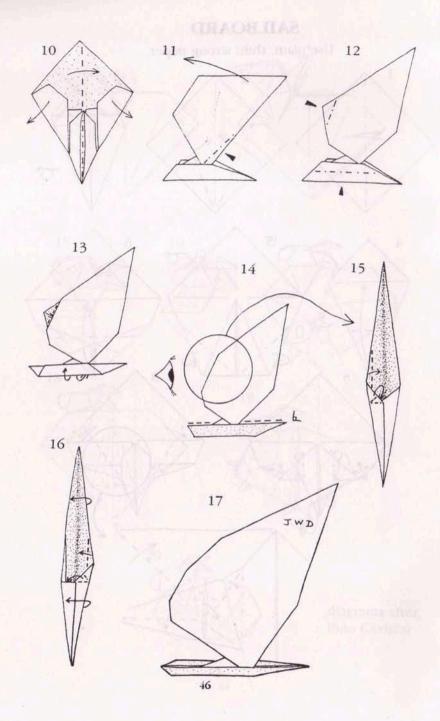
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Use plain, thin, strong paper.



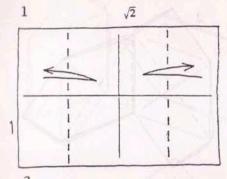


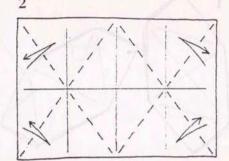


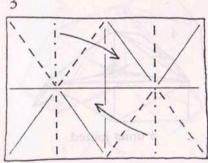


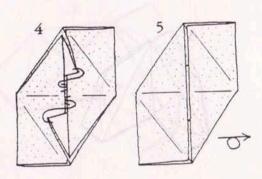
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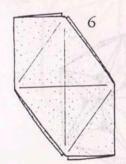
Copier paper is good, originals in white.
Use A-sized paper.



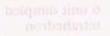








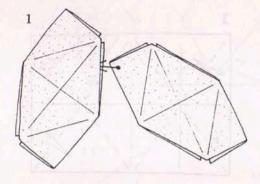
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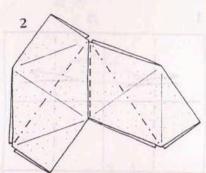


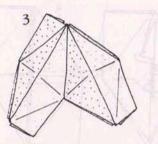
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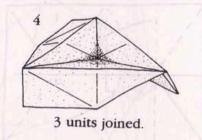
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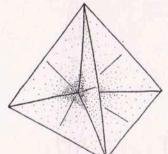
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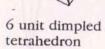


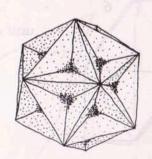






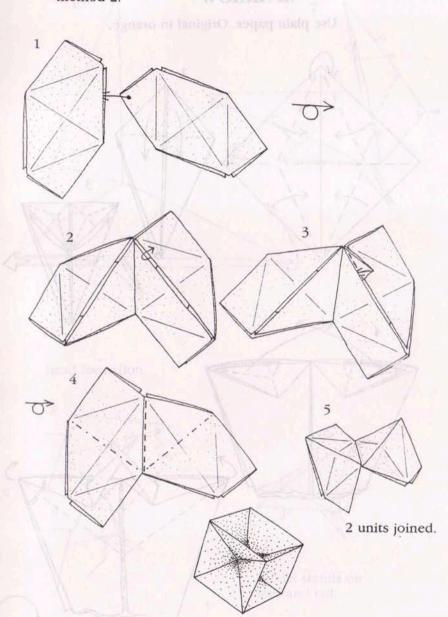






30 unit great dodecahedron.

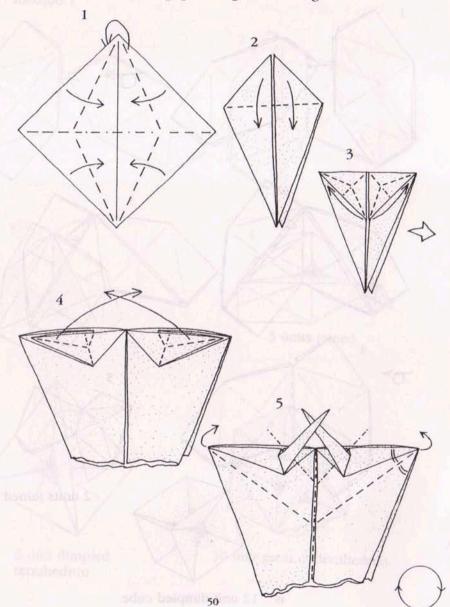
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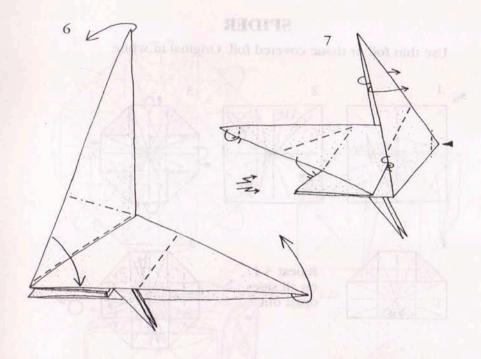


49 12 unit dimpled cube.

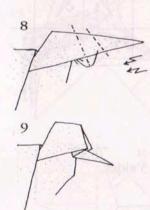
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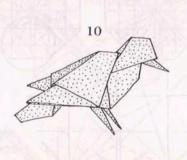
Use plain paper. Original in orange.





head formation.



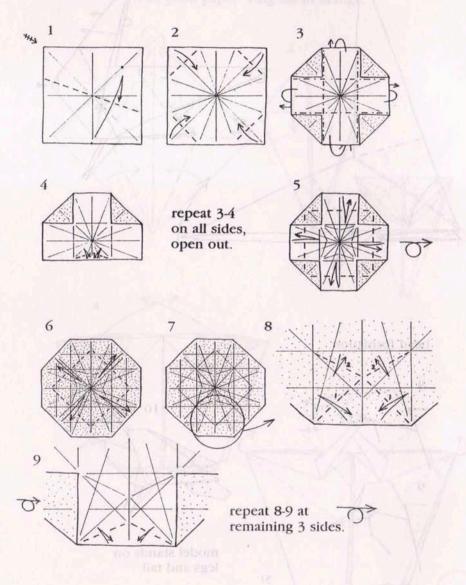


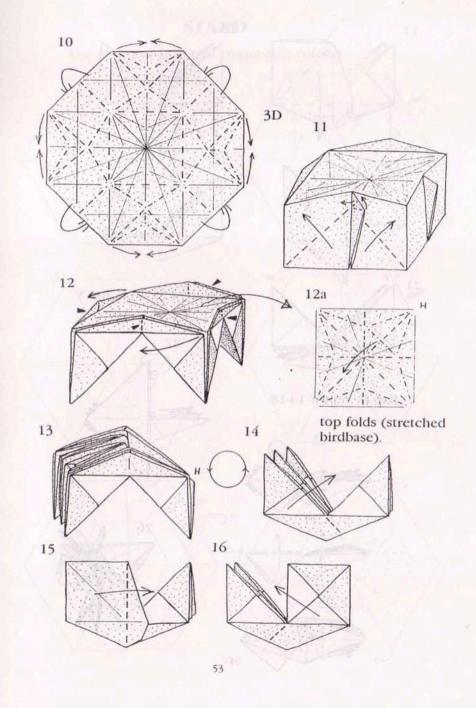
model stands on legs and tail.

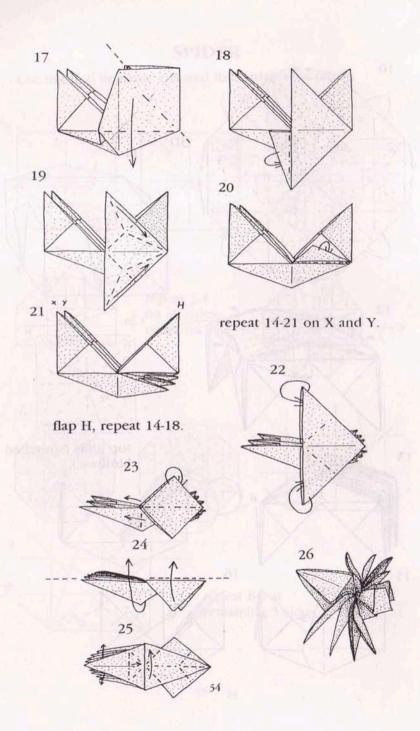
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SPIDER

Use thin foil or tissue covered foil. Original in white.

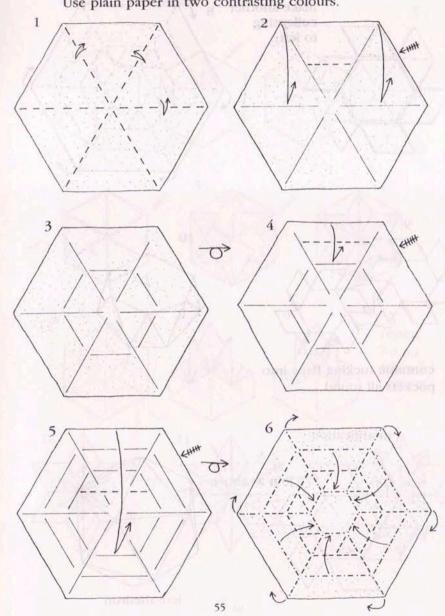


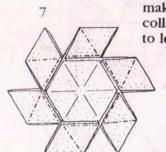




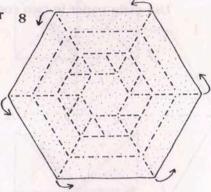
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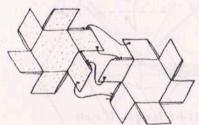
Use plain paper in two contrasting colours.





make another collapsing to left



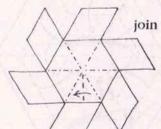


continue tucking flaps into pockets all round



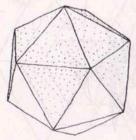


modification



join as above

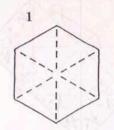
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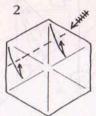


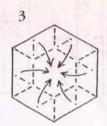
icosahedron

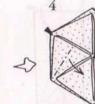
CHRISTMAS STAR

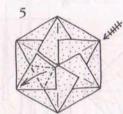
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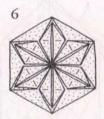


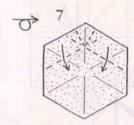


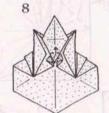








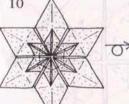






repeat 7-9 on other 5 corners.





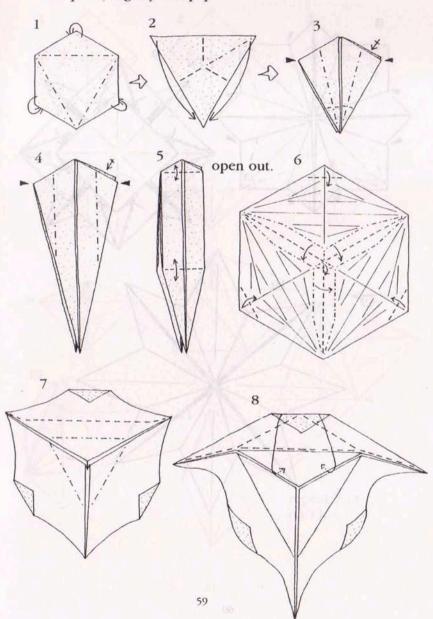


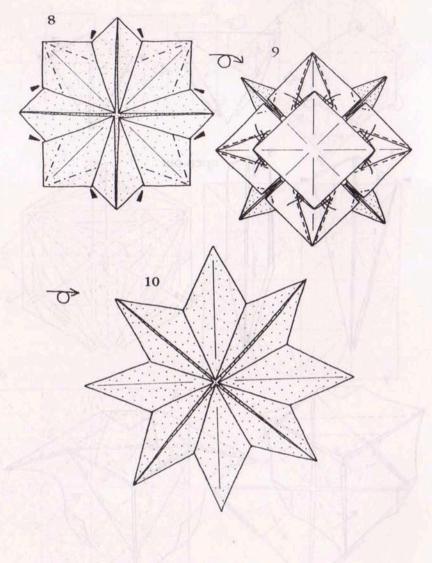


8 POINT STAR Use thin paper. Original in squared harmony. 58

THREE COMPARTMENT TRAY

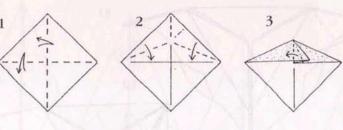
Use plain, slightly stiff paper.



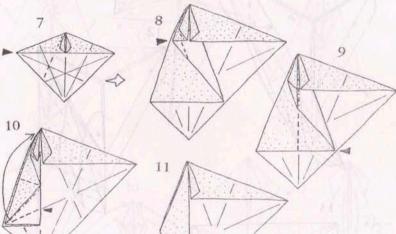


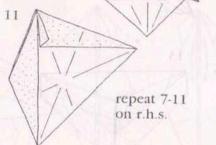
STAG HEAD TROPHY

Use plain thin paper. Original in brown.

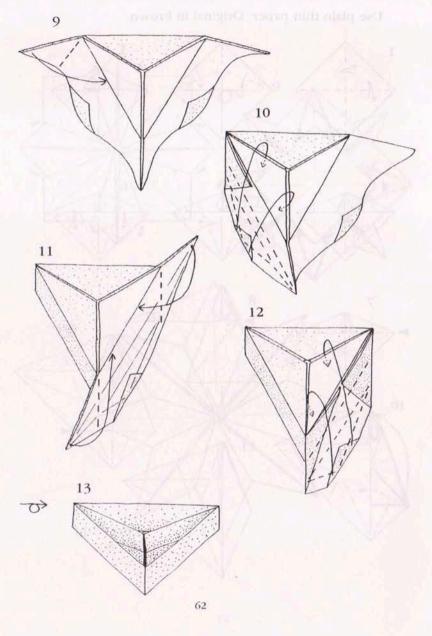


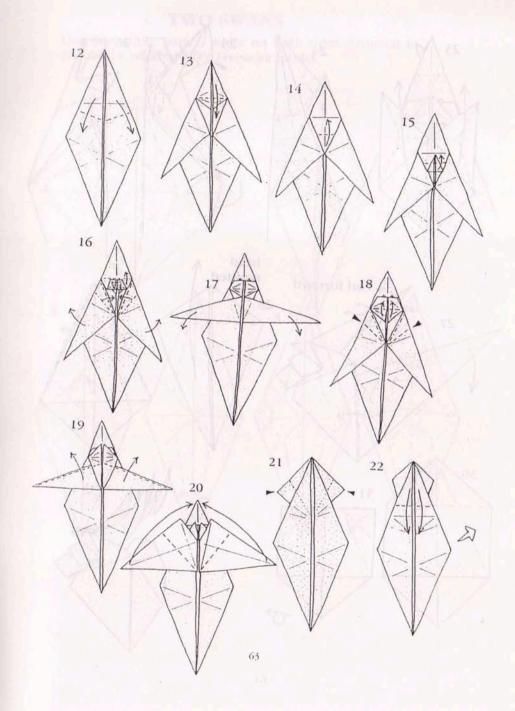


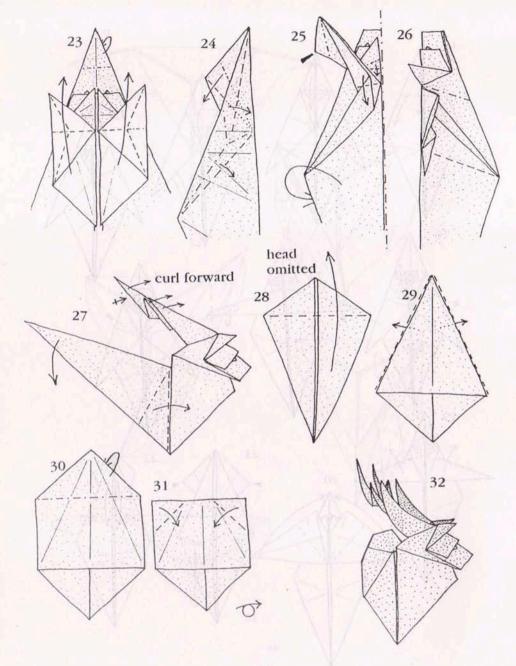




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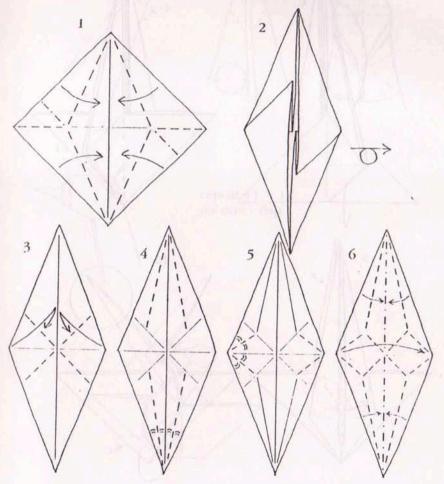




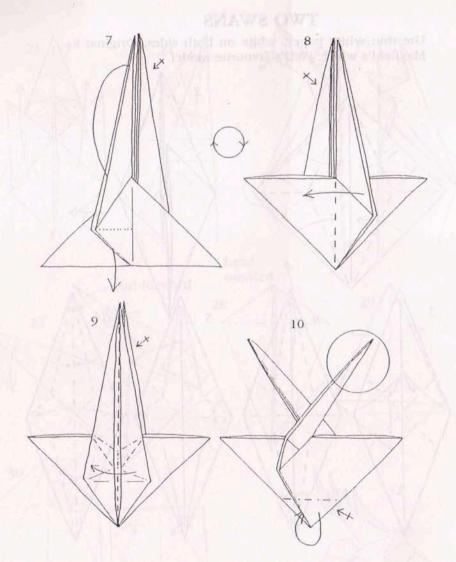


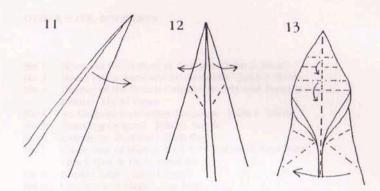
TWO SWANS

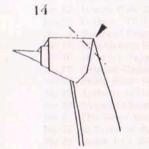
Use thin white paper, white on both sides. Original in Maxfield's white. JWD's favourite model.



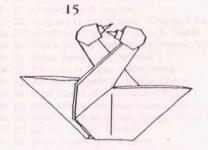
no fate







repeat 11 – 14 on other flap.



model stands on base.

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